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The usual menu is also available

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

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.

Village Hall Bookings

To book your local village hall for an event please contact the following:

Northall: Lorna Cubbage Tel: 01525 220361 Eaton Bray: Norman Lee Tel: 01525 222831 Dagnall: Elizabeth Coates Tel: 01442 842550

Edlesborough Memorial Hall: Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358

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Email: LPT.LeightonRural@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Thames Valley Police (Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)

PCSO Jackie Dodson Mobile: 07800 703 524 Email: NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Village Diary February 2015

Weekly Mon-Fri

Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468

(term time)

Mon-Fri Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816

(term time) 358342

Mon-Fri Edlesborough Pre-School, Edlesborough School, 01525 220431

(term time) manager@edlesborough.bucks.sch.uk

Mon-Thu Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Lower School, Michelle Urbanowicz on

(term time) 01582 668841

Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, St.Giles Church Hall, Totternhoe, Lisa: 07799 893489

Mondays 2nd Eaton Bray Brownies, girls 7-10 years, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, 6 - 7.30pm.

(term time) 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 Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour. Northall Village hall 2-3.30.

(term time) Contact Jan 01442 864271.

Mondays Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525

Mondays Curtain Call Theatre Group - 7:30-10:30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, Sheila -

sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk

Mondays KFPA ISTD Classical Ballet classes, 3+yrs, 4.15pm, Edlesbrough Memorial Hall,

www.kfpa.co.uk

Tuesdays Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731

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 Circuit Training - Edlesborough School Hall, 7-8pm - www.simplesfitness.com

Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall,

Fortnightly Booth Place, Eaton Bray

Weds Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's playtime, 1pm - 2,45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, contact

(term time) Rachel on 07789 760007

Wednesdays Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07799 893489

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 Dynamic Yoga 6.30-7.30pm £5 Eaton Bray Coffee Tavern Keira 07936 693696

Thursdays Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm 01525 377542

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 KFPA Street dance classes 4+yrs 4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk

Thursdays Central Bedfordshire Children's Centres' Toy Library, 9-9.45am, Eaton Bray (School

Fortnightly Lane) Public Car Park

Fridays Keep Fit class, Edesborough Mermorial Hall 10 - 11am

Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall,

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Fridays "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma Whittemore on

(term time) 01525 376124

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Fridays Kids Club 6:00pm to 7:00pm Grace Baptist Church, Edlesborough (across from

(term time) the post office)

Fridays Crazy Abs abdominal workout - 6-6:30pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall - www.

simplesfitness.com

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

Casev, 07792 508591

Saturdays KFPA Musical Theatre classes 4+yrs www.kfpa.co.uk, 10am, Edlesborough

Memorial Hall

Sundays Sundays Worship at 11:00am and 6:30 pm Grace Baptist Church, Edlesborough

(across from the post office) 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 Tuesday Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby

Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147

1st Saturday St. Mary's church, Eaton Bray Coffee Morning & Plant Sale, 10am - 12 noon 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 Tayern Keira 07936

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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

Last Saturday Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church

Other Regular Events

8th Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton

Bray Village Hall

9th ELF walk from Eaton Bray church 10am

13th Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am. All

welcome.

17th Dagnall Over Sixties Lunch and Quiz, 1pm, at The Red Lion in Dagnall

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

7th Friends of Edlesborough School 1980s Ouiz Night, 7:30, Edlesborough School

Hall, £10 per person includes Thai curry. Tickets from school office

8th Highland Fling, 6pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Includes supper, tea and coffee.

Tickets 01525 222283

12th ELF Lunch Out

13th Cali-R Soul Night, 8pm, United Services Club, 160 High Street South, Dunstable,

Tickets: 01582 475607

28th Emilie's Quiz including food, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, £9 per head, Teams

of 8. Tickets: mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/emiliesanders1

Village Notices

Brian Shields 3.8.1937 to 6.12.2014

Brenda and Michael would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support after the sudden death of Brian. He was a much loved husband, dad and grandad. We have been overwhelmed by the messages of sympathy, cards, visits and concern for us all. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the celebration of Brian's life on Tuesday 16th December.

The total raised so far for The British Heart Foundation is £500. We thank everyone for their generous donations.

Brenda Shields

Eaton Bray Development See pages 20-23 for details of the proposed development of 150 houses in Eaton Bray

STOP EDLESBOROUGH NEW TOWN 2 – 'SENT2'

In the December issue of FOCUS, we unfortunately quoted an incorrect email address – for which the group would like to apologise.

Should you wish to contact the group with your views or comments please do using either:

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Open Cardens 2015

Since 2006, one of the social highlights of the year in our villages has been our Open Gardens event. We had seven wonderful years enjoying the gardens that were

Please would you open your garden? Contact Kay - 222849 or Gordon - 220136 need to make a special effort to ensure this great day out is not lost to the annual calendar. We already have a few offers of gardens but we do need some more

opened by willing gardeners and both the gardeners and visitors enjoyed some wonderful days. This year's event will be 6 weeks later than usual (on 26th July) so people who have previously opened their gardens may wish to show off an entirely fresh colour scheme and others who have not opened their gardens before may feel their garden is more beautiful in July we Now is the time to offer to open your garden. It can be large or small – all gardens have something to offer visitors and past experience suggests that those who open their gardens are delighted by the positive feedback they receive. Do please think about it, then get in touch with either Kay Griffiths (222849) or Gordon Gray (220136).

St Mary's Village Carnival 2015

It's time to start thinking about this year's Carnival on 4 July 2015 with the theme 'The Sea'. The principle charities to be



procession

supported this year will be St Mary's Fabric Fund, 'Joss Searchlight' and 'Medical detection dogs'.

An appeal to all local businesses, businessmen and women.

Last year we had a wonderful example from Janes of how the Carnival can be used to promote your business. As an organising committee we will do our best to promote your businesses to the crowds who attend the Carnival if you give us a chance to do so.

How can you get involved?

Please consider one or more of the following some of which may be tax deductible:

- Advertise in the Carnival Programme and / or the arena – contact Pauline Glen on 229400
- Donate a prize relating to your business

to the Grand Draw

- Donate an item relating to your business for the Silent Auction
- Take part in the

• Make a cash donation to the Carnival If you would like your business to be involved in any of the above please contact Gordon Gray on 220136 or via the carnival website - www.stmarysvillagecarnival.

St Mary's 100 Club

Congratulations to the following winners:

January 2015

1st Prize – Victor Courtice 2nd Prize – Rachel McVeigh 3rd Prize – Martin Hayden

If you would like to join the 100 Club please collect a form from www. stmaryseatonbray.org.uk/Groups/100-club or from St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray.



Sooth Tear Amiversory Comfine soon to a village near youl

The church of St Mary the Virgin, Eaton • Commission new artwork for church Bray has stood in the centre of the village for centuries. Some years ago Malcolm Grant, the church's previous vicar, carried out research into the history of St Mary's and established that the earliest reference to the church in Eaton Bray relates to a chaplain named Nicholas in 1219 who was given the vicarage. This means that, to the best of our knowledge, St Mary's will be 800 years old in the year 2019 – that's just four years away.

This is a significant anniversary and worthy of celebration both within the church and the village. Parishioners have already suggested a range of possible

activities that celebrate both church and village life and which could all involve people from our villages. Ideas include:

Possible village activities

- Invitation to royalty
- Build a 13th century peasant's house
- Models of the village over 800 years
- Carnation cuttings
- Invitation to TV / radio programmes
- Recipe book

Possible church activities

Festival & Celebration Services

- Design & make set of celebration robes & altar frontal
- Son et Lumière
- Musical events covering 800 years

You may have your own ideas of how we could celebrate this milestone in the village's history. More importantly, you may like to offer to help. At this stage we are keen to hear from people willing to serve on a Steering Committee and people who have skills that might help in any of the above.

If you are interested in helping please get in touch with either Catherine Hayden (220527) or Gordon Gray (220136).



A packed church at St Mary's for the Candle Service on Christmas Eve

Services at St Mary's Church

SUNDAYS: HOLY COMMUNION 8.00am

> PARISH SUNG HOLY COMMUNION 10.00am

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

EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES

A Letter from Revod Coraffe

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)

Email: admin@stmaryseatonbray.org.uk

www. stmarvseatonbrav.org.uk

Making your lifestyle count: an environmental challenge

Lent begins on Wednesday 18th February. This year I'm not going to suggest a book or prolonged study but you might like to consider the following:

Whether we live in Dagnall, Northall, Edlesborough or Eaton Bray we have to admit that we live in a beautiful setting with the glory of creation all around us. Often we take this for granted but it may not always be the same. Many once beautiful parts of the world have been destroyed. Environmental damage may seem far removed from us but unless we all continue to act responsibly we may suffer too, this Lent let's *Think globally and act locally*.

Each week for the six weeks of Lent why not take on one or two actions from the following environmental action lists. You may just want to concentrate on the same actions for the whole period, that's fine because everything that we do for the environment, however small, becomes a vital contribution and a witness to our desire to protect the planet for future generations. Try it and see.

Week 1 – use of transport

- Walk or cycle locally if at all possible
- Car share wherever possible school run
- Cut your car journeys by X%

Week 2 – use of water (I know we have a lot of rain but!)

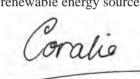
- Mend dripping taps
- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth
- Have a shower rather than a bath
- Only run the dishwasher when it's full
- Use an economy setting on the washing machine
- Collect rainwater for use in the garden (it's much better for indoor plants too)

Week 3 – use of insulation (it will still be chilly and dark in February)

- Keep your windows and doors closed
- Hang clothes to dry instead of using the tumble dryer
- Use eco light bulbs
- Turn down the central heating and wear warmer clothes
- Switch your energy provider to one that uses renewable energy sources

Weeks 4, 5 and 6 follow in March, along with times for the Easter services and activities.

Suggestions for ways of saving energy come from *Eggs and Ashes* by Ruth Burgess & Chris Polhill.



South Beds Dial-a-Ride is Luton's "dial-a-ride"

In recent weeks, an "organisation" has been approaching elderly people in Luton offering a new "dial-a-ride" service.

- "The organisation" has referred to themselves as "dial-a-ride"
- "The organisation" has telephoned elderly people at home to offer them the new "dial-a-ride" service
- "The organisation" has told some passengers that there is a new telephone number for "dial-a-ride" which they should now call
- "The organisation" has turned up at people's homes, uninvited, to try to transport people who already had established bookings with an alternative transport provider
- "The organisation" has caused more confusion amongst those elderly and vulnerable people who may already be somewhat confused.
- "The organisation" has taken one passenger to a destination and charged them a fare, for a journey which the passenger had previously enjoyed totally free of charge under a long standing arrangement funded by a major Luton based elderly person's charity. This "organisation" did not then return at the agreed time to take "their" passenger home even though the return fare had been paid in advance.

SOUTH BEDS DIAL-A-RIDE would like to distance itself totally from "the "organisation" and make several points absolutely clear.

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SOUTH BEDS DIAL-A-RIDE can still be contacted on **01525 220044**, the same telephone number it has used for the past 10 years.

SOUTH BEDS DIAL-A-RIDE's telephone number for has NOT changed.

SOUTH BEDS DIAL-A-RIDE is still very much in business, in Luton, Dunstable, Houghton Regis and surrounding villages.

If you are elderly or disabled, or a family member of someone who is, and are in any doubt whatsoever, please contact SOUTH BEDS DIAL-A-RIDE on 01525 220044. SOUTH BEDS DIAL-A-RIDE welcomes your calls, as it has for the past 28 years.

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.

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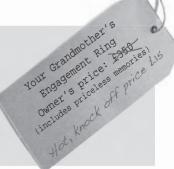
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Eaton Bray Parish Council

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/14/04055/OUT - LAND OFF TOTTERNHOE RD. EATON BRAY/OUTLINE PLANNING FOR 150 DWELLINGS

Proposed Development in Eaton Bray: Formal response from Eaton Bray Parish Council

In response to the proposed development submitted by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) to build up to 150 houses on the land off Totternhoe Road, Eaton Bray Parish Council reviewed all submitted documentation relating to the planning application and have formally agreed to **object to the proposal**.

A précis of the letter submitted to CBC and the reasons why we believe such a 6. development would be disastrous for the village is below. To read the full version of the letter, please visit: www.ebpc.co.uk. After thorough consideration of the proposal it is for the following reasons with which Eaton Bray Parish Council object to the planning application:

- 1. The land of the proposed development is designated Green Belt and that, according to Government guidelines, can only be developed on in 'exceptional circumstances' and we do not consider these are exceptional circumstances
- 2. There has been no identified need for a development of such magnitude in Eaton Bray and the surrounding areas. The recent affordable housing survey identified an interest for up to 12 small properties of the 'affordable' housing designation.
- 3. The area identified suffers heavily from flooding that is not accurately reflected in the environment agency's flood plain area map. A recent correspondence from Anglian Water and the Environment Agency have confirmed they do not recommend or

support the development in this area.

- 4. The existing village road network could not support the increase the additional traffic which would be in the region of 300+ vehicles. The roads are narrow and already suffer from HGV traffic and speeding issues.
- Based on the number of properties and their predicted car usage the proposed development at The Rye/Totternhoe Road contravenes CBC's own parking policy.
- 6. The Parish Council Highways Working Group have already identified that the road network is already heavily under strain with HGV and 'rat run' traffic. The main carriageway through the village is breaking up and in many places and the carriageway is simply not wide enough. This, in addition to both the construction traffic and the additional resident vehicles, would mean that it is only a matter of time before a serious and possible fatal accident were to occur
- 7. The public transport statement for the development estimates that 50% of the residents of the development would use public transport and walk to/from the bus stops. However, the current level of public transport provision in Eaton Bray simply does not exist. Additionally, the Transport statement is inaccurate and we suggest that the TRICS data bares no correlation to our current rural public transport service.
 - 3. The proposed site location is on dangerous junction, particularly at the weekends when the Rye playing field is heavily used by children playing football. With the addition

- of an additional 300+ cars using the junction this would increase the level of congestion and danger.
- 9. The village's drainage and sewer system in already under threat. The past few years have seen unprecedented levels of flooding in that exact area of the proposed development with some residents of Totternhoe Road being flooded out of their homes for many months owing to the proximity to the flood plain region. Inadequate drainage and sewerage mean that without significant investment in the village's entire drain and sewer system raw sewerage would make its way out and into the open. This view is supported by Anglian Water.
- 10. There is only one small junior school in the village and this is already also at capacity and would not support the increase in the number of young children in the area. In addition, correspondence received from the Head Teacher of Edlesborough School has confirmed that they would not accept any additional volume of intake from a proposed development given their already high-usage.
- 11. There is one, small shop that would struggle to cope with an increase in the number of residents and the next nearest shops of any size would require those to use their car to travel there.
- The Section 106 contributions are wholly inadequate for the reasons stated thus far.
- 13. The proposed size of the development would be one that increases our rural village by 10%+/- and this would have a significant and damaging impact on the village's character.
- 14. Given CBC's ownership of the land, we would seek their (CBC) assurance

that, clearly given the uplift in the value that CBC would receive from the scale of the development, this is not merely a commercial development. The application is unnecessary and overdevelopment in an area that has no demand for the property.

Finally, it is also worth noting that the supporting scheme documents of the proposal contain many inaccuracies, such as Eaton Bray being placed in Buckinghamshire and this, in our opinion, supports the fact that this is simply an ill-thought-out planning application that is not needed or wanted by any of the 4,200+residents of Eaton Bray.

To reiterate, it is for the above reasons, but not limited to, that we object to the proposed large scale development in Eaton Bray.

We urge that if residents of Eaton Bray (and surrounding villages) wish to object to the proposed development they write to the case officer, details below, providing your reasons for objection. It is important that you send a physical letter or email as it is not enough to just make a comment on the CBC website.

Write your letter of objection to:

Vicki Davies, Planning Officer Central Bedfordshire Council Priory House, Monks Walk Chicksands

Shefford

Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ

Using the reference: Planning application CB/14/04055/OUT, Land off Totternhoe Road, Eaton Bray, Dunstable Beds LU6 2BD

Email: victoria.davies@centralbedfordshi re.gov.uk

ÆHeidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO Email: clerk@ebpc.co.uk - Telephone/Fax: 01525 221464 - Website: www.ebpc.co.uk

Letter to the Editor...



Dear Editor.

The following is a copy of a letter I have sent to Central Beds objecting to the proposed development of 150 houses in Eaton Bray.

7th January 2015

Ms Victoria Davies

Central Bedfordshire Council

Priory House

Monks Walk

Chicksands

Shefford SG175TQ

Dear Ms Davies

CB/14/04055/OUT - Land off Totternhoe Road

I wish to object to the above planning application on the following grounds:-

- 1. The potential development of 150+ houses represents a population increase of over 400, this is unsustainable
- 2. Whilst CBC has no interest in development in ADVC, the fact remains that ADVC have approved building of 40 houses and received an application for a further 60 in the adjoining village of Edlesborough which could represent a substantial increase in the population.
- 3. Together these developments place an INTOLERABLE PRESSURE ON SERVICES as both communities are served by the same DOCTOR, POST OFFICE, SCHOOLS AND OTHER AMENITIES with limited public transport.

A POTENTIALL INCREASE OF 500 PEOPLE - NO NO NO

- 4. The Design & Access Statement Site Description:-
- a) The A41 is 15 miles from Eaton Bray
- b) The A416 does not exist.
- c) Aylesbury lies to the WEST not the EAST of Eaton Bray

If this is an example of the survey of the area – what does the future hold for our parish.

5. You are talking about building on Green Belt.

Building on a flood meadow.

An additional 200+ cars.

No employment in the parish for the residents

No additional capacity within the village school, and we already have children coming to Eaton Bray school from Leighton Buzzard due to the over development in their town.

No commitment to affordable housing as discussed in April 2014.

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Yours Sincerely

Mr M. Grundy

Letter to the Editor...

Dear F.ditors

I would like to make all villagers aware of a large housing development which is being proposed by Amberville property company on land owned by Great Green Farm and Old Ley farm in The Rye. On a particularly dangerous junction where two serious accidents have happened in the past few months they intend putting two extra access roads.

The sewerage system is unable to cope with the present number of houses and has serious problems from reflux which means that our drains overflow. Anglia Water will not enlarge the sewerage system so we go for long periods unable to use baths, toilets, washing machines, etc. Several of our neighbours are in the same position.

The proposed fields have traditionally flooded and a natural pond will be filled in, this will seriously affect us as when our house was flooded 12 years ago it took 7 months to dry out and we have had to pay for pumps to be installed in our drive, they are in constant use whenever it rains. More houses will be affected if this project goes ahead.

The village cannot cope with 150 extra houses as we do not have the infrastructure required, and it will not stop there as on the plans access has been left for future development, this is designated GREEN BELT, if this goes ahead where will it stop!!!

Catherine Gadd



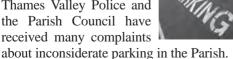
Edlesborough Parish Council News Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

Councillor Vacancy

The Council currently has a vacancy for a new Councillor to represent Edlesborough. Any person wishing to know more about the role should contact the Clerk (details below).

Parking in the Parish

Thames Valley Police and the Parish Council have received many complaints



The Parish Council asks that all drivers consider other road users and pedestrians when parking in the Parish. Please ensure there is always sufficient room for emergency vehicles to pass on the road and for pedestrians, pushchairs, wheelchairs and Motability vehicles to pass on the pavement.

Please DO NOT park on the white lines and NO PARKING markings around the village.

McCann Homes & DLP Planning

Towards the end of 2014 McCann Homes submitted a scoping opinion enquiry to AVDC to establish whether or not an environmental impact assessment will be required for the land between Chiltern Avenue and Kingsmead. They have been advised that this will not be necessary.

More information can be found online at https://publicaccess.avlesburyvaledc.gov. uk/online-applications/applicationDetails. do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=NGG UO5CL05600

The Parish Council hopes that Parishioners attended the Public Meeting held by DLP Planning in January. As and when more information is available it will be shared through the Parish Council website, Facebook page and FOCUS reports. In the meantime Parishioners can look online

http://www.avlesburvvaledc.gov.uk/ planning---building/current-planningapplications-and-property-history/ further information

7.5 Tonne Exclusion Zone

The Totternhoe application for the 7.5 Tonne Exclusion Zone has been withdrawn. A new joint application between Eaton Bray and Totternhoe will be submitted. Consideration will need to be given to the location of the signs as this will impact on Edlesborough and Northall in particular.

New LED Street Light in Main Road North, Dagnall

The new steel column and light is now installed and working between roundabout and The Red Lion pub. The light is the LED type which is planned to be used in due course through out the parish. The light is fitted with a special lens to project as much light as possible along the pavement. The Council would welcome any feedback from residents.

Please remember to report any faulty lights to the Parish Clerk not AVDC or BucksCC.

Allotments

We currently have allotments available at our Cow Lane and Northall sites. If vou would like to take on an allotment please contact the Parish Clerk for more information

Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting

This next meeting will be held Edlesborough Memorial Hall on Thursday 19th February 2015, commencing at 7:30pm. Minutes of previous meetings can be found on the website www. edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Contact Information

Clerk to Edlesborough Parish Council: Clerk: Penny Pataky 01525 229358 Email: clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk <u>Manager of Edlesborough Memorial Hall,</u> Pavilion, Playground & Green:

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Healthy Bones and Pilates

The best time to build healthy bones is when you are young - exercises such as jumping and skipping in your teenage years can help promote denser bones and prevent fractures when you are older. (So get your children/grandchildren off their PlayStations and get moving!)

The bad news - our bone density continues to grow until our mid 20s, however, after the age of 35, and following the menopause in women, the pattern changes. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men over the age of 50 will develop osteopenic (loss of bone) fractures.

The good news - although ideally we would have looked after our bones in our teenage

- years, we can make a change for the better:

 1. Eat a varied diet rich in calcium dairy products tofu and spinach are all good.
- 2. **Be active** load bearing exercise such as walking, running, golf or tennis can help.
- 3. **Reduce your caffeine and salt and stop smoking** as all of these can interfere with the absorption of calcium in our bodies.
- 4. Take up Pilates, the mind-body conditioning programme, can be used to strengthen your core (back and tummy) muscles and also be adapted to do in standing to help 'load' the bones. Pilates can also help with balance and transferring weight to help avoid falls and potential fractures.

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starting an exercise programme specific to their needs.

If you are worried about your bone density speak to your GP or one of our Chartered Physiotherapists will be happy to help.

Tips by Moira D'Arcy, Chartered Physiotherapist & APPI Pilates Instructor, & President of the Osteoporosis Support Group Bedfordshire.



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cent meeting party, and the usual



At our recent meeting we heard a report from Pamela Richardson on the Ivinghoe W.I. party that

she and Chris Yorke had attended. It would appear a good time was enjoyed by all.

Our speaker that evening was Alan Jones, a vet who specialises in the treatment of birds. Aided by slides, he gave us a really interesting report. He pointed out that birds differ from breed to breed, and have to be treated accordingly. Alan has worked in other countries, as well as Britain, and his slides included photos of really exotic birds—very beautiful. He obviously loves his work, and his talk was really informative on the life and veterinary treatment of such a variety of these fascinating birds. Thank you, Alan.

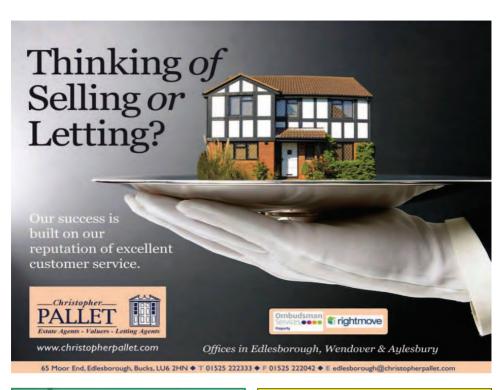
In between our two latest meetings we held a coffee morning at the home of Jane Jones. As usual, we had a great get together with members and other friends. We raised £195, and thank Jane for her hospitality.

At our last meeting of 2014 Elizabeth stood in for Phrena, our President. This was the occasion of both our A.G.M. and Christmas

party, and the usual annual reports were given and adopted. As five of us, including Phrena, are standing down from the committee, Lynne Hutton (a W.I. County Advisor) attended to supervise the appointment of a new president. Jenny Foale was elected, and will head our new committee for 2015. Thank you, Jenny and all who have taken on committee tasks.

Now was the time to enjoy a very welcome supper prepared by Ann with help in the kitchen. Thank you, ladies. Our old friends, Les and Dave, were with us again to provide the music we all love. They are a very popular duo, and we thank them for playing our old favourites. Also providing entertainment were Sue, Diane and Megan, with extremely amusing monologues. This was followed by the distribution of gifts, and the lucky raffle winners receiving the great prizes.

Altogether, it was such a lovely ending to our W.I. year, and we all look forward to 2015. A Happy New Year to everyone.





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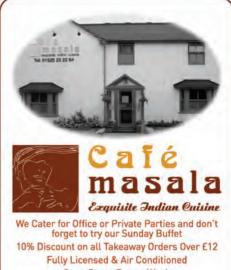


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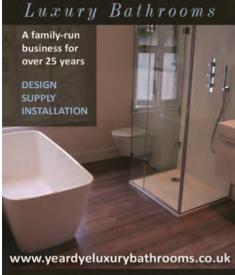
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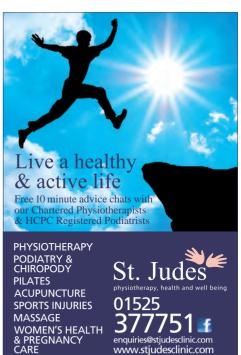
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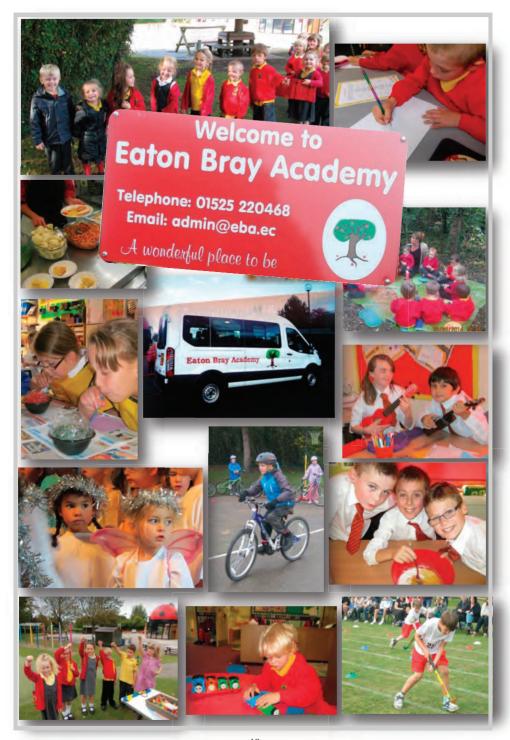
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Below: Members of the congregation at the Christmas morning family service at All Saints Church Dagnall, posed in our very own nativity scene. We had fun, and hope you did too.

Village Photos

Left: Sue and John Parker kindly agreed to light their commemorative tree on Edlesborough Green for the Christmas period – organised by the EDaN Beautification Team.



Above: A frosty morning at the ford, Eaton Bray by Richard Woodhead



Below: Winter morning in an Eaton Bray field by Richard Woodhead









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Tuesday 2pm - 5pm Wednesday 10am - 12noon Thursday 2pm - 5pm Friday 2pm - 7pm Saturday 10am - 1pm

Degrell Over Statics

Dagnall Over Sixties enjoyed their quiz. Christmas lunch on Dec 16th. On 20th January they held their 44th Smith in the village hall at 2pm.

birthday celebration in the village hall. Lion in Dagnall at 1pm for lunch and a

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HGV Limit Through Parish

Further to the application submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council, both CBC and Amey received overwhelming support for Eaton Bray to be included in the scheme. Both Eaton Bray and Totternhoe Parish Councils are now working together to put forward an updated scheme to include both villages in a revised scheme.

Christmas in the Parish

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Please note that details of the Eaton Bray Parish Council's formal response to the planning application (CB/14/04055/ OUT) for 150 dwellings on land off Totternhoe Road is provided on pages 20 and 21 in this magazine.

Next Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting:

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

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Dagnall Christmas Fayre

The Dagnall Christmas Fayre took place on Saturday 6th December and raised £1266 for the school & Dagnall Under Fives. Thank you to all the local businesses who gave their support by donating prizes for our raffle including, Berkhamsted logs, Luton Hoo, The Red Lion, Bluebells Tea Rooms, Bridgwater Arms, Tring Brewery, Haresfoot Brewery, D & E Hines, Cross Keys Farm, Seventh Heaven, Bliss Beauty, Willows Farm, Snakes & Ladders, Mead Open Farm, Aquavale, Bekonscot, Janes, Zeera, NG Autos, Berkhamsted Taekwondo-do and Edlesborough Tea Room.

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Jonathan Vernon Smith is the Sony Award winning mid-morning show presenter for BBC Three Counties

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If you're anything like me, you'll have completely overindulged during the festive period. In fact, I think I ate about 17 turkeys and drank my bodyweight in Harvey's Bristol Cream. Sadly, the result of this gluttony is that the New Year requires a little vigorous exercise and healthier eating to get back in shape. Indeed, it's generally this time of the year when many of us look in the mirror and race to the nearest gym, happy to sign ourselves up to expensive, long term contracts. But how do you protect yourself against getting ripped off in the process?

Over the years, I have dealt with many complaints about gym membership deals. Sometimes this is because gyms are unreasonable in their approach but sadly, more often than not, it's down to pure naivety from consumers.

Gyms are businesses, not charities! They have sales advisors in most gyms whose sole responsibility it is to sign up new customers. They are generally paid by commission, and are highly trained to persuade you to sign yourself up for at least a years' worth of keep fit expense. They seem so nice, so friendly, so understanding and so kind. However, don't underestimate them. Without you agreeing to join the gym, they don't get paid. That is their motivation.

gym membership, you are entering a legally binding contract. Unless there is a cancellation period outlined in the terms and conditions, you are legally obliged to pay your membership fees for the entire length of the contract. If you're concerned that you'll only bother to go for the first two months, then agreeing to a year long (many contracts are 18 months or two years) is a pretty stupid thing to do. If you decide to cancel, you'll probably be liable for hundreds of pounds worth of fees.

What about exceptional circumstances though? Often consumers will come to me saying "I took out gym membership and then lost my job the following week" or "I signed up to a gym but had a bad car accident and haven't been able to use it for 6 months". Of course exceptional circumstances can help your case when attempting to cancel, but unless it states that cancellation is allowed under exceptional circumstances in the terms, you'll still be liable for the full membership costs.

So when CAN you cancel a gym membership? Obviously if the service you receive from the gym is poor (for example many of the machines don't work) then you can make a good case for cancellation of the contract. Also if you can prove that some of the terms and conditions in your membership agreement are unfair you may stand a chance, but be prepared for a fight. In my experience gyms can be some of the most aggressive organisations to fight as a consumer. They often have legal departments that are very used to arguing with unhappy gym goers who want a quick way out.

If you are uncertain over your motivation Be aware that when you sign up to a to attend the gym, it is worth noting that many gym chains will offer special memberships that can be cancelled easily, or are on a pay as you go basis. It may be best to start with one of these until you've properly decided whether you like it or not.

You may conclude from this month's article, that I'm an anti-gym person. I'm not! Honestly! If you are motivated, they can be fantastic places to fight the flab, feel

better about yourself and improve your health. Just approach gym membership with your eyes open and you'll not come unstuck months down the line.

Happy Fat fighting!



Edlesborough Book Group Matilda by Paul Gallico



The book chosen for this month seemed, at first glance quite strange. A story about a male kangaroo, named Matilda doesn't seem to have a great deal going for it. But its author, Paul Gallico, also wrote The Snow Goose which we had read and enjoyed previously few years ago. This, however, was totally different in style and content, to the beautifully descriptive and gentle tale of the Snow Goose. Paul Gallico had been a sports journalist, before becoming famous as a short story writer and novelist and this novel draws on that experience.

The story begins when an English, former boxing champion named Billy Baker is discovered together with his pet kangaroo, by a small time booking agent in New York. Billy has trained Matilda. his kangaroo, to box. Matilda, although male, is named in honour of his country of origin rather than to signify his sex and has a natural facility for boxing, which Billy has trained to a high degree. Bimmy, the agent, sees a business opportunity and snaps up the duo as a carnival act, taking advantage of their inexperience to cream off a high return on his investment. He hopes to make money, in order to impress his girl friend's parents, so that he can marry her. They are booked at an out of town carnival, challenging all comers to stay upright during two rounds with Matilda. All goes well until, by chance, the reigning middleweight champion, Lee Dockerty, after a night out with his friends happens to visit the carnival and accepts the kangaroo's challenge. Matilda delivers a knockout blow and this is witnessed by a leading sports writer, who then publishes a piece declaring Matilda world champion. Billy and his pet are now famous and many complications follow, including the attentions of the Mafia.

This is a very light, tongue in cheek story and is not meant to be taken seriously. The humour is broad and the book received mixed opinions from our book group. This reviewer found the narrative rather

dated Τt was reminiscent style of Damon Runyon and the characters and clip joints of old New York. but the book was written and set in 1970 and the style jarred rather with the setting.



Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Chib

First of all, a very Happy New Year to all our Focus readers. Let's hope that 2015 brings us health, happiness and personal fulfilment both on and off court! Especially on court for our members, who will once again be competing in our annual championship and striving to be crowned King or Queen of the Club and win one of our Diamond studded cups. May you serve many Aces, and don't be a Joker, use a racquet not a Spade. Oh, I'm such a card.....

Talking of spades, has anyone seen a furtive looking bloke, not dissimilar to spiv Private Walker from Dad's Army, hanging around the village offering cheap snowploughs to anyone who passes? If so, don't be taken in by him. Only a fool would be, and anyone with an ounce of common sense would have just ignored him. Anyway, he seemed like a nice chap so I bought one for the club as reported in the last edition. My only excuse is that it was dark at the time, and the street lighting up the Comp, where the deal was done, was not ideal. I pushed it back to the clubhouse and eagerly awaited the first fall of snow. Imagine my disappointment the following morning when daylight revealed it to be no more than a sit-on lawnmower with two spades tied to the front. I did try it out a couple of times when we had a small flurry, but the spades were set too high to do any good, and the string wasn't long enough for them to be lowered. However, around the courts we do have the shortest grass in Bedfordshire. So, apologies to all the skiers in the village who were so looking forward to us transforming the skate park into a mini version of the Alps with piles of fresh snow from our new acquisition. And if anyone wants to buy a slightly used siton lawnmower (no MOT, tax in the post),

complete with two free spades, please get in touch. Best to meet me in the early hours behind the bus shelter with a wad of used twenties, and don't bring a torch.

To more serious matters; do you recall the magnificent efforts of our 'mystery player' to play 250 sessions of tennis in 2014? Well. now the year has ended I can exclusively reveal to you. Focus readers, that the player, one of our Senior Men, actually achieved 312 sessions! I've calculated that this means that he spent more time on court than he did at home. His household water bill with all that showering is equivalent to the national debt of South Sudan. With half of the Central African Republic's thrown in as well. But not just did he play 312 sessions of tennis; oh no. Along the way he won two Men's Doubles titles (including a postponed match from 2013), a Mixed Doubles title, the Dunstable over 55's singles and the County over 65's doubles. Partners Roy Cooke and Jane Wigley helped along the way, but this is quite some achievement. Many congratulations to club stalwart Peter Hale. He modestly declined to be interviewed for this magazine, simply stating that he intended to 'take things a bit easier this year'. Maybe only 300 sessions and four titles then...:-)

Finally, an interesting story. I came home this afternoon to find loads of tennis balls in my garden, all over the lawn and flowerbeds. I went next door, knocked and to my surprise, non other than John McEnroe answered. I said, "Look John, will you please stop hitting your tennis balls into my garden"? He said, "I didn't. Last time I saw them was when I washed them and then hung them out to dry". I said, "Well they were in my garden again just now". He said, "You cannot be serious ... the balls were on the line".....

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

Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship (FLF)

Hello everyone and a Very Happy New Year to you all.

We hope that you all enjoyed Christmas and New Year celebrations whatever you decided to do. Already 2015 seems to be passing by very quickly.

Our meeting on November 27th went very well and we had a lively discussion regarding the programme for 2015. It looks to be a really good programme. The meeting was closed with members enjoying sherry and mince-pies, hosted by Alan and Val. Thanks go to them.

Thanks also to Brian for help regarding a complete list of dates for 2015.

One VERY IMPORTANT change in our usual programme is that OUR WALKS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH, not the 4th. This hopefully will avoid losing one on Bank Holiday Mondays. A report on our January walk will be in the March issue of Focus.

The walking group met on November 24th and, in sunny weather, walked from the Wyevale Garden centre in Tring, along the Grand Union Canal to Startops Reservoir, down the Aylesbury Arm, around the Reservoir to join the Wendover Arm and back to the Garden Centre for a brief Coffee break. The group decided that as the conditions underfoot were not too good, it was better to walk on the Canal tow-path. The distance was approximately 4miles.

December 11th, the members enjoyed a very nice Christmas Lunch at The Cock

Stuart Adolph on 07773 816320, Coach

Sara Leavy on **07561 571578**, or if they're

all out and I'm not cutting my lawn with

a snowplough, then me. Andy Cross, on

Inn. Wing.

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A nice finish to 2014.

No details are available yet for our first Lunch Outing of 2015 on February 12th. Details will be known at our January meeting.

Everyone is always welcome to join us.

Dates for Your Diary: Feb 9th Monday:

Walk from Eaton Bray Church 10a.m. Feb 12th Thursday: Lunch Out



All Saints Church, Dagnall Services in February 2015

Sun 1st Feb.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 8th Feb.	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 15th Feb.	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sun. 22nd Feb.	To be decided	- see Church noticeboard
Sun 1st Mar.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service



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

In memory of Basil Thorne

The bingo in early December kicked off Christmas festivities in Dagnall with a fun night. There was a lovely buffet and lots of great raffle prizes. In total the evening raised £94.20 for Dagnall Village Hall. About seventy people came along and all said what a wonderful evening they had had – we are sure one Basil would have enjoyed.

Many thanks to caller Claire who as always did a brilliant job and to Mike, Eric, Dave and Carol (and family) for their help on the night.

We appreciated everyone's support and once again have already had lots of requests for another one this year!

Eaton Bray Methodist Church

November brought us inspiring services including a joyful Cafe Worship which studied the Beatitudes and how best to reflect them in our daily life.

In early December Rev Wallace Edwards launched us on the path to Christmas by encouraging us to step aside from the hustle and bustle in order to 'take time out' with God and let him prepare us. Our Cafe Worship in December, led by Andy Melvin, gave us an opportunity to contrast Santa and God, reminding us that God is always near and his son Jesus, born in the manger, was fully committed to life in the raw. On the 3rd Sunday of December a large congregation was treated to a delightful Carol Service, led by the Sunday School on the theme of families. The Nativity story was told with colourful verve through a series of lively puppet scenes. We are grateful to the children and their inspired teachers for the hard work which produced such a winning performance. On Christmas Day, our service, also very well attended, was led by Peter Baker, who gave us a stirring sermon that focused on the Christ Child, born in poverty, among ordinary humble people and who is still there for us today.

In the weeks before Christmas June Jarrett and Celia James put on sale a wonderful display of beautifully crafted handiwork which achieved the magnificent total of £738. We owe them a great vote of thanks for their immense commitment and skill so generously given.

We wish all readers a happy and healthy New Year and will always offer a warm welcome to anyone who feels like joining us in services and other activities.

Date for your Diary: Cafe Community on Saturday 14th February 2015, 11am - 1pm. We will be delighted to see you if you come to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and/or a light lunch.



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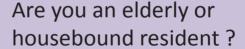
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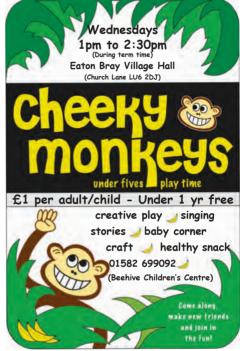




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Area covered by tour

New England is a mostly rural part of America, a mixture of tilled fields, pasture, forests, lakes and mountains, dotted with small towns and villages. The area is well known for its white wooden buildings, its covered bridges and quaint fishing harbours on the eastern seaboard, but above all for its vivid autumn colours. While each of New England states offers something, none can top Vermont. With its rich mix of deciduous trees, the Green Mountain State is anything but green in late September/October. The rich palette created by the foliage is made even more dramatic by a backdrop of a deep blue fall sky.

After a short stay in Salem, the route followed the coastline eastwards in Massachusetts to the Cape Ann Peninsula then turned north, continuing near or along the coast into south eastern New Hampshire before heading inland to the expansive Lake Winnepesaukee. After a further day riding north we turned west over the Kancamagus Highway, known for its extensive views and continued into Vermont. Then we turned south east of the Green Mountains before crossing briefly to Massachusetts, then a final foray into

southern New Hampshire before the tour finished on the outskirts of Boston.

My notes of the trip.

We flew into Boston for coach transfer with bikes to Salem, Massachusetts for two nights which gave us the chance of assembling our bikes and to deal with any problems at the bike shop.

Our first day's cycling took us from Salem along the coast to Gloucester passing Hammond Castle, walking out to the Eastern Point Lighthouse near Rockport, a very busy fishing village on the Cape Ann Peninsula. The next day we passed through the busy town of Essex, through historic Ipswich on to Newbury Beach and lovely Plum Island for overnight stay at Hampton Falls Inn. In the morning we cycled along Hampton Beach, one of the busiest during the season. Our lunch stop was in Portsmouth, a very hot sunny day, before we crossed into over the Pistagua River into Maine Within 10 miles or so we crossed the Shannon Falls River back into New Hampshire.

One of my favourite stops was The White Buffalo Trading Post, a very old wooden building that sold everything. It had a cafe at the back and a Gun Shop. We popped upstairs and inspected the guns/ammunition....we did spot a neat little number ideal for a handbag! A lovely stop in Wolfeboro that night at the Lake Motel, a couple of us hired boats for a quick paddle on the lake, before the evening meal.

The next day, still enjoying lovely weather, we cycled into North Conway and over the first of New England's famous covered bridges. Before leaving North Conway the next morning we bought a picnic. Shops and cafes were in short supply as we climbed up and over the Kancamagus

Highway in the White Mountain National Forest New Hampshire. On the way up there were many viewing areas. The climb started fairly gently but I thought it tough at the end. Our reward was amazing views It is considered one of the most scenic drives in America. A further reward was the 14 mile descent. absolutely glorious, except

one of our number, Susan, lost her spindle/quick release mechanism. After much searching we found it but the nut was damaged.....what to do? Experienced cyclist, Michael, had an idea he has used in the past. He took her front wheel out and held it up to the traffic to indicate we had a problem. It worked like magic, the first four wheel drive vehicle stopped and offered assistance. They took Susan and her bike down into Lincoln to a bike shop for repair.

A much deserved day off was enjoyed by all in Lincoln, some went for a scenic walk, a train ride, or chilled out on a sun lounger. I decided to pamper myself with a full body massage at a Spa Hotel at Loon Mountain Resort. I loved it.

A fabulous ride out from Lincoln along the Lost River Road through Lost River Gorge, with a climb up to Beaver Pond. On the way down we called in at a local "Fall Fest" an opportunity to pick your own apples, buy pumpkins, not a good idea on a bike, but the most delicious apple pie and ice cream was on offer and we sat in the sunshine to enjoy it. Continuing down to the valley we crossed the Connecticut River into Vermont overnight stay in Barre. The following day we were faced with a choice of routes, a longer back road route, or a slightly shorter main road. Most of us



chose the back road route to White River Junction little roads some unsurfaced and awash with stunning autumn colours. Here, after a couple of hard climbs we had an amazing view of rolling hills with low cloud down in the valley. Later in the day we stopped in South Royalton. Vermont the home ofUniversity's Law School. The cafe/shop was called

"Barristers". I did buy a scarf here and had trouble choosing one out of so many lovely local designs.

The weather now had turned slightly cloudy now but we still had amazing views of the stunning Quechee Gorge, Vermont's Grand Canyon, had changed its verdant green cloak to one of many glorious colours. Later in the day one of our cyclists discovered his tyre was badly worn so we stopped at the bike shop in affluent Woodstock, I did spot a nice dress shop......perhaps another time! Yet another long climb out of South Woodstock but a great downhill to Downers Cafe then onwards through the beautiful Black River Valley to Ludlow, a winter sports resort.

The next day was our rainy day. It was overcast as we left Ludlow so heading towards Andover our weather proofs were on. After the initial hills the terrain flattened at Chester. We stopped at the "Moon Dog" cafe, an unusual cafe with lots of local paintings, handicrafts on display and books to ponder over. I very rarely eat at coffee stops, especially on this holiday after an all American breakfast. However, for comfort on a wet day I downed a hot chocolate and a cinnamon and raisin bun (a very large one) which got me up yet more hills. We then came upon Grafton, an architectural treasure trove of 19thC buildings, also the

Cheese Company. Onwards over another unsurfaced road through woods. Our next stop, was the "Newfane Creamery and Cafe" here I had the best ever BLT panini. We continued on into Brattleboro where we managed to dry our things overnight. Leaving Brattleboro we crossed the bridge over the Connecticut River again to Ashuelot's covered bridge. We dallied a while here at a second hand emporium. old radios, gramophones, irons, food processors etc. The sun shone now as was we continued to the small village of Fitzwilliam where we had a picnic on the green. We then headed for the Templeton Turnpike, more miles of unsurfaced road through woods. Here the punctures started. Tom had a puncture earlier in the day. Now Jack had one, followed closely by Susan. I was very lucky not to get one. It was slow going and the directions were not very clear, but a man with dog ensured us we were going the right way, always good to know. We were making for Winchendon

home of Grafton Quilts and Grafton Village

Our last day's cycling. We gathered for a photo outside the motel in the sunshine and followed our route. Unfortunately details were not very clear due to a missing sign, so we missed a turning but decided to carry on and just get to Princeton our own way. It worked out well and we continued through Sterling and Clinton for lunch, a very generous one. As we were approaching Concord, one time home of Ralph Waldo Emerson, popular essayist, we asked about a coffee/tea shop and were recommended a small place just near a petrol station. It was a prize winning bakery/cafe and was outstanding. I just wished I was hungry! The traffic was heavy through West Concord and we had to go across a very busy Interstate controlled by traffic lights. On the whole, cycling along the country

then an overnight stop at Gardner.

roads traffic had been very light and we were all impressed with the motorists who almost always gave us priority. The tarmac surfaces varied greatly, occasionally it was a smooth but more often than not the surface was very bad indeed, no time to relax, you needed to be alert. I did have a slight mishap. I cut my leg slightly on some barbed wire so my much travelled first aid kit came in very useful.

Following our route instructions we eventually found the cycle path which took us into Lexington and our motel. Concern was expressed that we had rooms on the first floor, no lift, so had to get bikes up flights of stairs. This proved difficult for the tandem and it was not the first time!

On arrival here, all cycling had finished so many congratulations were expressed all round and we had a great evening at a Mexican restaurant near the motel, I drank my first ever Margarita, delicious, and then another!

Saturday was a free day so several of us decided to go into Boston for a harbour cruise and bus tour around its well known historic sites. I went into the Faneuill Hall, where revolutionary meetings had packed the hall as early as 1763. Spent some time in Quincy Market and walked around the Beacon Hill area.

We were a little worried about getting our bike boxes promptly so we could prepare and pack bikes for our return flight. For various reasons delivery was delayed but we did eventually get them on the Sunday morning of our departure. After I had packed my bike (in cardboard bike box from local cycled shop) I was able to walk into historic Lexington, the Birthplace of American Liberty to have a good look around and a picnic on Battle Green in the sunshine.

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Are Your Headaches a Pain in the Neek?

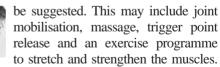
Headaches affect almost two thirds of us and many people often self-medicate with painkillers without actually discovering the cause of the headache.

There are many different types of headache but a common cause is pain referred from the neck. The following symptoms could suggest your headache is originating from the neck:

- A constant dull steady ache, often at the back of your head but sometimes behind the eyes, temple or on top of the head.
- It may be present for days, weeks or months.
- The headache is worse with certain movements or static postures.
- There is a history of trauma to the neck e.g. whiplash, sporting injury or repetitive work
- The neck movements are restricted.

The cervical spine (neck) is made up of 7 vertebrae (bones) stacked on top of each other. The vertebrae are linked together by facet joints which are either side of the neck and an intervertebral disc between each vertebra. The joints that most commonly cause headaches are the upper facet joints. These should normally glide freely to allow neck movements. However, if the joint, surrounding muscles or ligaments are injured then the joints can become stiff and the associated spinal nerves become irritated which can cause referred pain into the head or behind the eyes.

If the headache is caused by the neck, physiotherapy can help. After examination and assessment, a treatment programme can



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Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for November & December 2014



Elevation: 450 ft - Latitude: 51° 50' 13" North - Longitude: 0° 33' 34" West November 2014

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	16.3°c	1 Nov 13.00	-1.8°c	25 Nov 05.00
Mean Temp	8.3°c	Dominant Wind:	SSE	
Humidity:	98%	6 days during Nov	63%	1Nov 14.30
Barometer:	1027.1.hPa	24 Nov 18.30	986.9 hPa	Nov 08.00
Wind Speed	35 mph W	7 Nov 14.00	Months avg.	5.3 mph
Wettest Day	21 Nov	17.20		
Monthly Rain:	Total	Nov	96.6 mm	3.80 ins

December 2014

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time		
Temperature	12.7°c	18 Dec 13.00	-3.8°c	28 Dec 21.00		
Mean Temp	5.2°c	Dominant Wind:	W			
Humidity:	97%	2-5-6-26 Nov	66%	10 Dec 13.30		
Barometer:	1041.7 hPa	29 Dec 20.30	989.2 hPa	12 Dec 06.00		
Wind Speed	40 mph NNW	24 Dec 03.00	Months avg.	7.3 mph		
Wettest Day		26 Dec	13.00 mm	0.512 ins		
Monthly Rain:	Total	Dec	48.7 mm	1.917 ins		

November started on the mild side it was not until the night of 6th when we had our first frosts -1.4°c and it wasn't until 24/25th when we had frost again. It continued being unsettled for the rest of the month with rain and sunny periods but less sun than the average for November but more rain which was 115% of the 6 year average. With a mean temperature of 8.3°c that's 2.2 degrees above last year's November figures so overall warmer.

December The month started off on a mild dry and sunny note until the frosty morning of the 6th and stayed moderately dry until the 11th then 2 days of rain then back to dryer and cold and this was the pattern for the rest of the month. The few days over Christmas were dry and sunny but a cold spell returned for the end of the month. The notable thing about December was how dry it was, we only had 48.7mm of rain that's 66% of 6 year average.

Annual Climatological Summary for 2014 Temperature (°C) Precipitation (mm) Wind Speed (mph)

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	Temp)	Temp		Temp	Max		Total			_	Dir
Jan	12.20	6 th	-1.8º	12 th	5.9°	21.4	1 st	160.6mm	46.0	25th	5.9	S
Feb	12.1	. 20 th	1.3°	14 th	6.3°	18.6	7 th	131.4mm	56.0	14 th	6.2	S
Mar	19.80	30 th	-2.1º	24 th	7.9°	12.4	2 nd	31.0mm	34.0	2 nd	5.7	SSE
Apr	20.30		-0.70	15 th	10.6°	8.4	25 th	36.2mm	30.0	6 th	7.0	WNW
May	25.10	19 th	-1.2º	3 rd	12.5°	21.2	24 th	117.0mm	40.0	10 th	6.0	W
Jun	26.80	13 th	5.8°	6 th	16.0°	7.2	28 th	33.6mm	27.0	24 th	5.6	W
July	30.20	26 th	8.3º	8 th	18.7°	17.4	18 th	43.6mm	29.0	4 th	4.0	N
Aug	27.40	7 th	5.3°	24 th	15.6°	19.4	25 th	93.2mm	40.0	10 th	4.7	W
Sep	25.30	18 th	3.90	22 th	15.5°	2.6	19 th	7.6mm	24.0	24 th	4.2	E
Oct	21.20	31 st	1.10	5 th	12.6°	24.4	13 th	85.0mm	41.0	21 st	7.2	S
Nov	16.30	1 st	-1.8º	25 th	8.3°	17.2	23 rd	96.6mm	35.0	7 th	4.8	SSE
Dec	12.70	18 th	-3.8°	28 th	5.2°	13.0	26 th	48.7mm	40.0	27 th	7.6	W
Lows				Dec	Avg	Dec	Year	884.6mm				Year
/Max	32.20	July	-3.8		11.3°	23.4		34.83in	56.0	Feb	5.8	avg W

2014 Was a wet year with 117% of the 6 year average and warmer a mean temperature of 11.3°c that's 1.55 °c higher which is a significant increase. We never had prolonged high or low temperatures, more even not so much contrast between night and day.

January / **February**: were very wet months, the winter storms continued unabated giving us 292mm of rain in 2 months that 33% of the year's total.

March / April: In contrast these months were dry well below average

May: was another wet month 117mm that's 225% of the 6 year average but it was a little warmer than average.

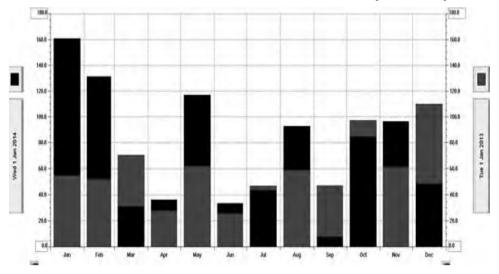
June/ July: Quiet period of weather summer had arrived sunny spells, temperatures above average and dry.

August: Was an unsettle wet month 29% extra rain and we had night temperatures dropping close to 5°c.

September: There is only one way to describe September that's "Dry". We only recorded an unbelievable 7.6mm for the whole month that is 3 tenths of an inch. This was only 15% of the six year average rain fall. We had above average temperatures with a mean temperature of 15.5°c that is 1.8°c higher than September last year

October, November and December: The last three months were mild, breaking a lot of records with a temperature reaching 21.2°c on the 31st. October. Finishing the year with a mild Christmas and New Year.

This shows the contrast in rain fall for 2013 and 2014 You can see the extra amount of rain we had in January / February



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Psalm 90:1-4. Change!!

There comes a time in our lives when it dawns on us that we are not as young as we used to be. The future used to stretch out indefinitely: suddenly the time left to fulfil our dreams is far less than we thought. Time and tide, as they say, waits for no man. The passage of time though should not be seen as the years running out. so much as life moving on.

"And it's from the old I travel to the new" so runs the popular hymn – Do you still make New Year's resolutions? If so it is probable that by this the second month of 2015 you have already given up on them. The most popular resolutions are to lose weight and get fit – but – there are still mince pies, cream, and chocolate, and what of all the boxes of biscuits – one just can't throw them away – such a waste – especially if one is trying to economise!!!

Oh dear! If you're anything like me the chances are that living up to them is remote if not non-existent. By ourselves to change "our spots" completely is beyond us. BUT in 2 Corinthians 5v17 NIV it says "Anyone united with Christ is a new creation, the old has gone the new has come."

Experts advise us that to feel better, reduce stress and to shed those unwanted pounds we should try walking, the best exercise of all. Start slowly and walk towards a goal of 10,000 steps a day. I started to count when I got out of bed but lost my way when

the telephone rang! The Bible says that "Enoch walked with God three hundred years" (Gen 5:22). "Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God." (6:9). Perhaps walking with God is the answer - many have tried it it's not always easy -

"There's a path that's sometimes thorny, There's a narrow way and straight.

It is called the path of duty, and it leads to heaven's gate."

One more step along an unfolding journey in which there is always more to be discovered and new joys to experience. We will of course sometimes remember the past with a tinge of regret and sometimes look to the future with a degree of anxiety but each new day is a gift from God so don't be weighed down by a sense of hopelessness and futility, be instead uplifted by the certain realisation of God's promises. Have a happy New Year, may it bring health and happiness to all.

The Salvation Army, **Booth Place, Eaton Bray Weekly Activities**



Sunday

Footprints (Sunday School) 9.45-10.45am Morning Worship 11am Songs of Praise 4pm

(3rd Sunday of the month from May to Dec)

Tuesday

Coffee Morning

(alternate weeks) 10-11.30am Music practices (all welcome) 7.30-9pm

Wednesday

Home League 2.30-3.30pm

(Ladies Mtg but all welcome)

Champions Challenge Club (term time)

(Ages 5-10 years) 5.45-6.45pm

Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group

9.30-11.30am (Term time)

Haberdashers' night

2nd Thursday of month 7.45 pm

Ladies Fellowship

(Last week of month) 7.45pm For further details please call Envoy Hilary 01525 222087 / 07932 057490

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