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**Focus would like to remind contributors that the deadline for articles is the 10th of the preceding month. This issue is a joint December and January issue.**

## Kindly Note...

If the event you wish to advertise falls in the first week of the month, it is advisable to get the details into Focus a month earlier. The magazines are not delivered from the printers until the first of the month, therefore it takes a few days for them all to be circulated throughout the village.

✉ Editors

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# Village Diary Dec/Jan 2014



## 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 220431  
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, Contact Sandra Counsell 07979 521900
- 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, Ruth Allen, 01525 222468 or 07796 265174 or email ruthallen002@gmail.com
- Tuesdays Northall Baby & Toddler Group, 9:30-11:30am, (open in the Summer School Holidays) Northall Village Hall, Stacey Richmond 01525 222999/07957 607592
- 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
- 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
- Wednesdays Zumba Fitness Class, 9.30am, St Giles Church Hall, Totternhoe, Zoey 07595 986892
- Wednesdays Dynamic Yoga 6.30-7.30pm £5 Eaton Bray Coffee Tavern Keira 07936 693696
- 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 (term time) Northall School of Dancing classes between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. Contact Nicola Bisson on 01525 406647
- Thursdays Central Bedfordshire Children's Centres' Toy Library, 9-9.45am, Eaton Bray (School Lane) Public Car Park
- Fortnightly



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- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Fridays (term time) 10am-11.30am "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes. Contact Emma Whittemore on 01525 376124
- 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) Worship Service 11am-12pm. All welcome. Barry 01525 229610 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 & 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
- 2nd Saturday Workshops Dynamic Yoga 9.30-11am £10 Eaton Bray Coffee Tavern Keira 07936 693696
- 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

- 13th Dec Leukemia Research Sherry & Mince Pies Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am. All welcome.
- 17th Dec Dagnall Over 60's. Christmas Lunch 1.30 Village Hall, Carols. Bring a present to win a present
- 11th Jan Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am. All welcome.
- 20th Jan Dagnall Over 60's Birthday Party. 2.00pm Dagnall Village Hall

## One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 4th Dec Dagnall Christmas Bingo 7.30pm Dagnall Village Hall
- 6th Dec Dagnall Turning on Christmas Lights 7.30pm Dagnall Village Hall
- 7th Dec Dagnall Christmas Fayre 12pm – 2pm Dagnall Village Hall
- 7-8th Dec Christmas Tree Festival, 11am-6pm St. Mary's Eaton Bray
- 8th Dec Eaton Bray Academy Christmas Fayre, 12-3pm
- 14th Dec All Saints Dagnall Christmas Coffee morning 10.30 - 12.30
- 24th Dec Christmas Eve Candle Service, 4.15 & 6pm St Mary's Church Eaton Bray
- 11th Jan New Year Concert, 2pm, St Mary's Church Eaton Bray, Tickets £7.50, Box Office 01525 222283
- 25th Jan Burns Night, 7.30-11.30pm, Edlesborough School, Tickets £20 01525 222627

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It is nearly time for this year's Charity Christmas Puzzle. This, the 23rd annual Puzzle that Gordon Gray has set, has a theme designed to help completion and will appeal to people who enjoy doing word puzzles. Puzzlers have plenty of time to find the answers and Puzzles should be returned, with donation, by 26th January.

**Four highest scorers will each receive a £30 prize.**

**Everyone who enters will qualify for one of five £10 prizes.**

Puzzles will be posted on 7 December, so those already on the distribution list should receive their copies by 9 December. Copies of the Puzzle can be accessed from the web at [www.christmaspuzzle.co.uk](http://www.christmaspuzzle.co.uk). You can register early to receive a copy on the issue date of 8 December.

**Over £51,000 raised for charity  
£5,000 donated last year**

This year's puzzle will support St Mary's Fabric Fund plus four other charities. If you want further details contact Gordon Gray on 01525 220136.

# Letter to the Editor...



*...addressing the scenes I witnessed at the Eaton Bray Public Consultation regarding the all-weather training pitch proposition.*

*Dear Editor,*

*A brawling crowd spitting venomous quips. Unprecedented, obnoxious demands hurtled at each other. Unjustified rudeness and an obvious absence of empathy from this alleged team. Am I attending a football match? No. I am sat amongst my fellow parishioners in Eaton Bray's Village Hall.*

*I have lived in School Lane my entire life. Never have I witnessed such open aggression within this parish. At one point, I observed a teenage boy iniquitously shrieked down for merely attempting to put across his view. Parishioners spitefully demanded often futile and unanswerable questions from the parish council. Rude, indignant and wholly unnecessary under breath insults were made at any point put forward. Needless to say, I left the village hall feeling disgusted and physically sick at the exhibit I was unfortunate enough to spectate.*

*Whether the all weather football pitch is built in Eaton Bray now seems irrelevant to me, what saddens me is that as a village we are incapable of retaining politeness and consideration in addressing each other on something we evidently are passionate about. This shameful, undignified display has ensured I no longer want to live in this supposed community that has such a blatant shortage of respect for each other. (Perhaps welcome to those of you who made comments adverse to those aged 16-21 in Eaton Bray; heaven forbid there should be young people in the village).*

*"What you don't seem to understand" and "You need to appreciate.." were just two phrases countless repeated throughout the consultation.*

*Drawing from this, isn't it failure of understanding and appreciation of our village neighbour's needs the exact reason we are sat here in the first place? If so, I feel then the explicit lack of compassion and understanding in which we address each other seems hypocritical to say the least.*

*Name supplied*

## Information Request

I'm a local collector of Military Sweetheart Brooches and War Worker badges of World War One and Two, a few months ago I purchased a beautiful mother of pearl and rolled gold wire sweetheart brooch to the Bedford Lancers, and in the bottom of the box it came in was the name A.FOUNTAIN, 10 ST.JOHNS YARD, EATON BRAY. I'm glad to say this soldier managed to survive the Great War.

I have tried to trace this address from early maps and have spoken to a few of the older generation from the village without success, so I am asking if anyone can help please with my quest.

I must stress I am not a dealer, just a

dedicated collector of these beautiful sweetheart brooches. I am always looking for second hand ones to add to my collection and I will pay up to date market prices for the right ones. I'm looking for a brooch to the WOMENS TIMBER CORPS during both wars. The women were asked to join this unit as the men were conscripted into the forces.

I am fascinated with the brooches, so if anybody could help me in my quest for the address and the badge to the W.T.C. I will be very much obliged. You can contact me on 01525 222570 and ask for Johnny.

I await in anticipation, many thanks.

## Services at St Mary's Church

**SUNDAYS :**    **8.00am**    HOLY COMMUNION  
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**WEEK-DAYS:**

**Tuesday:**    **2.00pm**    TOTS (Tots on Tuesdays) (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

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

*EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES*

## A New 100 Club Spend £2 to 'Spend a Penny'

Some of you may have been disappointed at the winding up of the 100 Club for Eaton Bray Village Hall, but a new 100 Club is being initiated by St Mary's Church to help fund improvements to the church, including the construction of toilet facilities scheduled to take place during 2014. For the small investment of just £2 a month you will be entered

into monthly draws from January 2014. Former members of the Hall 100 Club are welcome to join this scheme as, of course, are new members. If you would like a Standing Order Form to organise your entry please get in touch with us on [eatonbraychurch@aol.com](mailto:eatonbraychurch@aol.com) or phone 222691.

## Sailing into the New Year

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# A Letter from Rev'd Coralie



**Vicar: Coralie McCluskey**  
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**Honorary Assistant Priest: Revd John Heffer**  
**Reader: Gordon Gray (220136)**  
**Church Warden: Catherine Hayden (220527)**  
**Parish Administrator: Elisabeth Ryder (07799 494972)**  
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The Hope of Advent

November 7th: Charity Christmas catalogues have been tumbling through my letterbox for months, shops have all their Christmas treats out well before the beginning of December, I've planned the Christmas services and sent the *Churches Together* Christmas card off to the printers. I hope to make the Christmas cake and pudding sometime this week and maybe do some Christmas shopping.

I want to recover the hope of Advent this year, the hope that the prophet Isaiah talks about, *The root of Jesse shall spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles shall hope* (Romans 15:12).

November 10th: the Remembrance services, well attended and dignified, are over. It was lovely to see so many young people from the uniformed organisations in our villages at Edlesborough War Memorial. Grateful thanks go to all those leaders who give up their time to work with these young people; our hope for the future.

Over the same weekend disaster hit the Philippines, this time not man made, as nature unleashed a power over which we have little control. Typhoon Haiyan devastated the city of Tacloban and three-quarters of the area of Leyte Province. An estimated 10,000 people died, many more are missing. Thankfully aid agencies the world over went into action within hours bringing hope and much needed medical, food and shelter relief.

November 11th: What is the hope of Advent? Advent is the time in the church's year when we remember that the story of Jesus Christ that we read in the Gospels is not yet finished. We know Jesus was born in Bethlehem; spent three years teaching the gospel of God's kingdom; was passionate about those in need, the rejected, those on the margins of society and was a thorn in the flesh of those in power until they put an end to him on a cross. Finally there's the resurrection, appearing to his friends and ascending into heaven. So, what next? The early Christians looked to the future awaiting his return and right at the end of the Bible are the words, *Come Lord Jesus!* (Rev. 22:20).

I believe the future belongs to Jesus. I may not be here to see it but you and I can catch glimpses of it in those who dedicate their lives to helping the poor and needy, responding instantly to the disasters in the world and those who devote themselves to nurturing others for no personal gain.

The Christmas cake and pudding are not yet a reality.

Have a relaxing, peaceful and love filled Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

*Coralie*



# Dunstable Downs Events

Dunstable Downs, Chilterns Gateway Centre, Whipsnade Road, DUNSTABLE, Beds  
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Email: [dunstabledowns@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:dunstabledowns@nationaltrust.org.uk) Twitter: @DunstableDwnsNT

## Tree Dressing Day

Help us deck the halls!

Join us to create festive Christmas tree decorations and lend a hand transforming the Centre into a Christmas wonderland.

**Date:** Sat 7th December 11 am to 3 pm.

Booking not needed



## Christmas Bazaar

Christmas is here again!

Get in the Christmas mood, bring the children to our Bazaar with bags of festive happenings, free seasonal tasting, together with mince pies and mulled wine on offer and many seasonal craft and local produce stalls. There will be carol singers, live music and don't miss a visit to Santa's magical grotto. Booking not needed.

**Date:** Sundays 8, 15 December 2013

[Santa's grotto also on 22nd December].

There will be a small charge to see Father Christmas.

## Walk Off Christmas

**Date:** 26 December 2013 - 11am to 1pm

Overindulged this Christmas?

Walk off all those extra calories over Christmas, with our countryside team over Dunstable Downs. Enjoy the spectacular views and fresh air as you enjoy a healthy, strenuous guided walk. Please dress appropriately. Dogs on leads welcome. Not suitable for children under 14yrs.

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**Website:** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-dunstabledownscountrysidecentrewhipsnadeestate](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-dunstabledownscountrysidecentrewhipsnadeestate)



## New Year's Resolution Walk

Start the New Year with your best foot forwards.

Wednesday 1st January, 11am-12.30pm

Was your New Year's resolution to get outdoors more? Exercise more? Get fitter? Take the time to enjoy nature? Then join us for a breath of fresh air on this one and a half hour walk led by one of our rangers. Walking route will be picked on the day depending on the weather. Meet at the Chiltern Gateway Centre. Dress for the weather & wrap up warm.

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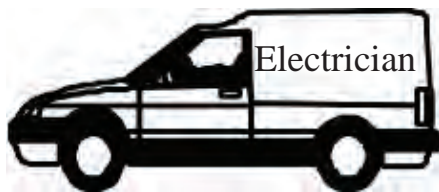
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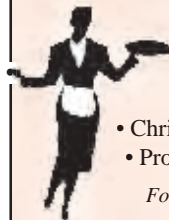
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## Eaton Bray Cricket Club

Eaton Bray Cricket Club is 100 years old in 2014 and as part of the years events we are compiling a history of the club to be kept on view at the Rye ground.

Work on the history is going well with all Focus Magazine articles scanned from 1964 onwards.

We have received photographs of some past teams and also a photograph of a 1924 league winners medal belonging to William Neville.

Newspapers are now being searched for articles and information on past glories. We are looking for any information, photographs, scorebooks or documents to borrow that could help with the task.

If you can help please contact Secretary Ian Jones on 07956 340888 or Bernie on 07754 994414.



*Tommy Henley 1924 all rounder*

## Wednesday Club at Northall Village Hall

Many thanks to all who attended our recent Coffee Morning which raised over £200 towards funds for outings for our members.

It was a busy morning and a great success.

### **HELPERS NEEDED**

We would welcome some more volunteer cooks to join our friendly group preparing home cooked meals for our members.

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## **EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

# **The Council currently has vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors**

**Would you like to know more about local issues and developments in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall?**

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**For more information please contact the Parish Clerk, Lin Sargeant at:**

- **41 Pebblemoor, Edlesborough LU6 2HZ**
- **01525 220859**
- **[parish.council.clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parish.council.clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk)**

## **Four Villages Men's Breakfast Club**

By the time you read this article the Four Villages Men's Breakfast Club will have completed its inaugural season of meetings. Our first gathering was delayed until March due to heavy snow in January but at this opening session we welcomed Lt. Cdr. Bob Horner who briefed us about the fascinating mysteries of Enigma and wartime Bletchley Park. In June Paul Bastiani enthralled us with his knowledge of the history and present activities of The East Anglian Air Ambulance and our members were particularly generous in their support of the EAAA by purchasing many promotional products. September saw us listening to our own Dr. Richard Bell who told us about his charity climb of

Mount Kilimanjaro. Everyone applauded his determination to complete this epic journey of endurance for the benefit of the Peter Westropp Memorial Trust. At the time of writing we are looking forward to our meeting on November 23rd when Robert Keating will be introducing "The Rothschilds and Waddesdon Manor".

The Club is open to all residents of Dagnall, Eaton Bray, Edlesborough and Northall. About 50 of us meet four times a year at 8am on a Saturday morning in Northall Village Hall and enjoy a full English breakfast before listening to an invited speaker.

✍Peter Bennett



## EBA Enterprise - 'Dragon's Den'

### EBA Enterprise- 'Dragon's Den'

Our Head Boy and Girl, Codie and Milo, welcomed our audience of parents to this year's 'Dragon's Den'; and introduced our esteemed panel of Dragons. The panel consisted of Joe Ashman, a West-End Actor; Mrs. Cartwright, a Designer; and Jason McDermid a musician.

Year 4 and 5 pupils had spent the weeks up to half-term brainstorming ideas, working out costings and writing presentations in the hope of receiving funds from the Dragons. The business aim is to run a profitable stall at the Enterprise Christmas Fayre. Presentations ranged from baking cakes, 'dip and mix sweets' to beautiful tea-light decorations. Each team presented well and were more or less given the amount they asked for from

the Dragons (except the 'Weighty Bakers' who have to hope that a generous parent can spare some sherry for marinating the dried fruit for their Christmas cake!)

The Enterprise Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday the 6th of December in the school hall between 3pm and 4pm. All are welcome, so please come along and support our budding entrepreneurs!

Good luck teams!



### Dagnall Village Hall 100 Club Winners – October 2013

11	Mr Nick Vaughn	£50
16	Mr Geoff Spencer	£25
112	Mr Alan Mead	£25

Drawn on 2 October 2013 witnessed by Brian Holt. Please call Sharon Quinn on 01442 842129 if you would like to join and help the Village Hall Funds.



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# Dagnall News

## Over 60's

Dagnall Over Sixties had a fascinating talk from John Tyler on November 19th about his travels in Indonesia. The talk was entitled "Volcanoes and Dragons". This was followed by tea and the raffle.

On December 17th we have our Xmas lunch at 1.30pm, followed by Christmas carols and the "Christmas Parcel Surprise". Our organist Ray Hand will play for us.

In January we have our AGM and the Birthday Tea at 2pm in the village hall. Dagnall school will come and sing to us as usual.

We are still hoping for some newly over-sixties to join us. We need some young blood to keep the club going. If you are newly retired and would like to join our jolly club, please contact Rosemary on 01442843202, and you will receive a very warm welcome.

## Dagnall Gardeners' Society

Reminder: The "Basil Thorne" Dagnall Trading hut closed on the 24th November 2013 and will re-open on the 9th February 2014 when the seed potato orders should be ready for collection.

Compost for next year 2014: there was lots of interest and success with the potato compost we had in 2013. This is made 'to order' for us. I am trying to estimate how much we will want to buy, so if you could give me know some idea of the amount you require that would be helpful. For those that I have spoken to who wanted this and other composts in bulk could you reconfirm your requirements in writing so I don't miss anyone.

Also, I can get made Leek & Onion Special prize-winners mix: there is some interest but I am trying to buy this just to order but with a few sacks over. So if you are interested please give me your

requirements.

On sale in the hut is the NVS new book "Getting Starting on the Allotment". This is just not a book for new gardeners but a straightforward guide to growing vegetables, a clear, precise and great reference book for all vegetable growers. I liked the page on fertilizers: I could understand the makeup of them and how to use; so easy. Cover price is £3.99, hut price £3.00.

Merry Christmas to you all and thanks very much for supporting the Dagnall Gardeners' Society trading hut.

Next year we will be looking for new people to help us in the hut on the occasional Sunday and perhaps the odd day in the week so we can spread the workload more evenly.

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## Community Choir

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We spend most Monday evenings learning new songs and recently learning a short Gilbert and Sullivan opera which certainly stretched us somewhat. When Stuart Harding, our musical director and general muse, first suggested that we should give it a go, it was greeted with incredulous groans from many who thought that this may be one step too far. Indeed some members dropped out for the duration ( happily they are now back in the fold ).

However most of us were willing to give it a go and the feeling was that we might find it hard to get but if we got it we would be pleased to have done so. With extra practises and good natured dedication we got it and were unashamedly pleased to have done so. There is no doubt that G & S wrote some very clever, amusing stories

with some terrific tunes and we enjoyed rising to the challenge.

Of course we can never know how much our choice of music will appeal to our fellow communities. Imagine our elation, therefore, when we found Eaton Bray Village Hall was sold out for our Autumn Concert. The feedback has been very positive and a very enjoyable evening was had by both audience and performers. So a big thankyou to all who attended.

Our next appearance was again at another sell out occasion, The Poppy Prom. Here again it is a joy to be part of our own version of Remembrance Day combined with Last Night of the Proms and thank Gordon Gray for his organisation and annual invitation to be part of it.

We now look forward to several pre-Christmas Carol singing events around the villages and hope to see you at one or more of these and, meantime, wish you all a very merry Christmas.

**Dagnall School**

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*Fireworks look like shiny exploding stars in the sky.*

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# Edlesborough Parish Council News

## Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

### A REMINDER

**PLEASE note that, as from 1st November 2013, Edlesborough Parish Council new website address is:**

www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

and e-mail addresses are:

Lin Sargeant, Clerk to Edlesborough Parish Council: **parish.council.clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk**

Penny Pataky, Assistant Clerk: **assistant.clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk**

**Although the addresses are very similar it is essential that the –pc. is included for any e-mails to be received, and for gaining access to the website.**

### Parish Council meeting dates and venues

19th December 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

16th January 2014 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

### Resignation

The Parish Council were very disappointed to receive the resignation of Councillor Mrs Julie Ratheram and would thank her most sincerely for all the help and input she has given to the Parish Council over the past 14 years.

### Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Councillor Alan Williams offered himself as Vice-Chairman which was unanimously agreed by Council.

### Parish Council vacancies

Edlesborough Parish Council currently has vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors and a separate notice appears in this issue of Focus. If you feel you would like to become a Councillor and represent the Parish please contact the Clerk.

### Allotments

There are currently a few allotments available at Cow Lane and The Green,

Edlesborough. Please contact the Assistant Clerk, Mrs Penny Pataky, if you wish to take on an allotment.

### Dagnall – Gaddesden Walk

Council are awaiting a response from Bucks CC regarding the installation of railings at the junction with Dunstable Road.

### Edlesborough Children's Play Area

As mentioned in the November issue of Focus the play area is now open and being extensively used. Below is a picture of the new equipment installed adjacent to the original.



### Streetlights

Several streetlights have been reported as malfunctioning and the Contractors will be carrying out repairs as soon as is possibly practical.

Requests have been received for additional streetlights to be installed in the villages. The question of changing the current streetlights to a more up to date SON lamp has been, and is currently being, discussed by the Parish Council as to carry out this work would amount to initially an extremely expensive outlay which would in due course hopefully mean less repairs to the existing lights. Edlesborough Parish Council is



responsible for all the streetlights in the villages of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall and not the County or District Council and reports of lights not working should be sent to the Assistant Clerk.

### **Thames Valley Police**

With the dark nights now upon us the Police are reminding residents to make sure that adequate security measures are taken when properties are left unattended, using time switches to leave a radio or light on, making sure all windows and doors are securely locked, put keys away and out of sight. The most proven safety systems are to fit an alarm or install external automatic security lighting.

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

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### **Edlesborough Memorial Hall Booking Secretary:**

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## **Eaton Bray Village Hall**

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Agreed it is not earth shattering but that is how we are spending the money we raise from the Beer Festival (booked for the **30th and 31st May 2014**) and our two quizzes, which we hold in partnership with Eaton Bray Tennis Club.

At the last one in October, we again filled the hall with 20 teams and some very strange things happened. Firstly our winners were Ninepins who had come second a few times, but this time beat Keith's Best Mates who until the recent takeover (or overtake) by Muck and Bullets had had a strangle hold on the title.

Bit like Mr Vettel in Formula 1.

Beware Ninepins and KBM. Muck and Bullets have booked a table already, in fact the next day and are looking to win back the coveted crown of champions!

If that wasn't enough of a shocker, Thelma and her ladies failed to get the chocolates for last place. There were two teams that tied for that privilege, 3 Counties and The Scotties I would love to think the fact that Thelma and co having joined myself and few other folk may have improved their performance but the reality is ....no!

All in all we had a great evening and are already taking bookings for the next one on **April 26th 2014**. Had quite a few bookings already so do give me a call to book your table whenever you like.

From all at the hall, may we wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and healthy New Year.

✉ Ross

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# News from the Lions Den...

We can't hide from the fact that Christmas is just around the corner now and as a Lions club, this is always one of our busiest times. Community service projects are an important part of any Lions club program and we try and offer a wide range to cover all age groups. This month will be all about Christmas for us. Santa knows how reliable Lions are so he has asked us to help him reach all of the children in Eaton Bray, Edlesborough and the surrounding villages. He has given us three special 'Santa Mail' post boxes which we will be putting in convenient locations. Children wanting to write to Santa with their wish list can deposit their letter in these boxes and a personalised letter from Santa will be sent by return.

There will be a post box in Edlesborough store, Eaton Bray store and the farm shop in Dagnall.

Please, where possible can you let us have your child's name and age so that we can tailor each personalised letter. This is a community service project that we are running so there is no charge for this service but as Santa is feeling the austerity pinch too, a stamped addressed envelope for our response would be most helpful. There will be a collection box at the side of each post box if you do want to support your local Lions club but we must emphasise this is not a fund raising scheme for us.

In addition to this, we will be out and about with Santa and his sleigh across Eaton Bray, Dagnall and Edlesborough as Christmas draws closer giving the younger members of our community a chance to see Santa. We will be conducting bucket collections at these times with all money raised being donated back into local causes within our community.

Hopefully our efforts will make Christmas that little bit more magical this year for everyone in our villages.

Many thanks to all of you who donated old spectacles following our article last month. These really will make a difference to people in less fortunate positions. We will continue collecting these and sending them off every time we have a sufficient quantity to box up so please do keep them coming. You can either pop them in my letter box or call the number below and one of the Lions will come and collect them from you.

Our fish and chip delivery scheme continues on a monthly basis and the number of deliveries we make each month is growing. This is fantastic for us (as we know our community service is being appreciated) and for those who receive a fish supper once a month, we know it is something they all look forward to. If you know anyone who would benefit from this service, please do get in touch with me (or refer to our advert for further details)

The situation remains, that new members will always be made very welcome to our club so please do feel free to make contact in the usual way if you are interested in finding out more about the organisation and the work that we do 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 ....

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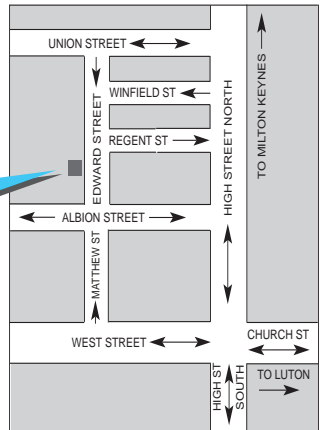
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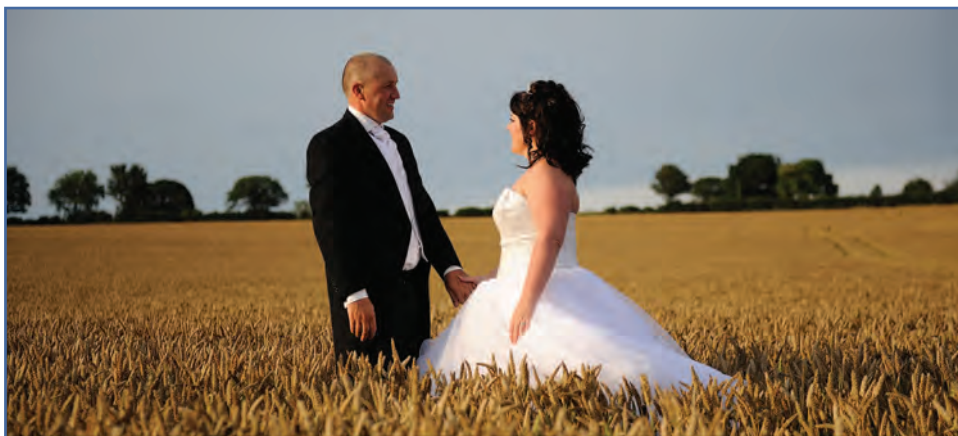
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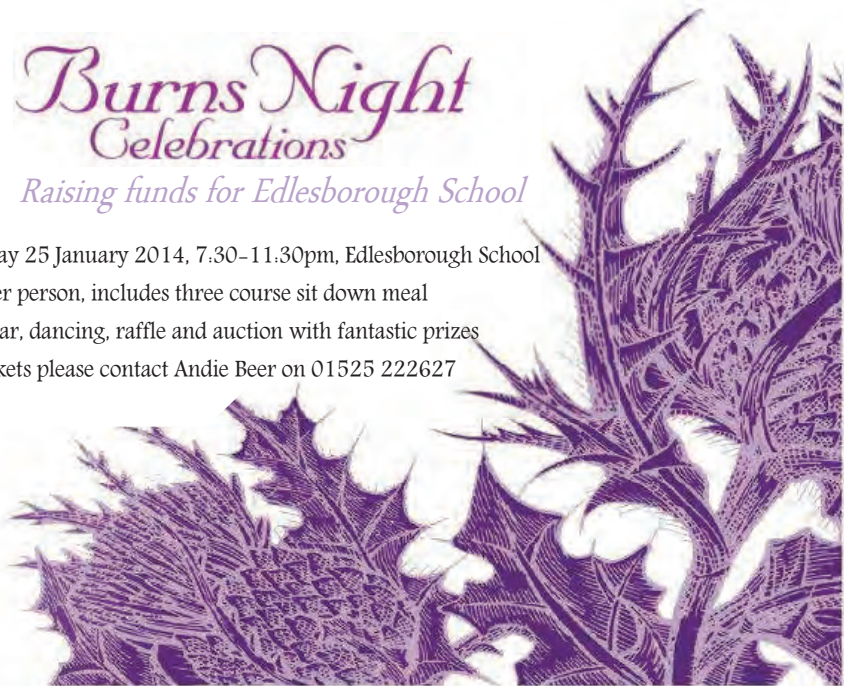
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2013 has seen several incidents of illegal waste dumping in and around the Ashridge National Trust Estate.

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The dumping has also included the leaving of significant quantities of litter near parking areas where visitors appear to have had barbeques.

This dumping blights the area and can harm wildlife and farm animals. Waste may also contain invasive 'pest' species, such as Japanese Knot Weed or Spanish Blue Bells which have very negative impact on local flora and fauna. These also damage the Biological Site of Special Scientific Interest that covers most of the Estate.

**The vast majority of visitors to the estate appreciate and value the beautiful**

**countryside they find there, but there is a significant number who clearly feel able to dump waste.**

If you see someone abusing the area in this way, we do ask that you report what you have seen together with the offending vehicle registration on 0845 330 1856 or on line at [www.buckscc.gov.uk/fly](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/fly)

**Please be advised that action is, and will be taken against offenders.**



## Appledown's Dog of the Month

Meet Gerlert, a handsome 18-month-old lurcher.

He has a nice temperament and is very affectionate with people.

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If you feel you could offer Gerlert, 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.

We wish you a very happy Christmas from all of us at the kennels. This is a busy time of the year for us when many dogs find themselves without a home, so donations are particularly welcome.

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# Eaton Bray Parish Council

Highlights of the Minutes of the Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council  
held on Monday 7 October 2013 from 7:30pm at the Coffee Tavern

## Central Beds Council (CBC)

Don't forget to follow @letstalkcentral on Twitter and keep up to date with what CBC are doing on Facebook.

## Bedfordshire Police

There were no representatives present from the police at the council meeting. The Clerk is awaiting copy of the crime report for the month.

## Byelaws

The new Byelaws for the Parish have been formally signed off by the Secretary of State. The Byelaws will come into effect from 25th October 2013. A full detailed copy can be obtained by applying to the Parish Clerk.

## Dog Fouling

**ONCE AGAIN THIS IS  
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One area of concern is at Eaton Bray Academy where dog walkers/owners are (allegedly) allowing their dogs run free in the area or tying to the posts at the school entrance; leading to dog fouling in the area and resulting in children walking in dirty shoes onto the school premises. **A MAJOR HYGIENE ISSUE.** It is an offence to allow a dog, which you are responsible for, to foul and not clear it up immediately when in a public place. There are a number of dog hygiene bins situated around the parish for dog walkers to use. Allowing dogs to foul and not clean up after them is illegal as well as being anti-social. Offenders can expect a fixed penalty notice or a court imposed fine of up to £1,000.

If you want to report a problem with dog mess or to report dog fouling, please call or email Central Beds Council Customer Services on - Tel: 0300 300 8302 or Email: [customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk).

## Homewatch

New Homewatch co-ordinator for Woodside – contact details Suzanne.holder@btinternet.com.

## Future Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting Date

Parish Council Meeting: Monday 2nd December 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.

# British Legion Poppy Collection in Northall District - Remembrance Service



the road was closed.

A big thank you to William Pratt who gave up his morning to ferry me around with his trailer, helping me to lift and deliver all the signs and barriers, and collecting them again afterwards. He showed infinite patience with my “spatial ability” as to where they should be placed and in which direction – and he was generally right!! Many thanks Will – it couldn’t have happened without your help.

Well didn’t we have a lovely peaceful morning for our Remembrance Service at Edlesborough War Memorial! You can see from the picture that the service was very well attended especially by our uniformed youth organisations. The scene was a far cry from the days when we used to huddle around the memorial on the mud or try to hear above the noise of the traffic.

None of this would have been possible without the help of Jim and Norma Wright, Mike Scott, Vince Taylor, Mark Wilson and John Sayer who manned the road closure barriers during the hour of the service. Many thanks to you all for standing in the cold and bravely redirecting the sometimes recalcitrant traffic. Thanks also to our two village PCSO’s Jackie and Christine who helped enforce the road closure, especially at the top of the hill, reminding local drivers that

I would also like to report the total that we have raised so far in this year’s efforts for the Poppy Appeal in Northall and Edlesborough. As I retired from “House to House” collecting last year, our funds have been raised by three static points at “The Swan” Northall, Edlesborough School, and Age Concern, Northall. I am very pleased to report that so far we have raised the wonderful total of £278.68, being comprised of £112. 61 by the staff and customers at “The Swan”, £138.53 by the staff and pupils at Edlesborough School, and £27.54 by the members of Age Concern. All these totals were considerably up on last year. Thank you all so much for all your help and support. I will publish a final total for Northall in February.

✍️Lorna Cabbage

## Ashridge Estate Events

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**Christmas Walk 27th Dec 10-12noon**  
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# EDaN Community Transport

We were asked by Community Impact Bucks to man a stand at Stoke Mandeville Hospital on Monday 14th Oct between 10am and 2pm. The idea was to help Community Impact Bucks complete a survey on how people got to the hospital that day and what, if any, problems they encountered regarding their method of transportation. We then had to let them know about all the other methods of community transport that are available in their area, including community transport schemes like ours. Rosemary Halt, Viv Hill and myself helped Impact Community Bucks cover the session and I think I can safely say that we all worked very hard and really enjoyed promoting our scheme and any other methods of community transport that were relevant to the person involved.

## Community Transport Video

If anyone is interested the community transport film that we are part of is now available for general viewing. Please do take a look and it may encourage you to become a driver for us or even to use the service. Paste the following link into your browser:-

<http://www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/pages/community-transport.html>  
or alternatively go to:-

Edlesborough Parish Council home page, then choose Parish Plan (EDaN) and at the top of that page is the same link to the video. If anyone has any problems viewing, please do give me a call and I will try to help, telephone number below. With Christmas fast approaching, this is our most challenging time of year and in January, Peter, our wonderful co-ordinator is taking a little holiday. We will definitely be in need of more drivers during this period as Peter does an awful lot of the community transport driving as

well as co-ordinating it.

Viv Hill our deputy co-ordinator, will be taking over the reins until Peter returns, but as Viv is also a major driver for the scheme this will also affect the amount of drivers we will have available during our busiest time.

Please, it really would help us if you would consider becoming a volunteer driver and joining our friendly team.

If you would like any further information about the EDaN Community Transport Scheme, whether you are a driver or a passenger, please get in touch with me.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thank you also to all our drivers and all the people involved in the running of our scheme. Let's hope that 2014 is as successful as 2013 has been!!

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- Sun. 8th Dec. 10.30 am Morning Service
- Wed. 11th Dec. 7.45 pm Get-together - Guildfest
- Sun. 15th Dec. 4.00 pm Dagnall Village Carol Service
- Sun. 22nd Dec. 10.30 am Family Service
- Christmas Day 9.00 am Eucharist  
10.00 am Family Service
- Sun. 29th Dec. 10.30 am Carol Praise
- Sun. 5th Jan. 4.00 pm Covenant Service
- Wed. 8th Jan. 7.45 pm Get-together - Speaker: Revd Coralie McCluskey
- Sun. 12th Jan. 10.30 am Morning Service  
6.00 pm Eucharist
- Wed. 15th Jan. 7.45 pm Get-together - Making Music
- Sun. 19th Jan. 10.30 am Family Communion  
3.00 pm United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
at Eaton Bray Methodist Church
- Wed. 22nd Jan. 7.45 pm Get-together - Speaker: Revd Peter Dudeney
- Sun. 26th Jan. 10.30 am Family Service  
6.00 pm Eucharist
- Wed. 29th Jan. 7.45 pm Quiz Evening
- Sun. 2nd Feb. 9.00 am Eucharist  
10.30 am Morning Service  
6.00 pm Evening Service with Holy Communion
- Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am except when there is a Family Service



## Dunstable & District Orbit Club

*Working for the Community*

Dunstable & District Orbit Club held a quiz night on 19th October at Billington Village Hall.

12 teams took part and £824 was raised which will be split between Horses Helping People, East Anglian Air Ambulance and Headway charities.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a good evening.

Our meetings are 1st & 3rd Tuesday at Dunstable Rugby Club where you will receive a warm welcome.

For more information call 01525 222441 or visit our website [www.orbitclub.org.uk/dunstable](http://www.orbitclub.org.uk/dunstable).

✍️ Jill Richards

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# Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship (ELF)

Hello Everyone,

Autumn has arrived with some winter colours, darker mornings and evenings.

Our walk arranged for October 28th had, once again, to be cancelled because of the very high winds. It was re-scheduled for November 11th.

Our lunch out on October 10th took place at The Plough Inn, Wingfield. The group all agreed that it was very good, and there was a choice of menu. Those present could choose either a light or normal portion meal.

Our trip to London on October 24th was very successful. Everyone arrived at Luton Parkway on time and caught the train to London Bridge. We were able to use group tickets at a really cheap rate. The weather was exceptional and individuals were able to wander around Borough Market in sunshine. Some members decided to take a visit to The Shard, others wandered along the Thames Embankment and took lunch at various pubs, cafes etc. We all met up at The Globe Theatre at 2.00 for a

guided tour of the theatre. It was taken by a very knowledgeable guide. The majority of the group then wandered, in their own time, back to London Bridge and caught the train back to Luton Parkway. Many thanks go to Dave for his arranging this very excellent day out.

Arrangements are well-in-hand for our annual Christmas sherry, mince pies and refreshments meeting at The Coffee Tavern on November 28th at 10.30. All are welcome, please come along.

Our December Christmas lunch outing is on December 12th at The Heath Inn, Leighton Buzzard. Details are posted in The North Porch of Eaton Bray Church. A report on both events will be in the first 2014 issue of Focus.

Enjoy the festive season.

## DECEMBER DATES

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12th.

LUNCH OUT AT THE HEATH INN  
12.30 FOR 1.00



## Edlesborough W.I.

What a lovely celebration our birthday dinner was again this year? They seem to get better each time! As in the last few years, Dunstable Downs Golf Club was the venue for the evening. Members have always enjoyed our times there and, once more, we were not disappointed. The food and hospitality were great in very comfortable surroundings. Our thanks go to all the staff.

As our guest entertainers had proved so popular last year, we asked them back again. Lynne & Martin Smith under their performing name of It Takes Two, joined us

for the meal before entertaining us. Lynne sings, with Martin's accompaniment on keyboard or guitar (and the occasional song himself), and what a brilliant duo they are. Their act consisted of music from the 60s, 70s & 80s, with many of our old favourites. There was something for everyone in their repertoire, and we all joined in with many of the songs.

Lynne & Martin are a gifted couple, and provided an evening of lovely music. Thank you for such a happy occasion.

Finally, a big 'thank you' to Kathy for making our birthday arrangements.

✍️ Val Harris



# 2013 Royal British Legion Appeal Eaton Bray

This year's Poppy Appeal in Eaton Bray has involved 22 house to house collectors knocking on your doors and 10 local shops, businesses and Eaton Bray Academy having a poppy box on their 'counter'. To all of these helpers and to you for putting your hand in your pocket we can only say a huge thank you. The total amount collected in the red containers in the village this year was £2135:42 and this is £83:57 up on last year so big smiles all round.

The Royal British Legion does have other income from the village at this time of remembrance. Most of the wreaths that you see on the War Memorials at Edlesborough and Eaton Bray are supplied

by the RBL, either at manufacturing cost or cost plus donation.

Last year the St Mary's Parish Church made an exceptional donation of £650 to the Eaton Bray appeal. This was half of the profit from the very successful 2012 Poppy Prom held in the Church.

This is all about Eaton Bray because Edlesborough doesn't have a Poppy Appeal organiser! If you live in Edlesborough, are interested in supporting the work of the RBL and would like to know what's involved – then please phone us on 221137 and we can explain.

✍ Roger & Helen Wilkinson – Poppy Appeal organisers for Eaton Bray.

## Christmas Approaching; Do you like to read?

### Two Humorous Books by a Local Author...

My name is Alec Hawkes. I am the local milkman around these villages (one of them anyway), so many of you may well know me? I also lived in Eaton Bray for 25 years, so you may well know me anyway. I have recently written two books. Both are quite satirical, I've been told by several folk that they are pretty funny, as well as making the point. That point is the way we are governed; are we being conned? It's a pretty good bet that everyone has found the need to have a good moan at what those naughty scallywags in Parliament get up to in our name, and with OUR money at some time or other; and just about everybody has been 'stitched up' by a bank or banks and bankers recently. Whether that be personally, or collectively as the entire country!

So, entirely off my own bat, self funded, no professional help - I wrote and had published firstly COMMON SENSE WOULD BE GOOD and followed it up fairly quickly with IF BRAINS WERE DYNAMITE. Both books are available from Amazon.co.uk, in paperback (£5) and Kindle download for around (£2). Both books are also available directly from me for £5 each. (signed). If you would like a copy of either, or both, you can contact me directly by email at [mashituptommy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mashituptommy@hotmail.co.uk) or mobile phone on 07914 276980.

If you like satire you will definitely have a good laugh reading these chucklesome books. If you don't, or you are a politician or banker, you probably won't....

✍ Alec Hawkes



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## Edlesborough Book Group

### The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Written in 1924 by F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby is thought to be his greatest work. Its narrator is Nick Carraway, who would appear to be Fitzgerald's spokesman, as he observes the shallowness and decadence of America's bright young things in the Prohibition Era.

Nick is a young mid Westerner, who has moved to the town of West Egg on Long Island. He rents a small house there and is intrigued by his immediate neighbour Jay Gatsby. Gatsby's home is immense, a huge mansion, and Gatsby is an enigma, apparently fabulously wealthy but with little known about the man himself or his background. Each weekend, Nick observes the extravagant parties held next door, attended by flocks of young people, but also sees that Gatsby never seems to mingle with his guests, standing aloof from the scene that he has created.

In New York, Nick has made the acquaintance of a young couple, Tom and Daisy Buchanan, who live across the bay in the wealthy area of East Egg. They are young, rich, indolent and are at ease with their way of life. Tom is a philanderer and treats his beautiful young wife very badly;

but Daisy seems to tolerate being thought of as a possession, in exchange for her pampered lifestyle.

Nick is intrigued by the sight of Gatsby, constantly gazing out across the water towards the house that belongs to the Buchanans. Gradually, as Nick befriends him, Gatsby confides that once he and Daisy were in love and were separated by the war. Gatsby has bought the house, dreaming that one day he and Daisy could meet. He asks Nick to invite Daisy to tea one afternoon, so that he can appear to meet her again by chance. Nick does this and Gatsby and Daisy rekindle their affair, with disastrous consequences for all concerned.

Francis Scott Fitzgerald wrote from the heart about the Jazz Age, he and his wife were part of it and he was very aware, as his writing shows, of the corruption and loose morals around him. He writes sparsely and brilliantly, his descriptions of the parties and the people there, come alive and glitter on the pages. He died aged only forty four, having tasted the bitter side of the American Dream.

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The most important thing you can do, is to of course avoid buying items from dodgy internet companies in the first place. It sounds simple, but you'd be amazed how many people still find some weird company online that nobody's ever heard of and hand over hundreds of pounds. They are then amazed when they find themselves out of pocket without the goods they've ordered.

Therefore, always make sure you research the internet company you are planning to buy from. Find out where they're based, look for a UK telephone number, check reviews and complaints about them so you know exactly who you're dealing with. Ensure that their delivery timeframe will ensure your gifts will arrive in plenty of time for Christmas.

Make sure you're paying a sensible price. If a company is selling an item at

a ridiculously low price compared to all other companies, there's usually a reason why. Often the items are fake. Over the years I've dealt with my fair share of customers who thought they were getting a great deal with 'Ugg boots' or 'GHD hair straighteners', only to find they've bought fakes from a company abroad.

You should always pay for goods by credit card but particularly when buying over the internet. It is worth noting that you are not protected by the consumer credit act unless you're paying over £100, but you're still more likely to get your money back using a credit card rather than debit card, cheque or bank transfer. I would go so far as to say you should NEVER buy goods from a company that asks you to transfer money directly into their account. If you decide you're going to buy Christmas presents from an online auction site like ebay, it is worth familiarising yourself with their safety advice. You generally have fewer rights when buying goods in this way, particularly if they are second hand. Paying by paypal and ensuring that you NEVER collect items in person will go some way to protecting yourself. Only buy from highly rated sellers, based in the UK.

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✉ Jonathan Vernon Smith

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# St Mary's Ladies Guild

Deirdrea welcomed members and handed out birthday cards to Judy Venn, Joan Calder and Gladys Deamer followed by Devotions led by Christina.

Members were thanked for contributions for the Guild's table at St.Mary's Christmas Fayre on Saturday 16th December 12-3pm. A notice with questions regarding future outings, speakers and future visits was handed to members to complete with a request for its return at the next meeting.

The next meeting on December 11th will be a Christmas afternoon with a professional entertainer and tea provided by the committee. Deirdrea requested members to wear something festive.

Volunteers were requested to decorate a Christmas tree for the festival taking place on 7th and 8th December in St.Mary's Church.

A letter of thanks had been received from Keech Cottage Community Fund Raiser for the very welcome donation received from the Guild.

Presentation: Mr Nigel Watson was introduced showing a travelogue of his

holiday in Borneo. This journey started in Singapore where he spent time sightseeing in Singapore town visiting Raffles hotel and impressive temples. Borneo was the next stop, sights included visiting the Long House, a very large and dilapidated looking residential accommodation reached by a trip down the river. Moving to Ching forest showing slides of palm, oil and pepper trees, and orangutangs complete with their huge nest in the tree tops. The journey took him to Turtle Island where Rangers collected eggs laid by turtles and transplanted them in safe areas where they hatched out before being released into the sea. There were many wonderful slides of monkeys, lizards, exotic birds, crocodiles and Pigmy elephants.

June Thorn thanked Nigel for this very interesting and descriptive presentation.

Social time followed with the usual very appetising array of refreshments provided by the committee. The raffle was drawn with many prizes followed by the Guild Closing Prayer.

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On Christmas Day our Service will be led by Fiona Arscott-Smith at 10-30.am.

Come and join the Celebration on this special day.

Cafe Worship will be held on Sunday January 12th 2014 and led by Belinda Freeman at 10-30.am

Cafe Community will re-start after the Festive break on Saturday February 8th from 11-00.am until 1-00.pm when we invite you to join us to relax, meet up with friends and enjoy a lite lunch or just a coffee.

Cafe Worship on Sunday February 9th at 10-30.am will be led by Paul and Rona Wright.

# Dagnall Garden Show

The annual Dagnall Garden Show was held in the Village Hall on August 31st, earlier than usual. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions throughout the spring and summer, entries were down on previous years. Many crops were late or poor standard. Despite this residents and non-residents produced a good show of vegetables and flowers. Hopefully next year more people will enter (especially residents), you do not have to be a member of the Gardener's Society to exhibit. Our thanks go to everyone who did enter in a difficult year.

## Winners

Founders Cup for most points in residents veg.	E Coates
Nash Cup for most points in residents flowers	K O'Connor
A.M.Fehr Rose Bowl for most points in pot plants	A. Bunting
Society Cup, Open Veg for most points in veg classes	B. Stannard
Society Cup, Open Flowers for most points in flower classes	A Bunting
Wells Cup for most points in show by resident	P & V Barrow
Clark Cup for most points in domestic classes	V Barrow
Society Cup, Children for most points in children's classes	Cerys & Isobel O'Brien
Edlesborough Parish Council Shield for best resident exhibit	E Coates
Society Rose Bowl, best in Floral Art	V Barrow
Society Cup, best in Domestic classes	V Barrow

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£5 for best flower exhibit	A Bunting
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## Weather Conditions for September & October 2013

(Sorry no weather last month due to a mix up with the copy) September calmly brought in the start of autumn, the first few days the temperatures were high, then falling a little setting the trend for the rest of the month, even the rain fall was average. This has been the first month this year that I can't comment on any excessive conditions.

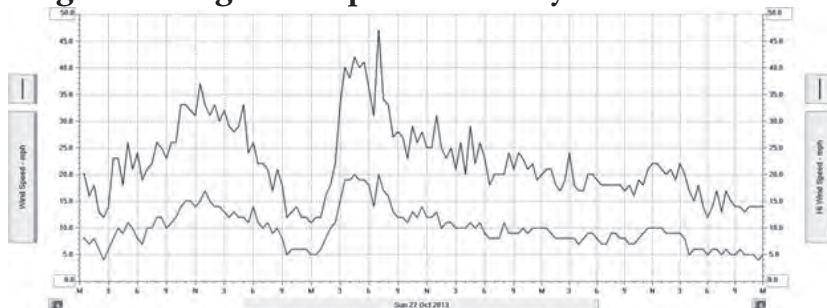
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Mean Temp	13.7°C			
Humidity:	98%	25 Sept 08.30	38%	5 Sept 16.00
Barometer:	1030.0 hPa	1 Sept 10.30	9930.0 hPa	17 Sept 19.00
Wind Speed	33 mph SW	15 Sept 15.00	Months avg.	4.2 mph
Wettest Day	13 Sept		16.9 mm	0.665 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Sept 2013	47.2 mm	1.858 ins

October was a stormy month starting very mild with a few dry days but by the middle of second week the rain came followed by the forecasts of 80 mph wind which peaked for us on the 28th, 47 mph at 6.53 am (see chart below). Although it rained on 25 days with a total of 97.6 mm we are still 27% down on the year so far compared to last year.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	20.3°C	4 Oct 16.00	4.3°C	16 Oct 07.00
Mean Temperature	12.3°C			
Dewpoint:	17.0°C	4 Oct 00.00	2.7°C	10 Oct 08.00
Humidity:	100%	5 Oct 06.00	59%	6 Oct 16.00
Barometer:	1025.3 hPa	6 Oct 11.30	975.8 hPa	28 Oct 06.30
Wind Speed	47 mph SW	28 Oct 06.53	Months avg.	7.2 mph
Wind Chill:	19.5°C	8 Oct 13.00	1.5°C	10 Oct 08.00
Dominant Wind:	W			
<b>Rainfall</b> *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 25 (T)	(25R)	Wettest Day 20 Oct	15.39 mm	0.606 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Oct 2013	97.6 mm	3.842 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	10 Months	544.2 mm	21.425 ins

## High & average wind speed over 3 days 27th -29th Oct



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# Salvation Sound

## A story...the Journey of the Wisemen

“My name is Gaspar, I am a warrior king,  
I travel the land, all is mine for the taking:  
A good horse beneath me, my sword in my hand  
I lead an army, all bow to my command:  
But, I go now on a journey that the gods have planned.”

Behold the star  
“My name is Melchior. Old and feeble am I,  
This journey I must make before I die,  
To seek a child, the stars, tell me, who will govern the course of man’s destiny.  
I came from the east, by way of the sea.  
I read the stars, study philosophy.  
Come, make your pilgrimage with me...”

Behold the star  
“My name is Balthazar. I was a slave,  
My master taught me to read and write.  
A eunuch mayhap, but not a knave.  
I learnt to speak in arabic and greek.  
I scribe, expound upon the law,  
Yet now a saviour I seek.

I had a dream and ran away,  
I saw the star - burst, the world made new,  
An end to slavery. So I took to travel too.  
Sirs, may I join in company with you?”  
Behold the star  
Gasper took with him a crown of gold,  
Melchior carried frankincense’  
Whilst Balthazar had myrrh.  
Three men of differing colour and creed,  
following a star, to satisfy their need.  
They came to a land where Herod was king,  
told him of a child, who was born  
In the early hours of a winter’s morn.  
A child to be called “King of the Jews”,  
They wished to worship him, then tell the world of the good news.  
Herod sent them on their way, “come back when you find the child”, was what he had to say.  
The star in the sky was sinking fast, its journey’s end had come at last.

It hung, stationary over a shed, a stable where animals were put to bed.

Upon the straw, a maiden lay, she had given birth to a boy, Oh, Festal Day  
Into Mary’s lap, they placed their gifts:  
Gold for kingship, frankincense for priesthood, myrrh, to anoint the body. She knew for what they stood.

This child of hers was Messiah, born to do no harm, but only Good.  
The christ child, born in such a lowly way,  
Still lives for us today. So let us celebrate his birth,

rejoice, sing praises, here on earth,  
for we can worship without fear,  
knowing that our god is here.  
He lived, but died upon a cross, so young. His name? Why, it is Jesus, He is God’s son.  
God bless you one and all Happy Christmas  
✍️Maureen

<b>The Salvation Army, Booth Place - Weekly Activities</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>		
Footprints (Sunday School)		9.45-10.45am
Morning Worship		11.00am
<b>Songs of Praise</b>		<b>4.00pm</b>
3rd Sunday of the month May to December		
<b>Tuesday</b>		
Coffee Morning		
(alternate weeks)		10.00-11.30am
Music practices (all welcome)		7.30-9.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>		
Home League		
(Ladies Mtg but all welcome)		2.30-3.30pm
Champions Challenge Club (term time)		
(Ages 5-10 years)		5.45-6.45pm
<b>Thursday</b>		
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
<i>For further details please contact Captain Jenny Dibs dall T:01525 221156/07717 813682 E: jenny.dibsdall@salvationarmy.org.uk W: www.salvationarmy.org.uk/eatonbray</i>		





# Edlesborough School

## Harvest Celebration

Annually, the children and staff of Edlesborough School celebrate Harvest with a special assembly. On display, as every class contributes prayers, poems and words of thanks, is a wonderful array of fruit, vegetables and other foods which have been kindly donated by the children and parents of our school.

Once our celebration assembly is over, our year 6 children with the help of staff and parent volunteers distribute the food donations to our local elderly residents living in Edlesborough and beyond. This has been a long held tradition of our school,

one which we value very much as part of our links with the local community, and an important part of our children learning about and being involved with the village within which they live in or nearby.

We would like to thank our parents who kindly donated items to our celebration assembly, the parent helpers in their assistance in delivering these, Rev McCluskey for her thoughtful words and prayers during our assembly and the recipients of our harvest donations who have kindly sent messages and cards of thanks to our children.

## A Special Celebration

All Saint's Church, Dagnall celebrated 150 years of worship with a special service on 4th November.

Over 100 people packed into the church to help celebrate this significant anniversary. The Rev. Coralie McCluskey and Rev. Neil Drayton led the service which included a series of reflections looking at the Church's history (did you know it started life as a church day school?) how the community around it has changed (farming jobs have almost disappeared), and personal accounts of worship in the last 50 years. We found out that the Sunday School children were tempted by the seaside outings that the Methodist Sunday school offered- an annual outing that is continued today. The final reflection showed that the building is the focus for worship, but that the true church is within us all and within the community.

The collection raised £250.07 towards our charity project for 2013, Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

We then enjoyed a delicious tea, and were able to look at the exhibition charting

the church's history and reflecting on its current uses. It was great to see so many friends from the village, the parish and the circuit. Our thanks go to everyone involved.

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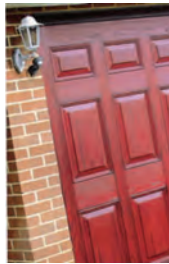


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