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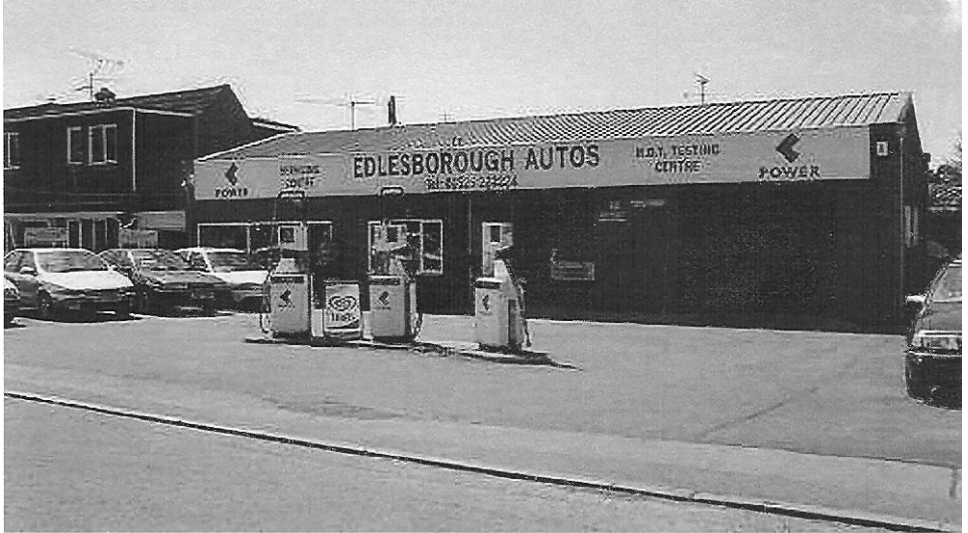
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Eaton Bray Parish Council Parishioners Meeting

A meeting will be held at the Coffee Tavern on 6 July at 7.30pm for Parishioners to give their views on traffic calming in the Village.

Village Diaries



June 2006

Weekly

Mon-Fri (term time)	Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Cindy 07773 095624
Mon-Fri (term time)	Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15-12 noon
Tuesdays	Yoga Classes, Northall Village Hall, 1.45-3.15pm
Tuesdays	Keep Fit/Body Conditioning, Dagnall Village Hall, 7.30pm
Tuesdays	Line Dancing, 1:30-3 pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Mrs Burdett 222793
Tuesdays from 9/5/06	Baby Cafe, 10.15 - 11.45 am, Pitstone Memorial Hall
Wednesdays (term time)	Eaton Bray Under 5's, 1.15-3pm Eaton Bray Village Hall Cindy 01582 477568
Wednesdays	Chi Kung & Wu Chi classes, Coffee Tavern 11am - noon
Wednesdays	Keep fit, 7:30-8:30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Mrs Roch 220669
Thursdays (term time)	Mums & Toddlers session, Dagnall Village Hall, 1-3pm
Thursdays	Yoga Classes, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm
Thursdays	Eaton Bray Badminton Club, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 8.15-10pm.
Thursdays	Keep fit, 2pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Mrs Johnson 220304
Fridays	SOCATOTS, 12:45, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Daniel Walker 07968 778681
Saturdays	Jazzercise, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Mrs Angela Veryard, 715208

Monthly

1st Monday	Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
1st Monday	Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Salvation Army Hall, Dunstable
1st Monday	Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
1st & 3rd Tuesday	Dunstable & District Orbit Club, Bar Chameleon, Dunstable, 8pm
2nd Tuesday	Toddlers' Church, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2.00pm
2nd Tuesday	Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
2nd Wednesday	8.15pm Healing Service in St Mary's Church
3rd Thursday	Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

Other Regular Events

9th	Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, 10.30 am, Plant Bring & Buy
14th & 28th	Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall, 8pm
20th	Over 60's Ploughman's Lunch 1:30pm Dagnall Village Hall

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

1st	NSPCC Coffee Morning 10 am-12 noon & Ploughmans Lunches, 12 - 2pm, 21 Yew Tree Close, Eaton Bray
2nd & 3rd	Camra Beer Festival, Eaton Bray Village Hall. 2nd: 6 - 11pm, 3rd: 12am - 11pm
8th-10th	Village Theatre Company 'Wanted One Body', Eaton Bray Village Hall, 7.30pm, Box Office: 222283
10th	7 - 10 pm Quiz Nite, Dagnall Village Hall. Bring own crockery, cutlery, glasses etc and enjoy a hot meal and pudding for £7.00 per person.
11th	Open Gardens, 12-6pm, Tickets £3 (children free) from Eaton Bray Village Hall or £2.50 on Sunday 4th June at 11.15 from St. Mary's
15th	Edlesborough W.I. Coffee Morning, 10.30 am - noon. Brooklyn Farm, Cow Lane, Edlesborough
15th	Indulgence Evening, 7.30pm at Dagnall Village School, 01525 221920

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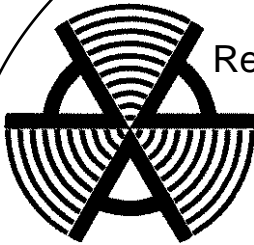
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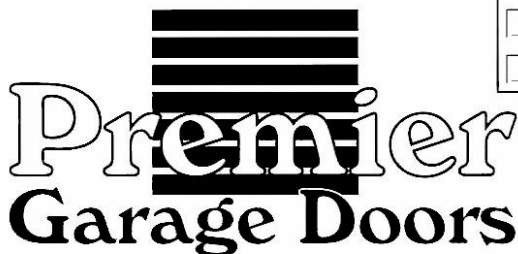
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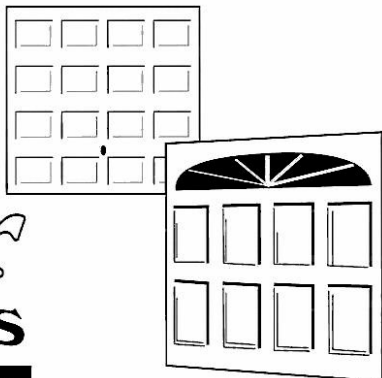
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Eaton Bray Parish Council

Highlights of meeting – Tuesday 9th. May 2006

Speeding Traffic and Traffic Calming:

It was proposed to hold a separate meeting to discuss this problem. July 6th at 7.30 was decided. Ad to be placed in Focus asking Parishioners to attend to give their views.

PC Byelaws:

Changes to the byelaws were agreed at the March meeting, implementation of these has been delayed awaiting a response from DEFRA .

School Lane & The Rye recreation grounds play equipment:

It was agreed to ask the handyperson to start the painting and groundwork.

Details of further repairs needed to be discussed at the next meeting along with the proposals for installation of safety matting when finances allow.

Burial Charges:

It was unanimously decided to increase burial charges.

All costs were increased by £10.00. A charge of £25 was also to be implemented for Headstones.

Next Council Meeting 5th. June 7.30pm at the Coffee Tavern

A full copy of the minutes can be viewed on www.eatonbray.com/council. Or can be obtained from the Clerk; Mr. H.E.Bird, 8 Gardners Close, Dunstable, Beds. LU6 2AJ.

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As usual, we will also have our **BIG** raffle prize, and will be selling tickets in the Clinic and on the day. Monies raised will again be going to the Fete Charities.

However, getting to the point of the article, we want to give all you Fetters out there some free advice **now**, so you can protect yourself from injury on the day.

Loading/unloading cars – If you've got a boot full of stuff for the day, take care to distribute the load in lots of small boxes/bags. Try to even up the loads, but if you have heavier items, make sure that they are put in last, so that you don't have to reach into the boot to pull them out. Repetitive and heavy loading place the spine at risk. Minimise this by keeping the loads light and getting plenty of help.

On lifting from the car - bending from the hip rather than the back, keeping your tummy in and not twisting round with a load but walking round with your feet are best ideas.

Lifting from the floor – bend your knees, keep your tummy in and lift close to you. If possible do lift in 2 stages, with something to place the load on ½ way. Again don't twist from the waist, walk round.

Footwear – we may well all be dressed as film stars on the day, but do consider those poor feet; sensible footwear should be the order of the day, preferably with some arch support – difficult if you are Jessica Rabbit! However, this will also protect your back. Let's hope it's not welly weather because these are not very good for helping one retain a good posture.

Standing – It's a long day and many of us will be up on our pins for many more hours than we are used to, and this can lead to aches and pains, backs being especially vulnerable.

This is because, as we stand still, our postural muscles are working hard to retain our correct alignment. If most of your day is spent sitting, this is going to be quite an athletic event and the postural muscles will tire rapidly, leading to a sagging posture, creating tension spots in the low back and neck. Most commonly, backache, legache, neckache and headaches can easily ensue.

To help, *think tall*, pull in those lower tummies, wear decent footwear (see above), have breaks from standing, sit down (in a good position), a change is as good as a rest. Also get lots of help on your stand, so that you can have a stroll round and enjoy the day too.

I hope these tips are useful and help to keep all Fetters in excellent nick, so that we can all raise lots of money on the day for all the very good causes out there.

See you there – our Podiatrist and new Paediatric Physio will also be with us.

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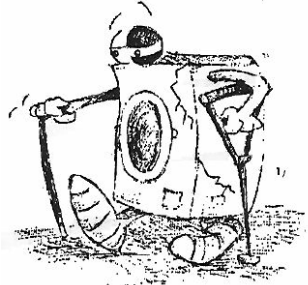
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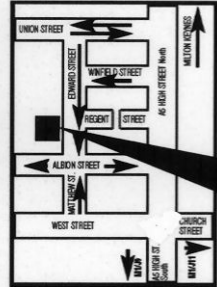


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Sun. 4th June	9.00 am	Eucharist
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
Thu. 8th June	7.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun. 11th June	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Sung Eucharist
Sun. 18th June	9.00 am	Eucharist
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Sun. 25th June	10.30 am	Family Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer



Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am.



Eaton Bray Lower School

Head Mrs. S. Hounslow

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First session, Friday, 9th June in School at 1.30

Mrs S Hounslow

Head

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Sunday

Sunday School	9.45am
Morning Service	11.00am
Evening Service	6.00pm

Monday

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Wednesday

Home League (Ladies Meeting) 2.30pm

Thursday

Young Ladies Fellowship
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Friday

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EATON BRAY LIONS A.F.C. END OF SEASON REPORT 2005/2006

The final matches of the season were played in early May and the team managers have written end of season reports.

Under 9 Boys

This is the 2nd year the team have been together and on the whole another quite successful season. This year we took on 4 more players, so have had a big squad to choose from. We played in Div 2, after just missing out on qualification to Div 1. Our final league position was 5th out of 10 with a record of won 8, lost 9 and drawn 1. All the boys have played to the best of their ability, and we certainly have been involved in some great matches. I would like to thank all 15 boys for their commitment throughout the season, as well as the brilliant support from all our parents. All I can say now is that we are looking forward to September when it all starts again.

Adrian Bush – Manager 01525 222469

Under 10 Boys

The U10's played in Division 1 of the Chiltern Junior Sevens League which comprised 40 teams overall and four divisions. It was thus a superb achievement to finish second in the top division for the third consecutive season. Not only that, but we reached the Cup Final (where we were Cup holders) but sadly lost to Hitchin Town.

We may increase to two teams next season in the final year of 7-a-side or instead go straight to 11-a-side. We do need just 3 more players to achieve either option, so any year 5 boys (2005-6) who are interested would be most welcome. Please contact manager, Tim Sanders, via e-mail (tim.26sanders@virgin.net).

Under 12 Girls

Our first season as EB Lions only girls side, has been an exciting new challenge. We have come up against highly experienced sides and another start up team like ourselves, with mixed fortunes. Our high spot of the season was a thrilling 5-4 home victory over the then League leaders Leighton Utd with what seemed like most of the village watching and cheering us on. We finished 3rd place in our small League with the two more experienced and bigger clubs above us. At the end of the season, we can say we have learned a lot, improved considerably and can look forward to the new season with plenty of confidence. Not at all bad for a team of girls that had never played football before!

The team are looking for 2 or 3 new players for next season. Players need to have been born between 1.9.93 and 31.8.95. Any girls who are interested should contact manager, Julie Fox, via e-mail (julieafox@yahoo.co.uk) giving name, phone number, e-mail address, date of birth and details of any footballing experience.

Under 12 Boys

This was our first season at 11-a-side and the team benefited from a hectic pre-season schedule to help us get to grips with the offside rule. A superb early run of results saw us top of the league after the first third of the season, but once again we showed inconsistency with poor results mid-season. Later we gained some great away wins and signed off with a home win which secured us a mid-table finish (7th in Division 4 of the Chiltern Youth League). This was a great achievement for our first season at 11-a-side considering our squad size and catchment area.

Vince Moriarty - Manager

Under 14 Boys

We started off strongly, winning our first match against Kempston Raiders. During the season we had a huge win against Bedford Grasshoppers and wins against Houghton Wanderers and Limbury Saints. The matches we lost were usually very close and we also drew two matches. We were encouraged to see how closely fought the matches were this year and have great hopes for next season. Unfortunately the attitude, enjoyment, ability and commitment of the boys was not reflected in their league position (9th in Division 5 of the Chiltern Youth League).

Dave Kirkwood – Manager 01525 221917

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165	Dick Wood	£25
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I would be enormously grateful for any pledges or sponsorship towards this truly worthwhile cause (and ongoing support for all the cycling and training I shall now have to be getting into - if I look exhausted at work from now on, you will know why!!) Please don't hesitate to pop into Edlesborough Pharmacy for more information or to make a pledge whenever you are next passing.

Many thanks and wish me luck!!

Claire Davies

For those of you wishing to sponsor Claire or make a donation to help her cause, she now has a direct completely secure online sponsorship page arranged by the British Heart Foundation. If you would like to sponsor her in this way, the address is: www.bhf.org.uk/sponsor/clairedavies (with an `1' for Louisa between Claire and Davies!!) and simply follow the links as instructed. She would be grateful for any donations made as she still has a long way to go to reach the targets she needs to take part in this experience.

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We will miss you Cyril, but we will never forget you.

Marie Simmons

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Liz Warby and family would like to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers and offers of help extended to us during Bryan's illness and subsequent death. It has been a great comfort at this sad time and enormously appreciated. Special thanks to Sue and the staff at Eaton Bray Lower School, Anne, Margaret and Bridget, District Nurses, Lilian at Iain Rennie Hospice at home, Malcolm Grant for the lovely service, Shaun for his help with the music, and finally the wonderful staff at Florence Nightingale House Hospice who took such kind and loving care of Bryan and ourselves during his last weeks. Thank you again to everyone and Bryan will be very sadly missed by us all. Liz Warby and family.

Bedfordshire Church Trail

The next Church Trail event at St Mary's Eaton Bray takes place on Sunday 4th June, with a talk on the History of the Manor of Eaton Bray, starting at 1066 with the arrival of the Normans up until the dissolution of the monasteries. The talk will include information about Reginald Bray (Lord of the Manor), a national figure with connections to St. Georges chapel Windsor amongst other places. After the talk there will be an opportunity to walk around the church talking about the interesting features as well as the history of the building up to the present day.

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On at Leighton Buzzard Theatre (above the library). Tickets only £8, concessions £6.50. Tickets on sale now. Don't miss out on this hilarious show!

Public Meets the Parish Council

In response to the village folk who visited us on April 8th we can advise on the following subjects.

Traffic Calming - We are holding an open public evening in July - see Focus and posters on notice boards for dates

Parking Wallace Drive - advice sought from Bedfordshire Highways

Water Mains - now repaired.

Nuisance Youths - Police at the end of May have the authority to move these people on. If you have a problem please call PC Neville Johnson on 01582 473418 or 07768 177719

Hedges - to be investigated.

Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Vicar: Canon Malcolm Grant - The Vicarage, 11 High Street, Eaton Bray - Tel: 01525 220261

Hon. Assistant Priest: The Revd John Heffer, 35 Pebblemoor, Edlesborough - Tel: 01525 220618

“The church has been here for 800 years”, people sometimes tell me, and one of the great features of English life is the presence of the parish church at the heart of the village. It’s one of the things we take for granted, and, of course, everyone assumes that it always will be.

One of the great privileges of being a *parish* church is that of being available to the whole community –for baptisms, weddings and funerals, as the focus of local commemorations and celebrations, and simply to be open day by day for those who want space to be quiet, to think or to pray. Your parish church stands firmly in that tradition – it is the church for everyone in the community.

What people often forget is that the parish church continues to be there only because of the generosity of those who support it. Have you ever wondered what it costs to keep the church open with a full-time resident Vicar? Last year the cost was £75,000, all of which was raised from the gifts of regular and occasional worshippers. There are no government grants, and no money from central church funds to keep our church going, and only a very small proportion of these costs come from fees charged for weddings and funerals, and from ancient land rents. The church is here today because of the generosity of its regular congregation and well-wishers in the local community. Archbishop William Temple once said that “the Church is the only organization which exists principally for the benefit of non-members”, and the financial support of the parish church is an excellent demonstration of this. Many people who are glad to use the church forget what they owe to those who have ensured its preservation down the years.

You will have noticed the scaffolding around the church roof - this is the outward sign of serious decay in the roof timbers and the need to replace all the lead, which will require us to find more than £70,000 more in the coming months. Over the past five years over £185,000 has been spent on church repairs and improvements, all of which has been raised locally. Each year the Fabric Fund benefits from half the profits from St Mary’s Village Carnival, but this year we need to raise much more than that. There will be events throughout the summer to raise money for the church – and we hope that the whole community will support the regular congregation in this work to ensure the future of our church for the whole community.

Our thanks are due to all those whose regular generosity keeps the church running week by week, and to the wider fellowship of supporters who give to preserve the fabric of St Mary’s. We appreciate all the support we receive.

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From the Parish Registers

Baptisms – *“Brought to new birth in the family of the Church”*

23 April	Charlie John Sampson Luke David Sampson
29 April	Bethany Mary Anne Baker Benjamin Laurence Charles Baker
7 May	Tony Reuben Billy Price Leonard Kevin Bill Price



Confirmation – *“May they daily increase in your Holy Spirit”*

30 April – Confirmed by the Bishop of St Albans at St Leonard’s, Heath and Reach
Deirdrea Ann Ellins

Weddings – *“To love and to cherish till death us do part”*

6 May Paul Benjamin Holder & Eleanor Lucy Middleton

Funerals – *“Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest”*

27 April Bryan John Griffiths of Northall Road, Eaton Bray
28 April Beatrice Ivy Hawkes of Cantilupe Close, Eaton Bray
9 May Margaret Webb of Nelson Road, Dagnall

Services at St Mary's Church

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 Thursday: 7.30pm - Eucharist (**on 2nd Thursday at All Saints', Dagnall**)
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Eaton Bray Pre School Playgroup

The Playgroup welcomed the Ofsted Inspection by Margaret Coyne on 29th March and we are happy to confirm that Ms Coyne has provided a glowing report.

The purpose of inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality of childcare and this is done by measuring against five criteria. These are Helping children to be healthy, Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them to stay safe, Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do, Helping children make a positive contribution, and finally Organisation.

Ms Coyle found all aspects of the provision were strong, and rated each section as good, and that overall the quality and standards of the care are good.

The topic for this half-term is 'Health and Hygiene', and with the summer approaching we shall be encouraging the children to 'slip slap slop' (t-shirt, hat and sun cream!). Healthy foods and drinks will be enjoyed, and we shall have fun playing with water safely.

If you would like to visit the playgroup, or discuss the Ofsted inspection please contact Playgroup leader Cindy on 07773 095624.

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OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 11 June

12 - 6pm



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St Mary's Parish Project 2006**

Eaton Bray Village Hall

Admission: adults £3, children free

**Tickets £2.50 in advance
from St Mary's on
Sunday 4 June at 11.15 am**

Open Gardens – 11 June

Please come along and support the inaugural village Open Gardens event on the afternoon of Sunday 11 June – 12 to 6pm. Tickets for adults, price £3, will be available from 11.30 on the day from Eaton Bray Village Hall where there will also be parking, refreshments and stalls. Alternatively you can get tickets in advance from Gordon Gray or Sally Taylor or from St Mary's church at 11.15 on Sunday 4 June.

Ten gardens will be open to the public during the afternoon, six are located within a few hundred yards of St Mary's church; of the remaining four two are on the outskirts of Eaton Bray and two in Northall. In addition, it is hoped that we will have permission from the Parish Council for access to an allotment garden in Edlesborough. The gardens range from small plots to plots of several acres – you will see a range of garden features from

traditional herbaceous and perennial borders to more unusual scree gardens, lakes and woodland and the occasional 'secret' garden.

Refreshments, toilets and plant sales are located at the Village Hall but will also be found at some of the gardens you will visit. Wheelchair access is available at most of the gardens. We would be grateful for donations of plants or cakes, brought to the Hall on the day.

A walk and cycle route taking in all ten gardens will be available from the Village Hall during the event. We do hope many of you will take advantage of these to explore the local countryside.

All the money raised by the event will go to St Mary's Parish Project for 2006 - Kagando Hospital in Uganda. No doubt many of you will by now be familiar with Rebecca Baldock's letters in Focus from there. The needs at the hospital are enormous but the intention will be to use money donated to procure intensive care equipment and beds.

Hopefully this event will become an annual event in the village calendar. Do come along and support us and pray for good weather.

Northall and District Age Concern

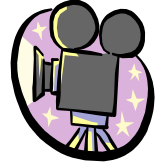
'Friday night is music night' is a very well known expression. On Friday 28th April Len Rawle, international theatre organist, proved it to be absolutely true. He played his fabulous Yamaha H58 electronic organ to a packed house at Eaton Bray Methodist Church and what a superb evening it was. The original idea for the whole event came from Maurice Sanders, a lifelong Eaton Bray resident and an active member of Eaton Bray Methodist Church and Northall and District Age Concern, who are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. The proceeds of the evening have been shared between both organisations.

Northall and District Age Concern members aim to enjoy themselves each Wednesday, to forget about aches and pains for a little while, to spend time with other people and eat tasty freshly cooked meals. If you are on your own and a little bit lonely why not come along and try us out. {Most of our members tell us they wish they had joined sooner!}

The only thing we ask is that you are over 70 and live within the area served by Focus.

If you are interested and want to know more, please ring Helen - 221137

Make our Carnival a Box Office Hit! Saturday 1st July



The Big Parade

Make sure you don't miss our village carnival on Saturday 1st July! Even if you are not in a local organisation which has booked a float for the carnival procession, you can still be part of the big parade. Why not get together with your neighbours and have a float for your street? For information about the parade, please call Gordon Gray on 01525 220136. We also want lots of people to get dressed up and join in the parade on foot – so start looking out your costume for our Film Theme now so that we have a procession full of movie stars!

Best Dressed House

Once again, thanks to the Leighton Buzzard Observer, we will have a Best Dressed House competition. We have had some excellent competitors in recent years and would love to have some more village homes turned into film theme scenes this July.

Carnival Goods Collection Day

New this year, we have a special carnival Goods Collection Day to help you to get those donated items handed in with ease. If you have goods to donate, please bring them to Eaton Bray village hall on Sunday 11 June from 12.00 noon – 3.00pm. We are happy to receive unwanted gifts, books, plants, white elephant items, home baking (which can be frozen) and plants. What a great opportunity to clear out your clutter and help our carnival! But please, no junk or bulky furniture.

Clarabelle the Panto Cow's special advance visit

This year, we are privileged to have an advance visit to the village by Clarabelle, our tame pantomime cow – (all the way from Clowns fancy dress store in Dunstable) for the weekend of 10 and 11 June. Clarabelle will be helping to promote the carnival – so look out for her round the village shops on Saturday 10 June and at Eaton Bray village Hall on Sunday 11 June our goods collection day. You will have a chance to enter the special competition for Clarabelle's hugely popular performance on the green at the carnival. She will also be helping to sell tickets for our wonderful raffle which has some fantastic prizes.

Helpers wanted!

We know St Mary's village Carnival is one of the biggest and best across Beds and Bucks – but that is only because of the generosity and sheer hard work of many people and we can never have too many helpers. We really want more helpers for Friday evening – 30th June, with setting up the green on Saturday morning, or for a short spell helping on a stall. Please contact Peter Bennett 01525 225284. Most importantly though, make sure you come to the carnival with your friends and family for a fantastic day out on July 1st.

Get full details about the carnival on our website:
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Edlesborough Parish Council - Chairman's Report to the Annual parish Meeting held on 20th April 2006

My report covers the period May 2005 - April 2006

First and foremost I would like to introduce your Parish Council and explain how they contribute to the running of your Parish. Northall Ward. Cllr Kevin Cabbage, Kevin is the Vice Chairman of the PC and the whiz kid behind our website www.edlesborough.gov.uk now in its very successful 3rd year, Kevin assists our Clerk if needs be with the accounts and is on the GPC. Cllr Phil Conacher. Phil is responsible for planning in Northall and represents the Council in community events. Edlesborough Ward. Cllrs John Wilkinson, David Brown, Marilyn Pryce-Jones, Julie Ratheram and Steve Munday. John is responsible for planning in Edlesborough he also represents the council on several committees, including the GPC and deals with Luton Airport Issues. David is Chair of the GPC and Marilyn is his deputy they also help with community events along with Julie and Steve. Dagnall Ward. We sadly said goodbye to Cllr Geoff Spencer after many years service. His replacement is Cllr Karen Coppen, Karen is responsible for planning in Dagnall and is taking a leading role in the Parish Plan, I also represent Dagnall on the GPC. I would also like to mention our County Councilor April Davies and District Councilor Pauline Hannelly both these ladies work tirelessly on our behalf, and finally our Clerk Mrs Lin Sargeant who deals with all phone calls, correspondence, burials and the everyday running of the Council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their help, support and contribution to the smooth running of our Parish.

Committees

The General Purposes Committee chaired by Cllr David Brown continues to do sterling work, responsible for making decisions on the Churchyard/Cemetery, Memorial Hall, allotments, lighting and open spaces, thus reducing the time spent in full council when these decisions are ratified. Some of their decisions will be commented on later in my report.

Aylesbury Vale Local Committee. These meetings are run by Bucks C.C. and cover all issues that are dealt with by them and give Parish Councils an opportunity to have their say on local issues Cllr John Wilkinson attends these meetings on our behalf. John has already raised many issues of concern and tabled questions for discussion in Open Forum.

Parish Plan. This is a project we tried a few years ago but unfortunately had to shelve due to lack of funding. I am pleased to report that we have revisited this important project with Karen, assisted by Kevin, at the helm. Funding has been secured and all associations and groups in the parish have been invited to participate, we have had a very good response. A meeting will shortly be arranged to plan our next step forward.

Churchyard/Cemetery

The Remembrance Day Service was very successful. For the first time pedestrians were directed up onto the bank at the rear of the war memorial, this certainly was much safer for everyone involved, worries that people on the bank would not be able to hear the service were proved unfounded, this arrangement will certainly be used again. The work has now been completed on the Chancel roof just in time for the Easter Day evening service held there. Discussions are still taking place with the Church Conservation Trust. CCT will prepare Technical Architectural reports with a possibility of altering the approach to the Church via the zig zag path at the rear of the Church and most importantly the Cemetery access. Cremated ashes can now be buried within existing graves if the families so wish. Burial and interment fees have been increased in line with other cemetery's in the area, a list of the fees can be found on our website.

Allotments

Allotments throughout the Parish continue to be well used; there are still plots available in all three villages. Permission has been obtained for a footpath for the use of children and accompanying adults to walk through Dagnall allotments instead of along the A4146 to the school during term time, the work will be carried out and financed by Safer Routes to School. Water pipes have been

laid to Edlesborough Green Allotments by the tenants for whom we congratulate. Dagnall Gardeners Society continues to flourish, supplying everything any gardener needs, if it's not in stock they will be able to get it for you, a service used by our parishioners and many more.

Edlesborough Memorial Hall

The hall continues to be well used by a large range of local organizations. Plans for the new floor are progressing well under the watchful eye of the General Purpose Committee the cost is in the region of £20K so it needs to be right for all the users and the hall itself. All bookings for the hall can be arranged by contacting the hall bookings secretary and caretaker Mrs Sue Parker. We continued to support Dagnall and Northall halls with a donation of £1,000 each, to help with the everyday running and maintenance costs.

Edlesborough Green

The green is still the central feature of the village and continues to be used by every section of the community. The tennis club continues to flourish as does the cricket and football. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these organizations for all there good work especially with the youth of the parish. We continue to maintain all the facilities on the green to a high standard so it can be enjoyed not only by people interested in sport, but also for the dog walker, young families using the playground, or if you just wish to sit and watch the world go by, I'm sure a bench will be available. St Mary's carnival continues to use the green for their very successful annual event which raises large sums of money for local good causes and we are pleased to be able to offer this venue to the carnival committee. It was intended to erect two basketball nets, one in Dagnall, the other in Edlesborough, if you the parishioners wanted it, Dagnall's is currently being erected but unfortunately the response has been very poor in Edlesborough, so come on lads and lasses let us know by word of mouth, letter, or get your parents to write, in support, if you do not wish to lose this proposed facility.

Pavilion

The pavilion continues to be well used by the local clubs. New lockers have recently been installed and all new keys have been issued to registered users-and the key register has been set up, so if you require a key please make sure you know who the key holder is for your organization as keys will no longer be available from Mr. & Mrs Parker. The shower heads will be upgraded in the very near future continuing the on going maintenance plan.

Road Repairs

We continue to report any holes or problem areas in our parish, as do our conscientious parishioners. Highways on call have been very successful and a response is usually very swift, although Taskers Row proved to be a different matter, but I am pleased to report that thanks to Mrs Loma Cabbage's persistence supported by the Parish Council and our MP that this has now been attended to.

Traffic Calming

Yellow backing for all the 30 & 40mph signs, along with roundels painted on the road have been ordered for all accesses into our Parish. A request for costing and suitability for gates is also under consideration for the entrance to Edlesborough on the A4146 southbound from Northall. The hard standing for the school bus pick up and drop off point outside Knolls View Northall is now completed. We continue to investigate all forms of traffic calming for the High Street in Edlesborough but this is proving quite a difficult task due to all the regulations involved. We have requested the Speed Limit Revue Committee, to extend the speed limit through Northall, northerly, to Slapton turn. We have also requested that the 40mph limit in Northall be reduced to 30mph., but this decision has unfortunately been delayed by County until 2008. The criteria for Vehicle Activated Signs are being investigated for various sites within our parish and we continue to support our schools via the Safer Routes to Schools scheme.

Footpaths/PPP Scheme

Mr. & Mrs Webster are no longer our PPP representatives but we thank them for the many years they gave to walking and reporting any problems on our footpaths. The new PPP representatives

are Mr. & Mrs Thomas and a big thank you to them for taking on this important roll of keeping our footpaths open. Reported repairs necessary etc. continue to be carried out By Buck CC and The Chiltern Society. If we carry out any works we are reimbursed through the PPP scheme.

Rubbish Dumping

When reported, Aylesbury Vale D.C. continues to react quickly, removing large items of rubbish dumped in our hedgerows and gateways. The freighter service which allows you to remove difficult to dispose of rubbish twice a year, continues to be well used, larger items can be collected from your households by AVDC for a small charge. Unfortunately rubbish is still been emptied in our car parks and left around the green by uncaring people, we no longer have the three ladies who kindly gave their time to keeping our open spaces litter free, they unfortunately resigned at Christmas after many years of dedicated litter picks, although we notice someone is still clearing certain areas. Your efforts didn't go unnoticed ladies so thanks again to Gill Sue and Julie.

Dog Bins

We continue to support the dog bin emptying scheme at a cost of £4,000.00 per annum but we feel this is money well spent. To be able to enjoy our open spaces without having to check where we're walking is certainly a bonus, thankfully the majority of our dog owners are responsible and caring people who make good use of this very necessary facility.

Dagnall Recreation Ground Access Path (Gaddesden Walk)

Discussions are still taking place with safer routes to schools, BABTIE and the PC with regard to the best way forward for this project. Safety is the prime factor and it's proving quite difficult to find a suitable SAFE crossing, The path will not be opened until this is in place.

106 Agreement Dagnall.

All the legal papers have been signed for the monies to be spent on a multi purpose recreational track which will be installed on Dagnall's recreation ground. The monies become due to the council when building commences.

Police Matters

Our Community Police Officer PC Rob Barker joined us during the year and what a difference he has made to our Parish, he along with his colleagues has brought a visible Police presence to our villages especially in Edlesborough. Parking tickets have been issued and speed checks have taken place in the High Street, late night checks have also taken place. Speed checks have also taken place outside Dagnall School. PC Barker suggested to the Parish Council the possibility of a PCSO in our village might help put a stop to our increasing and very expensive low level crime problem. Although our crime wasn't problematic enough to warrant a funded PCSO we did qualify for a part funded officer, we duly took up this suggestion in conjunction with Pitstone and Ivinghoe and I can confirm recruitment has taken place and we will have our own officer in the summer.

Community Events

We continued to have stalls at the Dagnall Fete, St Mary's Carnival and we were present at the Christmas Fayre where we received various comments on what you think we should or should not be doing as a PC on your behalf, all these suggestions are taken onboard. In the coming year we will again be in attendance at the village functions with lots of new ideas so we look forward to seeing you there. This concludes my report.

Anne Thompson

Chairman Edlesborough Parish Council

Anna Lisa

Would Anna Lisa please phone me again on 221733 re the bubble wrap as it would be very useful. Unfortunately the message cut off before your phone number was recorded. Many thanks Sally

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Dagnall News

Dagnall Village Hall

Dagnall Village Fete - 2006

The fete took place between on May 20th between 12.30 and 4.00 pm, on the recreation ground. Report next month.

Dagnall Church

Our recent coffee morning raised £372.80 - the main benefactor being the church extension fund, with 10% going towards the Kagando project in SW Uganda (our church project for 2006).

We would like to thank all those who volunteered their press-gang services for our Ironing Day again on Saturday May 6th at All Saints' Church. It made a great difference to speed and quantity of work having 3 super steam machines (and operatives) on the go. We raised £276 which will be divided between the church extension project (main benefactor), and with 10% going towards the Kagando Hospital (SW Uganda. Well done, everyone! PS There will be another ironing day in the autumn - watch this space!

Advance notice of our notorious Ploughman's Lunches on July 15th. As work is soon to commence on our long awaited extension these will be served at Dagnall Village Hall, 12 - 2pm.

Over 60's

Our meeting on April 25th was well attended when members fully appreciated the concert provided by the Glebe Entertainers.

As these notes are written we look forward to our trip to the Houses of Parliament in May which is fully subscribed.

It was agreed in committee that the Ploughman's Lunch on June 20th would be free of charge to members, the costs being covered from within our funds.

We are planning a trip on November 27th to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular. Whilst priority will be given to Over 60's members it is possible that we will have vacancies for interested non-members. Please ask for details from the chairman on 01441 842048.

Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning

The draw for a quilt with a Coffee Morning theme, hand-made by Sue Knight of Hemel took place on May 12th at 2, Dunstable Road, Dagnall. A fantastic £665 was raised for the Alison White Memorial Fund for Leukemia Research. Thanks to all who contributed prizes and all who bought and sold tickets.

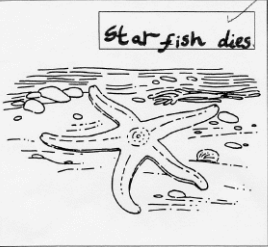
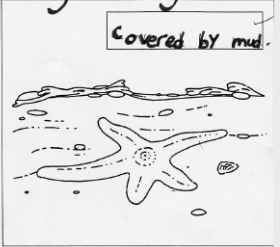
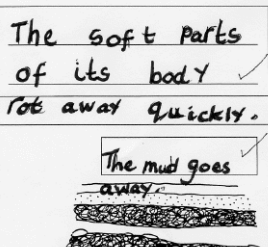
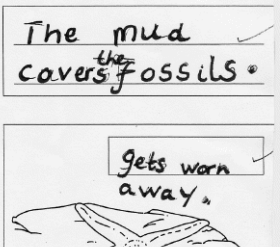
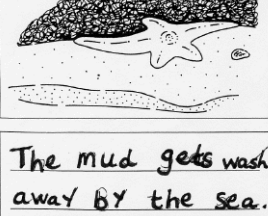
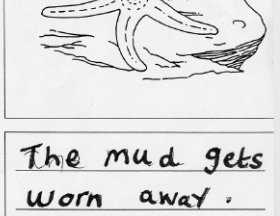
Dagnall Playgroup

We still have a vacancy for a playgroup leader. Please see separate advert.

Dagnall School

Here are some pieces of work that Robins have been doing on Fossils →

Robins have been learning about fossils

<p>Star fish dies</p> 	<p>Covered by mud</p> 
<p>The soft parts of its body rot away quickly.</p> 	<p>The mud covers the fossils.</p> 
<p>The mud goes away</p> 	<p>gets worn away.</p> 
<p>The mud gets washed away by the sea.</p>	<p>The mud gets worn away.</p>



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FRIENDS not FOES!

As many of you already know Friends of Edlesborough School (FOES) is the name of our Parent Teacher Association. The team consists of a committee of parents and a member of staff who meet regularly to organise a huge range of activities for the children, parents and the village. Over the last few months there has been a Christmas Fayre, children's and adults' discos, hot dog lunch, Whipsnade Round Table Ball, Penny Pot collections to boost our range of books, the sale of bedding plants, the Circus and the Football Tournament. Before the term has ended they will have also been involved in the Pavement Artist Competition, ice cream day, the School Fete and the Village Fete. Phew!!!! At this point we should pause for breath!

As a school we benefit enormously from all of their hard work through the social side of the events and through the fund raising. Children are given their first opportunity to dress up and enjoy a disco. At all children's events there are activities which involve participation, making, competing, sharing and of course laughing and having a really good time. The financial proceeds are used to purchase books and equipment which benefits everyone and which we simply would not be able to afford without FOES.

As with all voluntary organisations there are always a few people who devote a huge amount of time to ensure that everything is 'alright on the day.' these are the backbone to the success. They organise, cajole, worry and lose sleep over each event. Without them FOES would not be so successful!

So, from the children and staff of Edlesborough School, 'THANK YOU' to everyone who generously supports our events, 'THANK YOU' to the people who help occasionally and a very BIG THANK YOU to that small group of people who are always there, who are the backbone of FOES.

Janet Hatfield (Headteacher)

Eaton Bray Cricket Club

Winners - May 2006

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£10	Julia Sandifer	No 49

Eaton Bray Cricket Club is kindly sponsored by F.A. Hawkins and M & M Properties.



Mothers Union Eaton Bray with Edlesborough

We met at the Coffee Tavern on Wednesday 12th April, and began our meeting with prayers which were led by Deirdrea.

A letter was received from Mrs Eileen Smith, the Diocesan President, thanking members who had attended the Lady Day Service at St Alban's Abbey, she also gave the result of a project, launched earlier, which had been called "buckets of love" in which small change was collected. The total was £6,085 which was being sent to M.U Workers Overseas.

Our speaker was unfortunately unable to come, due to a bereavement, and Dierdrea very kindly stepped into the breach, and showed us how to decorate hats and make Easter table centres. She brought lots of chicks (some with tennis racquets) and various things ribbons etc, which could be used for decoration.

After the hats had been judged, and the residue cleared away, the table was then filled with goodies (thanks to June) to have with our tea or coffee. The main cake was circled with miniature Easter Eggs. So we all had an Easter egg. It was all very pleasant and a nice start to the Easter weekend.

We closed at 4 pm with the grace.

New members would be welcomed.

Marjorie Cook

Edlesborough

Parish Council Meetings

3rd Thursday of every month

7.30pm Memorial Hall

Next meeting: Thursday 15th June 2006

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Minutes of the Eaton Bray Annual Parish Meeting

Held 8th May 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

Public Open Forum:

3 residents of the parish were present.

Mr Willis a resident of Medley Close asked about the possibility of a stair lift at the Coffee Tavern, he was advised that this is being looked into with regard to fire safety, and costs involved, and that a decision would be made soon.

Neville Johnson the Community Police liaison officer then addressed the meeting:

He advised that his job is to liaise with the PC to help solve problems within the Village.

Since his last report in February 32 offences had been reported.

Nuisance youths were still a problem, but after a report submitted by him to SBDC a dispersal order for the whole year will soon be coming into force.

This will enable the Police to arrest youths if they persist in anti social behaviour.

A recent Environmental Action Day which involved the Police, Fire Service and the District Council had positive results.

After a recent spate of burglaries crime reduction packages were given to several residents.

The Chairman thanked Neville for his continued excellent support.

Mrs Griffiths asked the PC why it seemed that only negative comments were published in Focus Magazine.

The Councillors felt that usually residents only attended the meetings with complaints so these had to be reported, and they would be happy for any interested residents to attend and provide a summary for Focus.

They then replied that these comments would be further discussed.

Traffic Calming:

The cost of speed indicators is being further investigated by Cllrs Beal & Marriage who have spent a great deal of time on this.

Policing Levels:

The level of Policing in the Village is excellent with all problems reported investigated speedily. Residents are advised that they should report all problems however small and ask for an incident number to ensure that these levels do not fall.

Rye Sports Pitch Verti- Draining:

Cllr Marriage will liaise with the Sports and Social Club and ascertain when this will need to be undertaken.

The Rye/ Totternhoe Road Junction:

An application for funding to improve this area was made to Rotary Environmental Awards, unfortunately this was unsuccessful but alternative ways to fund this will be considered.

Property in Church Lane:

The building materials from this property stored on the Meads Allotments have now been removed.

Invoice for dog bin emptying:

No invoice has been received to date.

Projects completed and ongoing:

- 1 The Rye car park barrier is now in place.
- 2 Litter bins Wallace Drive and The High Street in place.
- 3 Public meets the PC has been encouraging these will continue 3 times a year.
- 4 Traffic Calming is ongoing the PC look at this monthly and are continuing to look at

measures to improve this.

5 21 Allotments are now occupied out of 26; the installation of a new water tank has helped.

ACCOUNTS:

Cllr Tribbick has put a lot of work into finalising these and the Councillors had been issued with copies for review.

Cllr Tribbick will complete the annual return form with the help of Cllrs Beal & Marriage.

The balance in the bank looked high, but play areas which were recently inspected in line with safety regulations needed a large sum spent on safety matting.

The Coffee Tavern gives a small profit annually so therefore this will be utilised by redecorating the building and checking the roof flashing.

No questions were asked with regard to these accounts.

Cllr Beal thanked all for their attendance and support.

Former Eaton Bray Lions Team

Village footballers from Eaton Bray won another League title this year and were unbeaten all season. The former Eaton Bray Lions team who now play for Leighton United U11's won the Chiltern Youth league and only conceded 11 goals all season this was the best record in all the chiltern leagues at all age groups. The Team had the following players from the village Ali Thorne, Callum Maxwell, Luke Reddington, Charlie Tickell, Josh Thompson, Seamus Ray and Alex Ellis.

Luke Reddington and Ali Thorne also won awards at the Leighton United Presentation Evening for their outstanding performances this season.

Oliver Maxwell from Moor End Eaton Bray has been signed by Luton Town Football Club for a second season .This year he has played against teams from Chelsea, Watford, Reading and Portsmouth. This has been a very hard season playing in this standard of football but Ollie has played very well to earn another year.

Eaton Bray Under 5`s

The Under 5`s meet every Wednesday in term time between 1.15pm and 3.00pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall and is run by a qualified Play Leader.

Babies and children under 5, Parents, Carers and Grandparents are welcome to come and join in the fun.

There is a baby play area, a general play area including a kitchen and washing machine, craft table and ride ons and the tunnel and lots more. We have introduced a reading area and hope to introduce a couple of group activities with a large ball that the children can roll and a parachute.

So far this term children have made a flower collage, number pictures, crowns and Victorian style hats. We plan to make mobile telephones (silent ones), a gift for Fathers Day and a cat in a box.

In the next issue we hope to have details of our summer picnics so watch this space.

We are planning a sale of babies and children`s toys in the near future so please watch out for the notices if you want a few bargains.

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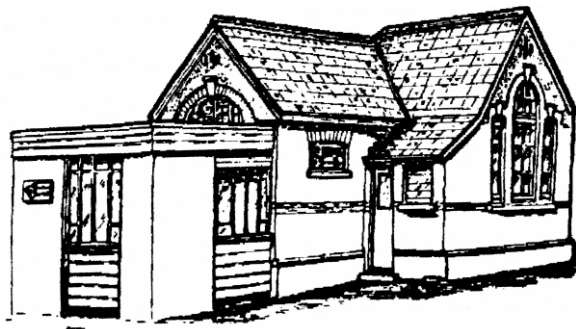
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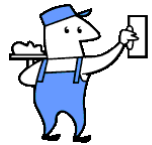
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Midsummer Month.

"O June, O June, that we desired so,
Wilt thou not make us happy on this day?
Across the river thy soft breezes blow
Sweet with the scent of bean-fields far away
Above our heads rustle aspens grey.
Calm is the sky with harmless clouds beset.
No thought of storm the morning vexes yet."



Wm. Morris.

Summer - the constant hum of bees - butterflies - chirping grasshoppers - hedges are jewelled with wild roses and the cream coloured corymbs gleam on the elder bushes. My dad used to say that "summer is never established until the elder is in flower and that it ends when the berries are ripe."

Young birds are on the wing, although some are still busy with their domestic affairs. Mayflies dance over their stretch of water, and dragon-flies are like coloured fairy aeroplanes in the summer sunshine.

Thinking back to childhood, the long 'double-summertime' days were full of gentle pursuits; when we had finished our daily chores, cleaning and feeding the rabbits, corn to the chickens, peelings cooked and mixed into their bran mash; our moods seemed to match the days. A jaunt to pick wild flowers, or paddling in the stream; there was the rope swing affixed to the apple tree in the orchard, the see-saw, just an old plank over a fallen tree trunk; or playing house 'down the lane'. Hide and seek up and down the High Street. So few were the cars in those days that we were able to play there with marbles and bats and balls also. How different is childhood today - the talk is all about computers, discs, i-pods, mobiles, texts and e-mails. I wonder what happened to "Let's pretend".

The 23rd Psalm tells us that because of Jesus, God promises to forgive our sins. To make each one of us HIS OWN CHILD. To take away our fears of guilt and to give us eternal life.

Toki Miyashina from Japan sent us this version.....

"The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush. He makes me stop for quiet intervals of rest. He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity. He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind; His guidance is peace. Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day I will not fret; for His presence is here; His timelessness, His all important will, keep me in balance. He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity. By anointing my mind with the oils of tranquility, my cup of joyous energy overflows. Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours; for I will walk in the peace of my Lord, and dwell in His house forever."

"Here in the country's heart where the grass is green.
Life is the same sweet life as it e'er hath been.
Trust in a God still lives, and the bell at morn
Floats with a thought of God o'er the rising corn.
God comes down in the rain and the crop grows tall-
This is the country faith, and the best of all."



N.Gale

Life is a journey that we all travel - hopefully from childhood to old age - each day brings with it a new revelation. Look for it - it may be in the growth of a flower, or a child's smile, a letter in the post, a cloud formation, a thunderstorm; there is always something to thank God for. Try it.....

When summer winds upon my cheeks are breathing,
And flowers are blooming in the sunlight beams;
When over hill and vale the birds are singing,
And branching willows watch by crystal streams:
In songs of praise my heart bursts forth to sing:
O mighty God, O mighty God !



Carl Broberg.

Wills & Children

TRUSTS: You will recall from last month's FOCUS article 'Are You Missing A Trick' that excellent protection of children's interests is provided when a Discretionary Will Trust is a component of a couple's Wills, typically enabling a share of the house to be held in trust for children after the first death. Not only can over £100,000 inheritance tax be avoided, but it ensures that the surviving partner does not dissipate an estate to the detriment of any existing children e.g. the possible outcome of the survivor entering a new relationship or of liberal spending. Other Trusts include a Property Trust and a Disabled Beneficiary Trust, the latter being for the long term disabled child (or adult).

The mentioned trusts are each accepted by the Inland Revenue. A specialist solicitor, such as is available with my practice, should always be consulted.

LEGACIES: Children are the most common beneficiaries in Wills. Gifts may be monetary amounts, fixed or as a percentage of an estate or they can be individual or a collection of specified items. The children may be the parent's own children, step children or grandchildren. They can be children of others or be indirect beneficiaries through a gift to a children's charity.

Many couples will want gifts to children or grandchildren to be effective when the last of them dies. Others will choose also to gift to children on the death of the first partner. The pros and cons need to be considered carefully. Choosing the age that a child (minor) is to receive monies also needs to be considered: 18, 21, 25. It can be a percentage at different ages. The executor(s) of the estate will supervise the funds until payout day.

Step children: Step children do not benefit at all under intestacy, so being specifically mentioned in a Will is essential for them to receive any legacy.

GUARDIANS: Guardianship is the responsibility for making arrangements that best suits the welfare of children (under 18 year olds), including financial, health, education and spiritual. The Will can allow the guardians to draw on monies for the children's benefit ahead of majority. Potential guardians should be consulted prior to their inclusion in a Will.

Without a Will children without parents (orphans) are a matter for the courts. Distasteful disputes can occur over the custody of children.

COMMON LAW RELATIONSHIPS: Children left after the mother has died are, for example, not automatically the responsibility of the surviving partner. It is not uncommon for the mother's parents to claim custody. Having Wills in place stating the wishes of each parent will normally ensure the continued parenting by the surviving partner, if that is what is desired.

KEY POINT – Do not expose your children's welfare to the whims of the courts. Have your wishes recorded in your Will. A Trust, operative on the first death, is an excellent way to provide for and protect the interests of children, and avoid tax.

Next month: Wills & Probate.

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Don & Patricia Janes & family would like to thank everyone for their cards & messages of sympathy following Auntie's death just before her 99th birthday.

We have much appreciated the help of all at The Edlesborough Surgery & Pharmacy & the District Nurse Team, and on behalf of Auntie, special thanks go to Beryl and Margaret for their support in the earlier days. Life was certainly made bearable during the last difficult months by The PrimeCare "girls", they enabled us to keep our promise.

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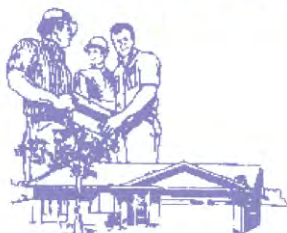
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## Becca's letter from Uganda

Hopefully you are getting used to my letters by now. My name is Rebecca Baldock and I am working as a physiotherapist on a missionary placement in Kagando Hospital, in SW Uganda, the Hospital being the Parish Project for 2006 for St Mary's Church in Eaton Bray. I know that you have an Open Gardens event on 11 June to raise money for Kagando, but more of that below.

I saw a strange sight the other day. A lady was walking through the centre of Kasese wearing just a string thong over her bottom and everyone was staring at her in disbelief. She looked really out of place - this was probably what people used to wear before Western culture interfered yet now it seems completely inappropriate. The photo is of traditional Ugandan dress (it's of one of the ladies I do play therapy with). The costume was introduced by the Victorians - they were shocked at the indecency of the locals' dress. Nowadays, it is the Ugandans who feel that Western visitors dress inappropriately - its strange how things have turned round.



I always used to wonder what I'd be doing if I was born in another culture, what my life would be like etc. Sometimes I find it hard to deal with my house help. She's the same age as me and we've become good friends, but I keep thinking that the only reason she is working for me is because of where we were born. She wanted to be a nurse, but didn't have the money to train. Instead, she trained as a nature guide, but there are no jobs unless you know someone who works there. She now wants to set up a shop, at least she will be able to achieve this by the time I've gone, if not before.

The other thing that I really find difficult is the issue of AIDS. So, so many people are affected by it here in many ways. It's strange to think of how many of my friends could be affected had we been brought up here. AIDS is such a hard thing - it could be completely wiped out here if people abstained, then remained faithful (condoms help, but they're only about 70% effective), but instead more and more people are being infected and dying. Part of this is cultural; although things are changing, women and children are often thought of as property. Until recently in this region, the more wives a man had the more respect he had; as a result there's still a lot of polygamy in the villages. This leads to a hundred and one problems, too many children to provide for, wives not equally loved and AIDS.

Another friend has a sister who is weak with AIDS. She is the same age as me and not married, yet at some point she will become the mother of four children. She will have to bring up and support these children, whilst obviously holding down a job to provide for them. The really heart wrenching thing is that so many of these women have AIDS due to their husbands unfaithfulness.

People here fear AIDS victims of the disease are often isolated in their community - even by their family at times. Despite all the education about how to stop AIDS spreading there is still a fear of catching AIDS just by being in the presence of someone with the disease yet, because people won't listen to how to stop AIDS, it continues to spread rapidly.

On a lighter note I understand you have an Open Gardens event taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> June to raise money for the hospital here. The money you donate will be used to help equip intensive care beds to enable us to monitor very sick patients closely and therefore give them better treatment. We have some beautiful flowers here but not always grown in the most sophisticated pots.

Thank you for all your prayers in recent months. I will be praying for the success of your event - it will be so important for us here.

Love Becca







## Edlesborough W.I.

Our April meeting was the annual Members' Night which, again this year, was organised by Brenda Shields assisted by a team of members. Brenda thanked the Committee for their work on behalf of the W.I., and included June Morton and Heather Lewis who set out the Memorial Hall every month. Beautiful spray orchids were given to the ladies in recognition of their efforts during the year. We were taken on a brief trip down memory lane by Brenda, who reminded us of the many and varied activities at Edlesborough W.I. Over the years. To name but a few: Scottish evenings, ploughmans' lunches, beetle drives, afternoon teas, fish and chip suppers, pancake races, rambles and quizzes - all had their special memories.

Our speaker was a lady known by everyone - Kathy Bowers, Edlesborough's Post Mistress. Kathy started by giving a short history of the Post Office from the 17th century to the present day, giving various dates such as:

- 1840 - Penny Post introduced
- 1870 - First Post Office
- 1881 - Postal Order introduced
- 1968 - Girobank started
- 1990 - Girobank sold to Alliance & Leicester

Today, the Post Office is very convenient for people who cannot get into town but, unfortunately, many offices have closed recently. Often it is not recognised quite how many services are carried out by the Post Office. Leaflets setting these out are available, and give such information as: banking on behalf of the big banks, paying bills, insurance, personal loans, saving stamps, holiday currency, gift vouchers and flowers by post.

Before she came to Edlesborough four years ago, Kathy & Nev (her husband) had worked in different fields of employment. Kathy had originally trained as a nurse, and she and Nev ran a care home for a time. Next they took on a glass decorating company, when their daughter, Claire worked with them for a while. Following this, they opened a shop in Ipswich, but decided they would like to take over a post office and shop with Claire and her husband Alan. When Edlesborough Stores came on the market they felt this was just the business they wanted. They moved in four years ago, together with William, Claire and Alan's son, and have run the shop ever since.

In thanking Kathy, Brenda said that Edlesborough Stores was a great asset to the village, to which everyone agreed. Kathy, her family and their staff run a very efficient shop, and are extremely popular with the villagers.

Tea and tasty home-made cakes followed, and Brenda and her team were thanked for a really enjoyable evening.

Val Harris



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