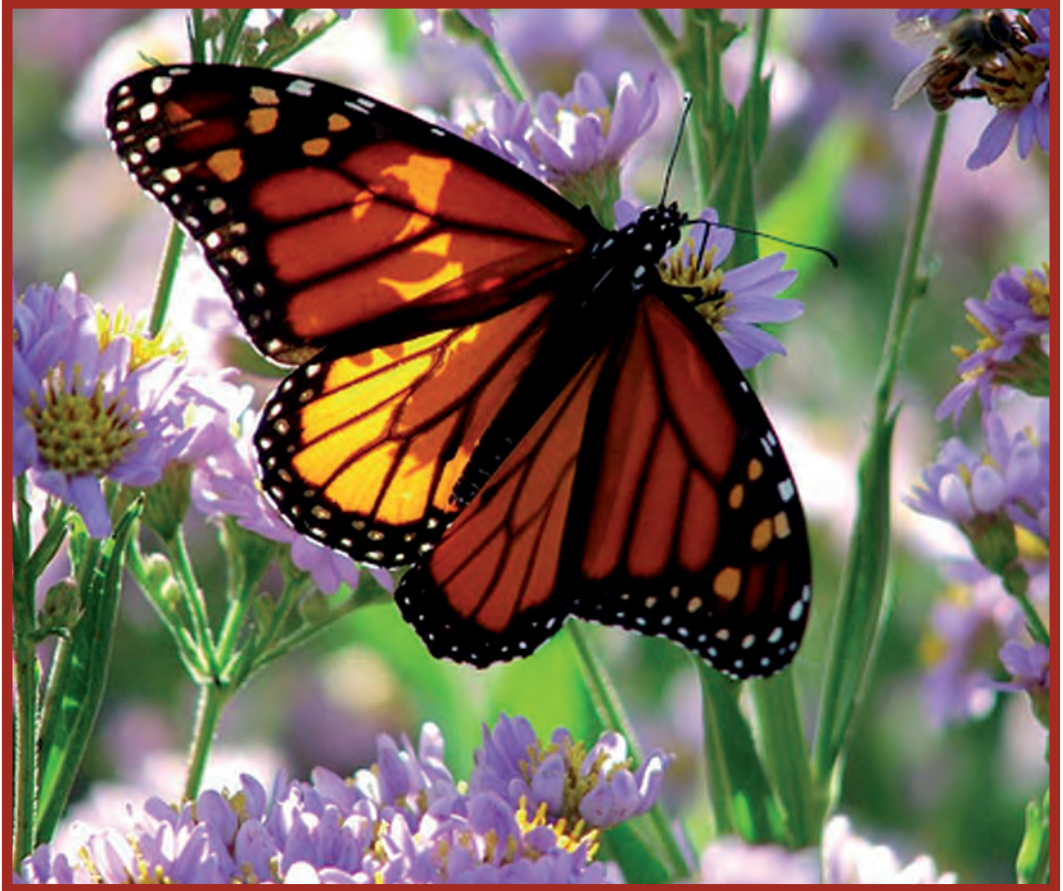


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July 2010



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**August Focus will be a joint issue for August & September.  
Don't forget to send in your August & September entries  
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**Edlesborough Memorial Hall:** Beverly Sage, Tel: 01525 229509

# Village Diaries July 2010



## Weekly

- Mon-Fri (term time) Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468
- Mon-Fri (term time) Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.30-12 noon, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
- Mon-Fri (term time) Edlesborough Under 5's Pre-School, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Sue 01525 222199
- Mon-Thu (term time) Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Ellie Deeley on 07913 529574
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, St.Giles Church Hall, Totternhoe, Lisa: 01582 412426
- Mondays (term time) 2nd Eaton Bray Brownies, girls 7- 10 years, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, 6 - 7.30pm, Sarah 01525 229194
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm
- Tuesdays Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731
- Tuesdays Baby's First Cafe (Support for Breastfeeding mums), 10.15 - 11.45 am, Pitstone Memorial Hall
- Tuesdays Pilates, 10-11am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Nicky Roussou 07861 161680
- Tuesdays Totternhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am, Totternhoe Village Hall, 07986 730922
- Tuesdays Northall Toddler Group, 9.30am-11.30am (10am-12noon Summer School Holidays Only), Northall Village Hall, Naomi 01525 376575/07977 564449
- Tuesdays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Tuesdays Yoga, Dagnall Village Hall 7.45 – 9.15pm
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's Playtime, 1:00pm - 2:45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Contact Louise on 07784 165259
- Weds Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 01582 412426
- Wednesdays Egyptian Dance Class, 7–8.30pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall. Contact: Soraya 01525 853360
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna 221996 or Julie 220153
- Wednesdays Surestart Sensory Play for under 5s, 1.30-3pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- Thurs Baby & Toddlers Group, Dagnall Village Hall, 12:45 - 2:45pm (12:15 if bringing lunch) Contact Michelle Tel 01442 842 676
- Thursdays Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm 01525 377542
- Thursdays Keep fit, 2-4pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Mrs Johnson 220304
- Thursdays Kfa Body Moves 40+, Fitness through movement, exercise & dance. 8-9pm, Edlesborough School, Pat 01582 668735
- Thursdays Baby & Toddler Group, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray, 9.30-11.30am
- Thursdays Keep Fit Edlesborough School, 8pm Tel: 01582 668735
- Thursdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Thursdays Grace Baptist Church (by the Post Office) Bible Study in the rear hall 7.30p.m.-9.00p.m. all welcome, Antony Coles, 01582 967173.
- Thursdays Karate, 7-9pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Brian Bates 07958 348086
- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576

## Village Diaries July 2010

- Saturdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Saturdays Drama Class for Children, 10.35am-12.35pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Claire Casey, 07792 508591
- Sundays Grace Baptist Church (by the Post Office) prayer time 9.30am, main meeting 11.00am-12.00pm. All welcome, Antony Coles 07848007977, 01582 967173.

### Monthly

- 1st Monday Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
- 1st Monday Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Contact Sheila Beal on 01525 221185
- 1st & 3rd Monday Knit n Stitch. 2pm-3.30pm. Coffee Tavern. Eaton Bray. Knitting, crochet & needlecraft. Tel Wendy 07908 828414. [www.wendy-poole.co.uk](http://www.wendy-poole.co.uk)
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday Dunstable & District Orbit Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
- 2nd Tuesday Toddlers' Church, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2.00pm
- 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 8.15pm Healing Service in St Mary's Church
- 2nd Thursday CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
- 3rd Thursday Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 3rd Sunday Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288

### Other Regular Events

- 4th Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club, 11.30am-5pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall. Visitors welcome
- 7th & 21st Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall 8pm
- 9th Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All Welcome
- 20th Over 60's , Ploughmans Lunch. Dagnall Village Hall 1.30pm

### One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 1st-3rd Leighton Buzzard Drama Group presents SS Farndale Avenue, 8pm, Leighton Buzzard Theatre, £8.50, Conc: £7.50, Box Office 0300 3008125
- 3rd St. Mary's Village Carnival, Edlesborough Green, 12.30pm
- 9th Northall Village Hall Trust A.G.M., 8pm, Northall Village Hall
- 10th The Grand St Mary's Duck Race, 1pm, starts at the brook between Eaton Bray and Edlesborough
- 17th Happy's Circus, 1pm, Edlesborough School, Tickets £8, children £5, 01525 220431
- 17th Face2Face Concert, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Tickets £12.50, over 60s £10, Tickets: Chriss 01525 222288
- 17th Ploughmans Lunches, 11.30am to 2 pm, All Saints Church, Dagnall
- 24th Salvation Army Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale, 10am-1pm, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray

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198	Paul Hurley	£25
179	Christine Horn	£25

Drawn on 10th June 2010 at Eaton Bray Lower School. Please direct any correspondence to Ross Bagni, 71 Bower Lane, Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, LU6 1RB, Telephone: 01525 221411.

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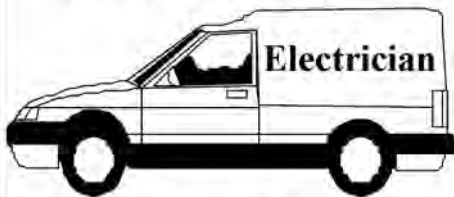
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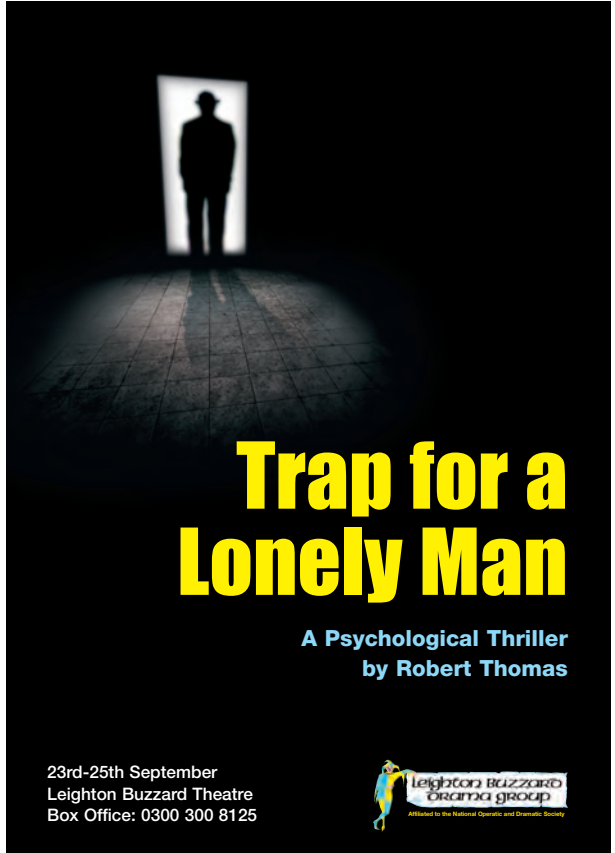
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Monday 16th August 2pm – 4.30pm

**Northall** Thursday 29th July 2pm – 4.30pm

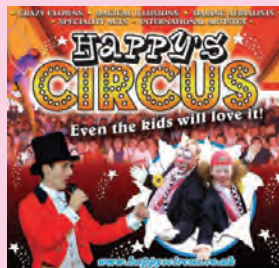
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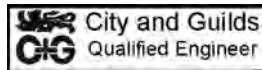
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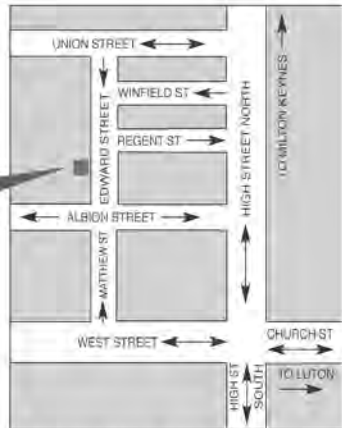
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## Dagnall News

### Over 60's

At the time of writing we are looking forward to good weather on the 15th June for our annual garden party at 3, Chestnut Close, Dagnall by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs John Yorke, for which we are very grateful. An event which is always very popular, so we are keeping our fingers crossed! hoping for sunshine.

In July we will be holding our traditional ploughman's lunch on July 20th at 1.30pm in the village hall to be followed by tea and biscuits.

These two events are usually very popular with our members.

### Dagnall School

#### Ben's New Bug Barn

Ben had a new bug barn and he caught some bugs. He was a naughty boy, he put Tarantellas down people's backs and slugs in peoples shoes.

One day the bugs escaped but they triggered the alarm. The bugs saw people but the people couldn't catch them, they found an exit to the car park.

At the corner was a school, "There you are" said Mum. She saw a school and Mum thought maybe it was time for Ben to go to school. Ben didn't even notice. He was so happy about his bugs.

On Ben's first day at school he wore a dark black jacket with three pockets and he wore a bright blue jumper.

At school Ben was mean. He put Spiders in people's hair. He put slugs in people's shoes!

Two days later Ben scares his teacher by putting horrible insects on her desk. She screamed "You horrid boy Ben!" Ben smiled as he threw the spider at her face. She screamed even louder than before "Why you horrid little boy!" she said very loudly. "You will miss the whole of play doing sums." Well then take this, and Ben threw a big bunch of slugs at her. "Right then you miss playing football for a week."

"Ok then, but you shouldn't have said that" and Ben threw two big fat slugs, three crickets and ten snails at her. And she screamed as loud as she could and five windows cracked.

When school was over Ben thought what shall I do tomorrow and he thought really hard and then he knew.

By Bruce and Cameron, Yr 2 Dagnall School

### Dagnall Community Choir

Dagnall Community Choir continues to grow and we now have a regular attendance of around 50 would be choristers meeting every Monday and more and more frequently making beautiful music together.

Our revered leader and entertainer extraordinaire, Stuart Harding, ably and tolerantly assisted by pianists James Burden and John Ralphs, is still putting us through our paces and we are steadily getting to grips with our varied repertoire.

We are now busy getting ready for our next public performance on September 25th in St. Mary's Church at Edlesborough (the one on the hill) and we look forward to that opportunity to entertain the good folk of the area and beyond.

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To celebrate it's 65th Anniversary Age Concern Bucks has been organising a year of fundraising events, including a celebration dinner on Friday 18th June, a Great Sunday Lunch at the Hardings Restaurant, Aylesbury College on 17th October, Chilterns Hills Walk and Parachute Jumps.

For more information on any of the activities this year, or to find out more about Age Concern Bucks ring 01296 431911 or contact 145 Meadowcroft, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 9HH or [www.ageconcernbucks.org.uk](http://www.ageconcernbucks.org.uk)



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	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 11th July	10.30 am	Morning Service
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Sun. 18th July	10.30 am	Family Communion
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#### **Village Freighter**

The Freighter has visited Edlesborough and Dagnall and will be at Northall Village Hall car park on Wednesday 21st July from 7.30am-11.00am. A reminder of dates for later in the year are:

**Edlesborough** Tues 23rd Nov 7.30am–11.00am in the Memorial Hall car park

**Dagnall** Thurs 18th Nov 7.30am–11.00am in Dagnall Village Hall car park

**Northall** Wed 24th Nov 12noon–3.30pm in Northall Village Hall car park

#### **Dates of Parish Council Meetings**

The date of the July Parish Council Meeting has been altered to Thursday 22nd July 2010 commencing at 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall. There will be no meeting in August.

#### **Memorial Hall & Pavilion Car Parks**

Further security measures are being discussed for these areas.

#### **Edlesborough Memorial Hall**

A new boiler system and internal decoration of the main hall will take place during the summer months.

#### **Allotments**

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#### **Edlesborough Village Sign**

The Parish Council are delighted with the Village sign for Edlesborough and convey congratulations and thanks to the EDaN 'Beautifying the Villages' team, in particular Christine Yates, who, through fund raising events, were able to organise and pay for the sign unveiled during the May Day celebrations held on Edlesborough Green.

#### **Local Area Forum Delegated Budget**

Again the Parish Council were delighted to be awarded funding to create a 'build out' and additional traffic control measures to be carried out in Dunstable Road, Dagnall. Work is anticipated to be commenced during this year. A bid has been submitted for the 2010/11 Local Area Forum Delegated Budget for funding to extend the lay-by in Brook Street, Edlesborough, coupled with the addition of cycle racks adjacent to the High Street, including a repeated request for Bus Shelters.

#### **Dagnall**

An accident has resulted in one of the streetlights on the main A4146 through Dagnall having to be cut down. A new light will be installed as soon as conveniently possible.

#### **Northall/Edlesborough**

Bucks CC have been requested to carry out works on the footpaths in Northall and between Northall and Edlesborough to cut back overgrown verges thus making the



pavements wider and more user friendly.

### **Local Transport Plan: Buckinghamshire: Connecting People & Places**

Do you care about the future of transport in Buckinghamshire?

Transport for Buckinghamshire is currently developing a new 15 year transport plan. A 12 week public consultation is being undertaken this summer (August-October) giving you the opportunity to influence transportation in Buckinghamshire towards 2026. To get involved please visit our website: [www.buckscc.gov.uk/ltp3](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/ltp3)

### **Thames Valley Police**

Thames Valley Police will, in future be attending quarterly meetings held by the Parish Council, the first being on Thursday 22nd July 2010 at 7.30pm in Edlesborough Memorial Hall. Parishioners with any issues they would like to discuss with Thames Valley Police are invited to attend the meeting.

Lin Sargeant – Clerk to Edlesborough Parish Council – Tel: 01525 220859

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

Website: [www.edlesborough.gov.uk](http://www.edlesborough.gov.uk)

**Edlesborough  
Parish Council Meetings**  
**3rd Thursday monthly**  
**7.30pm Memorial Hall**  
**Next meeting: Thurs 22nd July**  
**There is no meeting in August**

## **Edlesborough Tennis Club**

### **It's a Knockout!**

Every year we enter the South Beds Knockout Competition where tennis clubs have to show their strength and depth by entering a mens singles, ladies singles, mens doubles, ladies doubles and a mixed doubles team using eight different players. This year we were drawn against Eaton Bray Tennis Club in the first round - a real 'local derby'!

All the matches were incredibly closely-contested and played in a very competitive but friendly manner.

After 4 rubbers, the score was 2 - 2! The deciding match was the ladies singles. Representing Edlesborough for the first time was Sam Mead who had never even played in an adult league match before but managed to beat her more experienced opponent in 2 straight sets! This ensured the win for Edlesborough, 3 rubbers to 2 and a place in the semi-final to play Luton & Vauxhall Tennis Club.

Congratulations to all our players but especially to Sam who truly was the hero of the day!

Margaret Bis



## **Eaton Bray Methodist Church**

We are continuing our rotation of Sunday Services during July and August and we extend a warm welcome to you to join us. The only change to the pattern is that we are not holding our Saturday morning Cafe Community on the 2nd Saturday's during the summer.

Week 1. Traditional Worship.

Week 2. Cafe Worship. ( an informal style of Worship. )

Week 3. Communion Service.

Week 4. All Age Worship.

All Services start at 10.30am and if you wonder what it is all about come along and see.



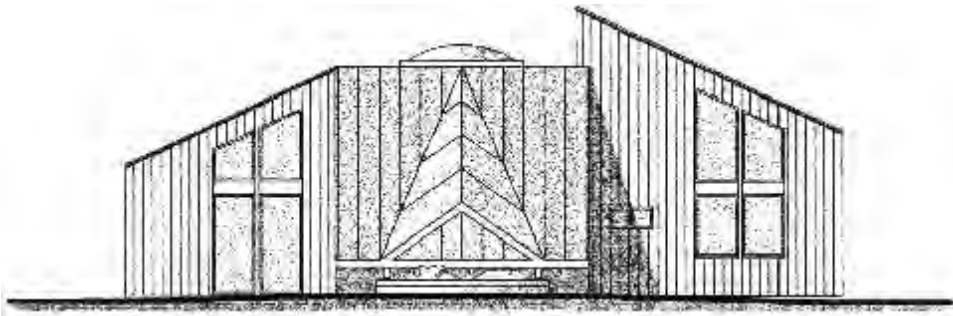
# Eaton Bray Lower School

## TOP MARKS!

*The opening paragraph from the OfSTED inspection report, after their October 2007 visit, said this about EBLs:*

"Eaton Bray Lower is an outstanding school. It modestly evaluates itself as good with some outstanding areas, but it is better than this. Its self-evaluation is correct in identifying strengths and areas for development. It provides an outstanding quality of education and care for its pupils and excellent value for money. Staff work exceptionally well in partnership with parents and the community for the benefit of all pupils. Pupils' enjoyment of school is impressive. The supportive parents are delighted with all aspects of its provision. Leadership and management are outstanding. The headteacher's vision for a school at the heart of its community is shared by the highly committed staff and excellent governors. This is set to become more firmly realised with the building of a new nursery with facilities for the local community and visiting professional from children's services."

**Please come and visit our friendly village school. Phone 01525 220468 or email [eaton@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:eaton@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk)**



**NOW OPEN:** EBLs Nursery with extended School provision and wrap-around care in a modern, light, environmentally-aware building. Please call at the school (01525 220468) to find out more.





# St Mary's Village Carnival 2010

[www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com](http://www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com)  
**IT IS CARNIVAL TIME!**

The Carnival theme for this year is – “Inventions” – So come and join the procession representing anything associated with Inventions and Inventiveness; let your imagination run wild.

Decorate your house as part of the Carnival Theme and brighten the route as the procession makes its way through the villages. Could you transform the outside of your house into a submarine, a car, a plane, a radio or perhaps even the London gherkin?

This year it looks like there will be a record number of stalls on the Green, with more exciting entertainment and activities than ever before.

- A whole range of entertainment and spectacles will take place throughout the afternoon in the Grand Arena, starting with the arrival of the Carnival Procession led by the Carnival Queen and Princess accompanied by their Attendants
- Look out for the special techniques and contraptions used at the worm-charming event as contestants pour water, jump up and down, dance and play music into the ground to entice as many worms from the soil as they can in the allotted time.
- Listen out for the silent auction with the huge list of items to bid for.
- Watch out where you put your feet when Clarabelle the cow decides where to drop her special load which will provide a lucky person with a special cash prize. Be sure to buy your Clarabelle square on the Green; don't miss out or man'ure going to be sorry.
- Wearing a flower in your hat? Watch it does not get lifted by a low flier at the “Birds of Prey” enclosure!
- Get up-close-and-personal with a reptile at the “Wrigglies” reptile stand.
- Are you a budding young artist? Be part of the massive picture that will be put together on the Green made from many individual paintings; all coming together on Carnival day.
- Don't miss the dog show! Whether you have a pooch or a pedigree the dog show is a don't miss event at the Carnival.
- If your garden needs that final splash of colour or you wish to nurture something for summer salads you can pick up beautiful plants at the charity plant stall.
- Be entertained and amazed by the wood carving demonstration and perhaps you'll head home with a carving of your own as a prize from the raffle.
- Whatever your taste buds might fancy there will be something for you at the Carnival. Homemade cakes, sponges and sandwiches of all kinds with a cold drink or a cup of freshly made tea from the Tea Tent. Perhaps you would prefer something hot from the barbeque with an ice cold soft drink! There will be something for everyone at the various food stalls.
- Find something scrumptious for Sunday dinner at the “Recipe Swap” stall next to the tea tent.

**Are you a local charity?** Would you like a donation from the Carnival proceeds?  
Contact Gordon Gray on 01525 220136.

## Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Vicar: The Revd Roger Chapman

Pastoral Matters: The Revd John Heffer, 35 Pebblemoor, Edlesborough (220618)

Associate Minister: Revd Canon Christine Farrington 01582 793409

Church Wardens: Chris Banks (221556) and Peter Bennett (221284)

At the end of May I became a grandfather to a baby girl, Imogen – it was an event that made me stop and ponder on the miracle that is a new life. Through Imogen's mother, Rachel, I have learnt more about the relationship between a mum-to-be and the developing baby than I ever did when I experienced fatherhood. Rachel regularly described how the unborn infant was responding to external stimuli and, as she did so, I felt very close, as many expectant parents must, to the Psalmist who wrote of God's complete knowledge and care some 3,000 years earlier:

“You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb. When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there – you saw me before I was born.”.... Psalm 139

And, on Bank Holiday Monday, a tiny, totally dependent child entered the world and began that wonderful, terrifying, blissful experience that is life. It made me wonder “What do I wish for her? What would *you* wish for a newborn child?” Well here are a few characteristics I hope she will have as she grows up:

- Generosity – so she can experience the paradox that the more you give the more enriched you become.
- Courage – so she can stand up against those who would promote injustice and fear.
- Love – so she may treat all people, equally, as her friend.
- Perception – so she can fully experience God in the created world, and be thankful.

I am moved by words of Alfred Wainwright, of Lakeland map-book fame:

Sunshine and colour and love; these make life worth living. Not success or wealth.

The warmth and brightness of sunshine, the arch of a rainbow, the tenderness of a smile; these are pure gold even when pockets are empty. To have these with me always I would joyfully forego the most coveted position; I would choose happiness rather than affluence. And I cannot be persuaded that I have a false sense of values.

Finally, all new born babies need a sense of urgency. The life we have been given is a wonderful gift, but one that flies by all too quickly – as the Prayer Book says “Man that is born of Woman has but a short time to live”. So I'll finish with a paraphrase from my favourite poem, Rudyard Kipling's ‘If’:

If you can fill the unforgiving minute

With sixty seconds worth of distance run'

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And, which is more – you'll be a woman, my delightful grand-daughter.

Gordon, Reader at St Mary's Eaton Bray

## Services at St Mary's Church

**SUNDAYS :**

**8.00am** HOLY COMMUNION

**10.00am** PARISH SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

**On Third Sunday of each month:**

**10.00am** – WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE a shorter, less formal service for families. (For anyone wishing to attend a service where Holy Communion is offered, there is a Family Communion at 10.30am at All Saints' Church, Dagnall, where visitors are assured of a warm welcome).

**WEEK-DAYS :**

**Tuesday:** **2.00pm** Toddlers' Church (2nd Tuesday)

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

*EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES*

## Mobile Libraries

### Central Bedfordshire Libraries

The mobile library visits Eaton Bray fortnightly on Tuesdays. The next visits are 13th & 27th July. The times are as follows:

<b>Eaton Bray</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Departure</b>
Greenways	13:20	13:35
Cantilupe Close	13:40	14:05
Church Lane	14:10	14:35
Knights Close	14:40	14:55
Medley Close	15:00	15:15
Moor End	15:20	15:45

For further information call Biggleswade library on 0300 300 8055.

### Buckinghamshire Libraries

The mobile library visits Dagnall and Northall on Tuesdays. The times are as follows:

Dagnall School	2.00pm – 2.15pm
Nelson Road, Dagnall	2.20pm – 2.40pm
Chapel Lane, Northall	3.00pm – 3.15pm



**For further information call:**

**01296 382160.**

**Web-site:**

**[www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries)**

## The Salvation Army, Booth Place Weekly Activities

### Sunday

'Footprints' (Sunday School) 9.45-10.45am

Morning Worship 11.00am

Family Worship

3rd Sunday in month 10.30am

Songs of Praise

3rd Sunday in month 4pm

### Monday

'Champion's Challenge' Club

(Age 5 - 9 yrs) 5.30-6.30pm

Junior Club (age 9+)

(Term time only) 6.45-7.45pm

### Tuesday

Coffee Morning

Once A Fortnight 10.00 - 12 Noon

Songster and band practice 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Home League (Ladies Meeting) 2.30-3.30pm

Weekly Bible Study 7.30pm

### Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group

(Term time only) 9.30-11.30am

### Thursday Evening

Ladies Fellowship

Last Thursday in every month 7.45pm

For further details please telephone Captains

Linda and Ray Charlton 01525 221156



# Eaton Bray Parish Council

## Highlights of the Minutes

### Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

#### Held on Monday 10th/Tuesday 11th May 2010, 7:30pm at the Coffee Tavern Chairman's Review of the Past Year and Plans for the Coming year

The last year has been busy. The Parish Council has completed the major project which was the **Skate & Ride**. The project was led by Cllr. Margret Hawkes backed up by other councillors and members of the public - both young & old! This was the largest project since the restoration of the Coffee Tavern back in 1994!

**The Cemetery** improvements continue to be led by Cllr. Joan Conner. Indeed we are now looking to extend the ground we have.

Much restoration of **the Conservation** area was achieved led by Trevor Moxey. Trevor has had to leave the Council due to health problems but we now have identified work which will be continued in this new year.

**The Allotments** led by Cllr. Alan Garofall now have such a demand we are working to re-introduce the old allotments at the top of School Lane.

**The Website** this year with the help of Parish Clerk, Heidi and Theo Gray has become truly live – indeed I have been told that it is one of the best Parish Council Websites!

**The Churchyard Flowerbeds** – These have been completed by a team from the Parish Council, School and a member of the Public.

Last but not least **The Coffee Tavern Trustees** have worked very hard and the building has had more improvements, the biggest being the Stair Lift. Cllr. Marion Heyland has retired as a Trustee recently, and we thank her for her work.

I have named just a few Councillors - **but ALL of the Parish Council** has worked very hard as a strong team in the usual support activities such as Roads, Footpaths, Planning and Streetlights.

This year we have lost Rick Brand and also Trevor Moxey who continues to help from the sidelines. We have **welcomed** Cllr. Gordon Johns.

We need to remember none of the above work would have been possible without the support we receive from our excellent **Parish Clerk, Heidi Head**.

I would like to record my thanks to the whole team.

*Cllr David Marriage,*

*Chairman of Eaton Bray Parish Council, 10th May 2010*

#### **ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Hawkes was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council with all other Councillors agreeing to stand for this year.

#### **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2010**

The Clerk distributed details of the accounts for the Annual Return. It was agreed to approve the annual accounts, the Chairman signed on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### **VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR**

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on Eaton Bray Parish Council. If you are interested in joining the council please contact the Parish Clerk.

## **POLICE REPRESENTATIVES**

PC Viv Dady attended the meeting. The issue of problem youths hanging around the bus stop/Moor End was raised with the police.

Reporting of crimes: The police wished to remind all residents to contact the police when encountering an incident - at any time of day/night. Expressing the importance of obtaining as much details as possible, i.e. details of the incident, descriptions of the perpetrators, car registration numbers, etc. this will aid the police in their investigations.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**St. Mary's Church Gate:** the quotation received for work required on the church gate was put to the Parish Council and it was agreed this work should proceed.

**Village Sign Post:** the quotation received for the installation of the village sign was agreed in principle; with the Parish Council looking into the option of a replacement directional sign/wording.

**Skate & Ride Opening Plaque:** An official plaque is to be sited at the Skate & Ride area to celebrate the opening of this wonderful facility.

**Nuisance Youths – Bus Shelter/School Lane Car Park:** concerns were raised with the Parish Council regarding nuisance youths in the School Lane Car Park/Bus Shelter; the council are looking into these issues further, with further discussions with the local police.

## **EATON BRAY/PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

The Eaton Bray/Parish Council Website is currently receiving around 10,000 to 11,000 page views a month; this is made up over 2,000 different visits, with each visit viewing 5+ pages.

## **Highlights Of The Meeting For Eaton Bray Parish Council Held in The Coffee Tavern on Monday 7th June 2010 at 7:30pm**

### **CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE REPRESENTATIVE/S**

Concern was raised regarding a planning application, not called to the Development Management Committee, although a request had been put in by the Parish Council. It was confirmed that this application is being called into committee for further discussion. The Gypsy & Traveller Site Manager from Central Bedfordshire Council attended the meeting and explained her role in relation to the Chiltern View Site.

### **POLICE REPORT**

PC Dady informed the Parish Council that they are aware of the recent problems regarding loud noise/nuisance youths in School Lane Rec Ground car park and are dealing with these incidents as/when reported. They also informed the council of nuisance motorbikes in the area and are currently carrying out investigations into the perpetrators of this.

Reporting of crimes: Once again the police wished to remind all residents to call the police when encountering an incident, at any time of day, and try to obtain as much detail as possible to aid the police in their investigations.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**Visibility Concerns at junction of Dunstable Road & Bower Lane/Harling Road:**

The Parish Council have again raised concerns regarding the poor visibility for

road users at the junction with Dunstable Road and Bower Lane/Harling Road, due to a recent serious road incident. The council are in communication with Central Bedfordshire Council regarding this matter.

**Litter Bins:** The Parish Council have agreed to the purchase of two more litter bins for the parish, one to be sited at the top of Knights Close and one at School Lane Recreation Ground.

**Cold Calling Signs:** There were signs situated around the parish, many now are missing. The council agreed to organise replacement signs for the entrances to the village, Manton Road & Springfield Road.

**Review of Financial Regulations/Standing Orders:** The Parish Council agreed to retain the current Financial Regulations and Standing Orders of the Parish Council for the 2010-2011 financial year.

**Cemetery:** The Parish Council agreed to the purchase of a new notice board for Bower Lane Cemetery to give all visitors a visual point of reference/information.

**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:** [www.ebpc.co.uk](http://www.ebpc.co.uk)

A full copy of the minutes for Eaton Bray Parish Council can be found on our website.

**CONTACT DETAILS FOR EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL/CLERK**

Office Hours: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday  
09:30-13:30hrs [messages can be left on answer phone]

Parish Office: 20 Good Intent,  
Edlesborough, LU6 2RD [Tel 01525  
222601/Email [clerk@ebpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ebpc.co.uk)]

**Eaton Bray  
Parish Council Meetings  
1st Monday of each month  
7:30pm The Coffee Tavern  
Next Meetings: Mon 5th July  
Mon 6th Sept**

## Church Mouse

Required amendments to the child protection policy were adopted and it was reported that the arrangements for obtaining clearance have changed. A memorial service is to be arranged for a victim of the Cumbrian shootings, Jamie Clark, who formerly lived in the parish.

The annual family social event was discussed and various options are being considered. The church boiler room is in need of attention and estimates have been obtained for the work. Christian Aid collections around the villages have so far raised the sum of £2800. The PCC discussed the present pattern of services and would like to introduce a number of weekday services as and when the present difficulties come to an end. Arrangements for the forthcoming confirmation service were agreed upon. Ways of improving communication between the various congregations who attend differing service times were discussed. The PCC wish to emphasise that ALL are welcome at any of our services regardless of faith.

The Church Mouse





## The Grand St Mary's Duck-Race

1pm on Saturday 10th July

When the dust has long settled on the little games in South Africa, and the long lazy days of Summer are still a distant prospect, there is DUCK RACE 2010.

This mixture of the charm and fun of Formula One with the danger and glamour of pooh-sticks, starts on the brook between Eaton Bray and Edlesborough at 1pm on Saturday 10th July.



These premier racing Ducks have been in seclusion in their training camp for some weeks now, while their DAGS (Drakes and Goslings), have enjoyed the celebrity watering holes and the highlife of the Four Villages, please don't tell the paparazzi!

You can join the fun by buying a racing duck and enjoying the thrill of ownership – with the chance of prize-money beyond the dreams of avarice! Simply buy a duck from race headquarters at 96a High Street in Eaton Bray – or from the race stall at the carnival – or from complete strangers who may accost you in the street! Just £1 buys an experienced racing duck with a good bloodline – half of the money collected goes to the carnival charities and the rest goes into the prize pot! Last year the two winning owners got £43.50 each and even the runners-up got £29!

So put a date in your calendar to come and cheer on the ducks as they sprint the course – hoping to break the elusive Four Minute barrier! Or buy a duck and enjoy the comfort of your armchair while the race is on safe, in the knowledge that should your duck cross the line a winner you still collect the money!

(tip : duck number 46 is looking good in training and a Chinese gambling syndicate is rumoured to be “gong large” on her on the illicit Indian gambling markets!)

## Focus on Film Society

Did you know that once a month on the second Monday afternoon we meet in Eaton Bray Hall at 2.0pm to watch films chosen by our members.



We have modern digital projection equipment and a 13ft by 9ft screen.

Membership costs £32 for a year payable in two instalments of £16.

The season starts in September and runs through to the following May. We have now been running for five years.

This season's films will include:

Australia – Adventure, Drama, Western

The Last Station – Drama

Gigi – Musical, Romance

Pay it Forward – Drama

The World's Fastest Indian – Biography, Drama, Sport

Kinky Boots – Drama

Julia and Julia – Drama, Comedy

Hachi: A Dog's Tale – Drama, Family

Erin Brockovich – Drama

If these interest you why not come along as a guest to the first show on September 13th, it will only cost you £4. We serve refreshments after the film so there is a chance to meet people and chat about the film. You can be sure of a friendly welcome.

## **7th Eaton Bray Hall Beer Festival**

**4th & 5th June 2010**

Well you did your best but we still had beer at the end! We were starting to panic a little on Friday night when despite putting an extra 5 barrels of beer on we had sold over half. Well it was hot and more people came along fearing that we might just run out again on the Saturday as we have the last two years. Oh you of little faith! Another 5 barrels were obtained on Saturday and we were left with just 19 gallons (152 pints out of 2016 pints available and that doesn't include the Cider or Perry) after the two days. It may sound like a drunken do, but no one appeared worse for wear, it was just a lot of people enjoying themselves and having some superb Real Ale in the sunshine and later listening and a few dancing to some great music from our musicians in the evening. Thank you all for coming along and we hope you had a good time. It has to be said that this event would not be possible without Roy Chatto and his CAMRA friends who organise, buy, look after and sell the beer, then they give us a very nice cheque! We really cannot thank them all enough and look forward to seeing them all again the first weekend in June 2011. We do hope the weather is as kind as this year (except for the very sharp shower on Saturday evening).

We hope to have raised nearly £3500 this year, which we will be spending on the Hall and its surrounds.

Have a great summer and see you all at the Quiz in October!



## **All Change at Edlesborough Under 5's**

We would like to welcome Tina McKay as the new leader. She will be full time from September and will usually be at pre-school during the Tuesday and Thursday afternoon sessions this term. We also welcome Sally, Vicky and Beth to the staff. Thank you to Tracey Bilbie, our previous leader, and Dawn, one of our assistants, for all they have done for the pre-school. We wish them all the best.

Unfortunately just before half term, the caterpillar and climbing frame play equipment were stolen from our outside play area. However, thanks to the kind generosity of Les and Jan Bradbury and Ben from Edlesborough Autos we now have replacement play equipment.

From September the free funding entitlement will be increased from 12.5 hours to 15 hours per week for 3 and 4 year olds. Children are entitled to funding from the term after their 3rd birthday. Fees are payable where children are not eligible for funding. Our session times will change from September with morning sessions operating from 9.10am - 12.10pm. We are accepting children from age 2 up to school age into these sessions. We will also be running lunch clubs from 12.10 - 12.45pm.

From September, our rising 4/4+ sessions will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 12.45 - 3.15pm. These sessions include activities to prepare the children for school and during the summer term the children who will be starting school in the September will make regular visits to the Edlesborough School reception class to meet the teachers and join in with activities as part of their transition to school.

If you wish to visit our pre-school, please contact Alison or Lindsey on 07854 939226. To register your child please contact Sue, our registration secretary, on 01525 222199.

## Letter to the Editors

*I feel I need to put my thoughts to paper.*

*I live in Edlesborough and have done for the past 31 years. My two eldest grandsons aged 10 and 8 stay with me at times through the school holidays. At times I have struggled to keep them occupied rather than have them watch TV or computer games, but no longer do I have that concern, thanks to the installation of the skate park in Eaton Bray.*

*Christmas 2009 the eldest grandson thanked me for buying a house next to the awesome park! They have just spent a week with me and have been at the park each and every day, only returning back for meals and bed.*

*This letter is to thank each and every boy and youth that were also at the park at the same times.*

*I was apprehensive when I saw so many bigger boys there, I thought my two grandchildren would not be given the opportunity to join in with the activities. How wrong was I? Not only were they able to join but were given verbal encouragement and praise, came to their rescue with concern and assistance when they fell, fixed their skateboard when the wheel came loose. Badly behaved lads grab the headlines constantly.*

*I would like to congratulate and praise the good lads. They are the makings of gentlemen.*

*I didn't hear any inappropriate language and their behavior was impeccable. I would have no concerns about any young boy spending time with the skate board crowd, they were brilliant.*

*Thank you, you have made staying with Granny a cool place to be, with the installation of a skate park but also the boys and youths who use it. THANKS DUDES!*

*Wish I were 50 years younger!*

*Grannie Angie*



## Let's Talk Central

Central Bedfordshire residents will have a new website from 8 June 2010 as Central Bedfordshire Council launches Let's Talk Central ([www.letstalkcentral.com](http://www.letstalkcentral.com)).

The site will be dedicated to giving local people a place to talk to each other, post comments, photos and videos about where they live.

Central Bedfordshire Council is keen to understand how residents feel and will be generating online discussions about:

- What's the best thing about where you live?
- What do you think is special about Central Bedfordshire?
- What do you want to see protected or developed for the future?
- What challenges do you think Central Bedfordshire will face in the future?
- What are your hopes for Central Bedfordshire in the future?

The council is launching the website to hear directly from the public about these and other issues, as only by listening to local people can the council take decisions that reflect our communities' priorities.

Existing social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube will be used to promote Let's Talk Central, which will be free and easy to use for the council and their customers.

The website launched on 8th June - please check it out and spread the word as we get talking about Central Bedfordshire.





# Baby's First Cafe

Are you a new mother and breastfeeding or  
are you thinking about breastfeeding?

Come along for support and advice from  
breastfeeding advisors and other mums  
in a relaxed café setting.

TUESDAYS 10.15. - 11.45.

Pitstone Memorial Hall

Pitstone LU7 9EY

Just drop in or contact your Health Visitor.



Wednesdays  
1:00pm to 2:45pm  
(Puring term time)  
Eaton Bray Village Hall

# Cheeky monkeys

under fives play time

£1.50 per adult / £1.00 per child / 50p under 1yr

creative play    singing  
stories    baby corner  
craft    julee & biscuit  
tea or coffee    and more!



Come along,  
make new friends  
and join in  
the fun!



## Edlesborough Under 5's

**Monday - Friday Morning                      9.10 am - 12.10 pm**

**Lunch Clubs    12.10 pm - 12.45 pm**

**Tuesday & Thursday afternoon              12.45 pm - 3.15 pm**

*"The quality of teaching and learning is good. Children are actively involved in their learning, play independently and are assisted by staff to develop their confidence." "Group times at all sessions were very positive experiences for all the children and enjoyed by all present." "Children of all ages have the opportunity to develop their skills in all areas, supported by a dedicated staff team." "Children are encouraged to make choices and decisions throughout the day, supported by a staff team that know them well."*

These are just a few of the comments made in our fifth OFSTED Report (March 2008 - available via our website). The report reflects the high quality of learning on offer to all children at Edlesborough Under 5's and highlighted the quality of teaching by the staff. We are currently operating a waiting list for 2 to 4½ year olds. If you would like to pop in for a look around, please phone Alison or Lindsey on 07854 939226 between 9am - 12 noon, to arrange an appointment. A warm welcome awaits you.

**For registration details or to place your child on the waiting list,  
please phone Sue Pickering on 01525 222199**

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## Table Corner – Variations On Eton Mess



A late request from a bride and groom for a change of menu for their wedding in July gave me the idea for this month's Table Corner. In a sense, the change is not that great in that we remain in the tradition of great English summer desserts, moving from a blueberry fool to an Eton Mess. For this wedding I think that we should maintain the classical version of the dessert and serve it with strawberries since

British strawberries will be at the height of their season then.

The variations for Eton Mess are endless, you could have raspberry with mint and vanilla cream for example, there are many butterscotch versions and even Sophie Dahl in her "The Delicious Miss Dahl" series presented her own rhubarb and rosewater Eton mess.

My favourite recipe, apart from the traditional strawberry version, is the one using passion fruit and strawberries. Here we use crème fraîche or thick Greek-style yoghurt which creates an interesting contrast to the sweetness of the meringues.

The recipe for 6 goes like this:

- 6 home made (I will skip the recipe here as most of us know how to make meringue) or ready-made medium sized meringues
- 250 ml double cream
- 250ml crème fraîche or thick Greek-style yoghurt
- 50g icing sugar
- 10ml (1 tbsp) vanilla essence
- 500g strawberries cut into halves or quartered
- 3 passion fruits, pulp only

Clean the strawberries, and cut into halves or quarters if large. Set aside a quarter of them for decorating at the end and mash the other ones with a fork. Cover with cling film and place in the fridge for roughly an hour.

Put the double cream, vanilla essence and icing sugar into a bowl and whip until reasonably stiff. Gently fold in either the crème fraîche or thick Greek-style yoghurt. Break the meringues into pieces (not too small) and place into a bowl.

Combine the cream, strawberry mash, passion fruit pulp with the meringue, being careful not to crush the meringue into pieces that are too small.

Serve in clear bowls and garnish with the remaining strawberries. Et voilà, a simple yet very appetising Summer dessert.

Bon appétit!

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## Play Safe, Stay Safe

### ...personal safety information for young people during school holidays

The school holidays are fast approaching and whilst it's a time to have lots of fun, safety should also be at the top of the list. Personal safety is important at any time of the year and even more so during school holidays when teenagers are away from the safe environment of a school and have lots of spare time to fill, most often with friends and without adult supervision.

Whilst there are only a small number of youth related incidents, it is important that teenagers are aware of personal safety and how to protect themselves and their belongings, even more so due to the high number of valuables that are now being carried around such as mobile phones, MP3 players and games consoles.

**Follow the advice below and make the summer holiday a time to remember for all the right reasons.**

- Avoid taking short-cuts through dark or deserted places.
- Always try to avoid walking home alone. Stay with friends.
- Do not advertise your belongings, try to keep usage to a minimum in public and keep your mobile hidden when you're not using it
- Do not wear an iPod/mp3 player/personal stereo as it prevents you being aware of what is happening around you.
- Register your property by visiting [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
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**If you are unable to travel due to a disability, please contact the Council on 01296 585615 and we can arrange to post the item**

## It's Panto Time Again

Time has rushed by and we are beginning again to think about our next Panto which will take place at the end of January 2011.

The theme this time will be more conventional and, as before, will contain adults, youngsters, dames, etc. We have organised for Auditions to take place in the Coffee Tavern in September and welcome all newcomers, as well as the many past actors.

This year, however, we have decided to put an age limit of 10years and above for the youngsters, due to school activities, and hope no one is too disappointed with our decision.

We would be delighted to see old and new faces. Come and join our merry group and have some fun.

### Auditions

**Sunday 12th September from 3pm to 5pm in the Coffee Tavern**

**Monday 13th September from 8pm to 10 pm in the Coffee Tavern**

You do not need to attend both, just one of them.

Pete & Ronnie Farrar, 01525221583, email [farrarpandr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:farrarpandr@yahoo.co.uk)

## Chairman & Treasurers Report - May 2010

This past year has seen some significant changes for our village hall and the recreation ground. Last year I advised that we had the money for the track and work would start shortly. We have now completed the track as well as cleared the ground up to the fence making the recreation ground larger and improving the overall view and aspect. We have achieved this through the hard work of many helpers in the village and careful management of the finances. This careful management has enabled us to provide a few other improvements including the new swings for the children which are now only waiting for some decent weather to allow us to lay the matting down.

We have also made some serious improvements to the hall this last year. We have resolved the major problem with the damp, exposed the original vaulted ceiling, provided new wiring, caged the radiators for safety purposes and redecorated. Although we recognise that more needs to be done to improve the heating, the feedback I have received is that the changes are a major improvement. The hall is now a pleasant place to work in and have events in.

We can also look forward to further improvements. We have now secured a grant of £20,000 from AVDC which will enable us to start work on our extension and refurbishment in line with the plans we published last year. We should be able to extend the hall to provide the much needed storage and commence on the kitchen redevelopment. We have planning permission and approval from building control and are currently just awaiting approval from Thames Water.

Last year our income remained fairly stable at around £8.5k despite the recession, however our costs have increased to around the same amount. With all the works we have undertaken this year it is difficult to assess the exact running costs. My belief is that the income available to the hall does support the main operating costs of the hall including the heating, lighting and cleaning. The balance of monies held by the hall is currently £4,880 which is slightly under our preferred balance of £5,000 but acceptable with what we have achieved this year.

I would like to thank the members of the committee for their support this year and particularly the elected officers Sharon Quinn and Liz Coates.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported us during the year and we look forward to your continued support and more successes in the coming year

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## Eaton Bray Cricket Club

It's been a disappointing start to the season with individual and team performances down on last year. The village team has had wins over Cublington and Aspley Guise, but were beaten by the weather at Milton Keynes City, had a depressing draw against Biddenham, and lost narrowly to North Crawley despite the efforts of leg spinner James Flecknell.

The best performance so far was against Wormley in the national village cup competition. The Hertfordshire team was convincingly beaten, having had to chase almost six an over for the allotted 40 overs. Wes Hosking and Andy Norris opened the innings and set the tone, and the following 9 batsmen maintained the pace. Unfortunately the success was short lived as within a fortnight Eaton Bray had been knocked-out by Reed and the weather. Dreams of Lords will have to wait until 2011.

Whilst performances have been below par and the weather has been mixed, it has not been all bad news, Eaton Bray Cricket Club now has four qualified coaches. These coaches have been concentrating their efforts on the existing squad of players but are now looking to encourage participation from other aspiring village cricketers. Players from the age of 11 are welcome to attend the twice weekly coaching / practice sessions on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Fully developed players are also most welcome to attend especially as some of the established players are showing signs of fatigue.

If you'd like to get involved in the club please use the following email address: [ebccenquiries@hotmail.com](mailto:ebccenquiries@hotmail.com)

MJ



## Rotary Club of Dunstable

### Family Fun Day on Dunstable Downs 14th August 2010 10.00am to 6.00pm

An expected footfall of between one to five thousand (depending on the weather on the day!!) is expected at Dunstable Downs on Rotary's first Annual Family Fun Day. Already over a dozen attractions especially for children have been booked. These include a climbing wall, crazy bikes, a bungee run and so on. Football and basketball shootouts as well as a soft play centre will be available. For the grown ups there will be a craft fair. Already over thirty stalls have been booked. In addition there will be speciality food outlets and a bar run by a local micro-brewery. And of course, there's the Downs.

The event is being organised by the Rotary Club of Dunstable, supported by other local Rotary Clubs. Club President, Roger Pepworth, said, "Rotary has always served the community both here and abroad, but we think a really big fun day for all the family - on Dunstable Downs - its a bit different. We are not seeking to make a packet. There will be no begging bowls and admission to the event will be free (although the rides will have a charge.) We simply want people to enjoy themselves and see what Rotary is doing."

Further details from Roger Sharp Club Secretary and Publicity officer at or Roger Pepworth at [roger.pepworth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:roger.pepworth@hotmail.co.uk) or 01582 538414.



## Cheeky Monkeys Under Fives Playtime

Summer has finally arrived and all the children have been busy over the last few weeks with various activities, from decorating England flags, making Father's day cards, building, painting, glueing and sticking. On the last day before our summer break, we will be having ice creams outside once again, (weather permitting!)

We are sure that parents will be pleased to learn that over the summer break we intend to make a new batch of playdough that will not (hopefully) stick to everything in sight! We are also applying for funding to help us renew and replace some of the older toys, therefore if you have any suggestions of toys and activities that your child would enjoy, please let us know and we will add it to our wish list.

Our last session will be on 21st July, we will then break for the summer holidays and return on 8th September. We would like to wish everyone a happy summer break. In the meantime, please keep an eye on our website, [www.cheekymonkeys.btik.com](http://www.cheekymonkeys.btik.com) for updates and the latest information.

If you are a parent, childminder, grandparent or carer in the area and would like to join our friendly group, please come along on a Wednesday afternoon (term time) at 1pm, in Eaton Bray Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. We have a wide range of toys, including dressing up, easels, bricks, home corner, play dough, craft table, farm, race track, brio, cars, dolls, playfood and lots more! We charge £1.50 per adult, £1 per child over 1, and 50p per child under 1. During the afternoon we have a tea/coffee break whilst the children sit down for juice and a biscuit. We end the afternoon with songs and music.

Cheeky Monkeys is run by three volunteer parents, Sarah, 07904 348113, Louise 07784 165259 and Sue 01525 222387 ([suefox4@hotmail.com](mailto:suefox4@hotmail.com).) For enquiries please contact anyone of us.

## EDaN Festival of the Arts

### Concert 25th September – Save the Date!

The classical music concert EDaN organised recently drew in more than 100 people to hear music described, by some of those who attended, as 'magical' and received great reviews from all those who attended,

Now EDaN has arranged another concert to be held on Saturday 25th September at 'the church on the hill' at 7.00pm. with the support of the Churches Conservation Trust.

This time St Mary the Virgin Church, Edlesborough will be hosting the Dagnall Community Choir and friends. Numbering over 50 people, the choir formed in January, will perform well known songs from musicals, TV shows and light opera. We expect some solo items will also feature in the programme.

Led by conductor and choirmaster Stuart Harding the choir rehearses at 7.45 pm every Monday at Dagnall Church Hall newcomers welcome! Four members of EDaN sing in the choir so this is a very special event for everyone concerned.

Tickets will be on sale soon but you can book yours now by calling Alan Williams on 01525 221926 or email [ajrwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:ajrwilliams@hotmail.com).



## Edlesborough Book Group

This month we have been reading the books short listed for the Orange Prize for fiction. We do this each year in the month which precedes the prize giving. We also try to attend the readings at the Festival Hall on the day before the winner is announced. This event is of particular interest as it enables the general public to hear the authors read from their books and to gain an insight into the backgrounds of the authors and their stories.



At our meeting, we had managed to obtain copies of all but one of the six short listed books. Three members had read *The Very Thought of You* by Rosie Alison. *White Woman on a Green Bicycle*, was read by one member and *Black Water Rising* by Attica Locke was read by two people. *A Gate at the Stairs* by Lorrie Moore was not read by anyone in the group, although reviews have been very favourable. *The Lacuna* written by Barbara Kingsolver and *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel were considered by us to be the most deserving books to win the prize, but in previous years the most obvious winner has not always proved to be the judges' favourite.

At the time of writing, two members of our group are going to the Festival Hall to hear this year's authors read excerpts from their books and the result is yet to be announced. We look forward to a pleasant evening on the South Bank.

## Edlesborough W.I.

Our last meeting was the annual resolutions meeting, when we vote on the one to be submitted to the A.G.M. of National W.I. Before this the monthly matters were dealt with.



Christine Yates was congratulated on the new Edlesborough sign on the village green. Chris had put in a great deal of planning to enable this to be ready for the May Day Celebration, and what a success it was. The new sign looks fantastic, and we are all extremely proud of it. Chris thanked everyone who had baked cakes for the W.I. stall on May Day, when £136 had been raised. Wendy Poole was also thanked for making all the outfits worn on the day. Overall, more than £1,000 had been raised, which would go towards the cost of the village signs for Dagnall and Northall.

Maureen Shipway reported on the Bucks Federation Spring Council Meeting when Edwina Currie had been the main speaker. Her talk, "Battle Axes to Babes", was brilliant according to Maureen, and she considered Mrs Currie to be a very pleasant lady.

The Resolution the year is as follows:-

*This meeting urges H.M. Government to introduce clear and mandatory country of origin labelling on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country.*

Elizabeth Braiden had researched this matter, but strongly disagreed with the wording. This comes under E.U. law and not that of the British Government. A vote was taken, which resulted in members voting unanimously against the Resolution. Our representative at the A.G.M. will vote on our behalf.

A very tasty cheese and wine supper followed. As usual, this was prepared by Ann Brinklow assisted by Jenny Foale. Our thanks to Elizabeth, Ann & Jenny for their help towards the evening.

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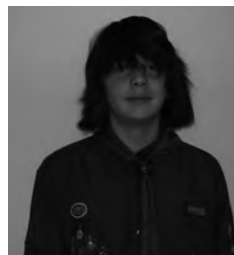
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Dates for your diary:

- 3rd July - Village Carnival
- 24th September - An evening of nostalgic Eaton Bray and Edlesborough with Peter Mayne. Tickets from Janes Shop or Roebuck Garage.

Thank you to all those who have already helped us for your continued support - we all have some way to go to our target of £2200 each but we are getting there slowly!

*James Tate, Gemma Johnson, Cody Plaats, Matthew Johnson and Miguel Garcia.*



## Explorer Scout Profile

Name:	Miguel
Unit:	Lionheart Explorer Scout Unit & Young Leader at Totternhoe
Age:	14
Other interests:	Music, Tennis, Football, Electric Guitar
Best Scouting achievement:	Chief Scout Gold Award
What's a Jamboree?	A huge celebration of Scouting and Guiding from across the globe, all in one camp! That is a staggering 40,000 scouts aged 13-18 from around the world.
When and where is it?	Kristian, Sweden. 27th July 2011
Scouting Career	Beavers at 6 in Uxbridge, Middlesex and moved to Eaton Bray & Edlesborough when I was 8. I attended Cubs at EB&E then attended Scouts in Totternhoe. Have just started Lionheart Explorer scouts in Edlesborough.
Camping Experience	have attended many camps across the UK but I expect this international camp in Sweden will be best!
Most looking forward to	Taking part in the outdoor camping and backwards cooking experience in the Swedish Forests! I am also looking forward to meeting scouts from other cultures and having lots of fun!

# All About Leather



## A Piece of Nature

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## Which Leather Do I Have?

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**Pros:** The most natural type of leather available, it is very soft and delicate to the touch and bears all of nature's own markings on the hide. It stays warm in the winter and cool and ventilated in the summer.

**Cons:** Because the leather contains no protective coating it is very absorbent and so is prone to staining and fading.

**Pigmented Leather:** Coated with a fine pigmented spray, which gives the leather a sound covering of colour with no shade variations. Sometimes known as corrected grain leather, this is when an artificial grain pattern is embossed into the hide.

**Pros:** The process in which the leather is made makes it very durable and hard wearing. It has high resistance to light and is very easy to clean and maintain. The colour is uniform and all defects are masked.

**Cons:** Reduced breathability and the grain pattern is masked making this type of leather less natural.

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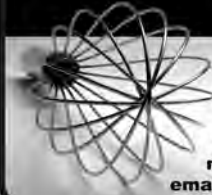
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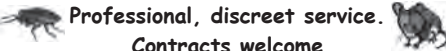
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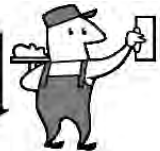
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The District Commissioner presented Chief Scouts Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards to 10 members and also made two very special presentations of the Queens Scout Award.

These were awarded to James Lake and Olivia Calloway after months of hard work, personal challenge, training and expeditions.

This highest youth award in Scouting was created in 1909 by King Edward VII. Since then all King and Queens Scouts have been going to Windsor castle and St Georges Chapel in celebration of gaining this award. James and Olivia also attended this special service including the renewal of the Promise, lead by the Chief Scout.



*George Kell of the 1st Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Beaver Scouts is presented with his Chief Scouts Bronze award at the presentation evening*



*Amy Lake, of the 1st Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Cub Scouts receives her Chief Scouts Silver Award*

This year, the active village Scout Group with its Beaver, Cub and Scout sections operating at capacity and an active Explorer unit to boot; have been extremely busy. Activities have included caving, cooking, climbing, kayaking planting, playing, gliding, growing and camping (in the snow!) to name but a few!

Group Scout leader Nick Evans said;

‘The fantastic turnout of members, parents and supporters at the celebration illustrates the network of friendship and fun the group generates within the local community, we are very proud of the achievements of our members’.

Nick also said ‘Our continued popularity has created the need for more adults to volunteer to become leaders in all sections. We have long waiting lists and are denying many young people the opportunity of belonging to the largest young people’s movement in the country. We are unable to create new Colonies Packs or Troops without new leadership teams’. If you are interested in joining us please e-mail Nick Evans on [ng.evans@btconnect.com](mailto:ng.evans@btconnect.com)



*Olivia Calloway and James Lake receive their Queens Scout Awards*



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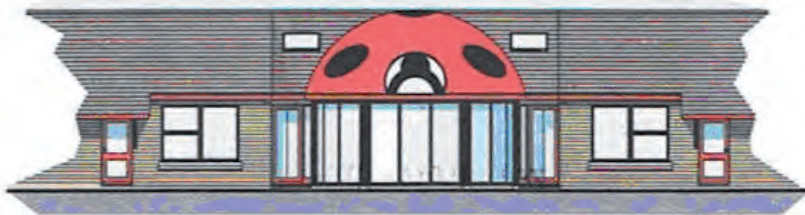
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## Gardening Club

It is now gardening season at Edlesborough and Year 6 and Year 1 pupils have been busy planting vegetables in the school gardens. They have been taking it in turns to water and weed the vegetable beds and are expecting a bumper crop of vegetables to use in their cooking later on this term.

## Edlesborough School Pond

Edlesborough School Pond is a rich source of learning and children have enjoyed pond dipping and watching tadpoles, moorhens, ducklings and a wealth of other wildlife around the pond.





# YOUR VILLAGE PHOTOS



*Flamingos at Whipsnade by the Countryman*

*Right: Otters at Whipsnade by Sally Siddons*



*Below: Children displaying their World Cup theme T-shirt designs at Edlesborough School Fayre*



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## Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

May was yet another dry month, with over half of the month's rain (17.4mm) falling in one day, on the 2nd May. We also had unusual sharp frosts on the 12th & 13th, with temperatures down to -2.4°C. Normally in May, frost forms just before dawn and lasts for a short time, but this month the temperature dropped below zero at 0130 and remained there for 5 hours. This was enough, not only to catch the early potatoes, but also to take the tips of hardy shrubs that had burst in to life in the summer temperatures we had in April. And yet, we only had to wait ten days for highs to reach 29.2°C.

The Dagnall weather station is now live on the web with 15 mins updates from approx 0800-2200 hours each day. <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/dagnallweather>.

If anyone has a question, comment or wishes to contact me please email: [davidgkillick@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidgkillick@tiscali.co.uk)



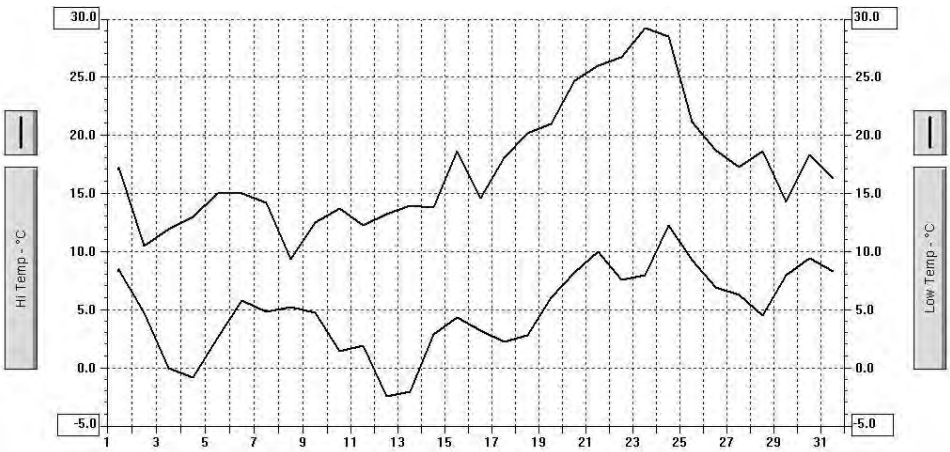
### Weather Conditions for May 2010

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

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
<b>Temperature:</b>	29.2°C	23 May 16.30	-2.4°C	12 May 05.00
<b>Mean Temperature</b>	10.9°C			
<b>Dewpoint:</b>	15.6°C	24 May 18.00	-3.7°C	12 May 05.00
<b>Humidity:</b>	96%	many days- May	35%	24 May 15.30
<b>Barometer:</b>	1031.9hPa	20 May 09.30	1004.3 hPa	29 May 19.00
<b>Wind Speed /Dir</b>	33 mph wnw	3 May 13.00	Months avg.	4.6 mph
<b>Wind Chill:</b>	29.2 °C	23 May 16.30	-3.7°C	12May 05.00
<b>Dominant Wind:</b>	NE			
<i>Rainfall *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain</i>				
<b>*Rain Days: 11 (T), 10(R)</b>	Total	Wettest Day 2 May	17.4mm	0.68 ins
<b>Monthly Rain:</b>	Total	May	31.2 mm	1.23 ins
<b>Yearly Rain:</b>	Total	5 Months	226.4 mm	8.91 ins

### May 2010

**A difference in temperatures of 31.6°C (88°F) from the lowest to the highest**



## Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

The summer is well and truly with us, and the warm weather clearly brings out the best in our merry band of highly skilled league players, who ply their trade in one of more of our five teams entered in the various South Beds leagues. Our Men's



C team are striding ahead with four wins out of four so far, one of them a whopping 20-0 victory against the mighty Luton & Vauxhall, (well their 'E' team, but they're still quite mighty). As Focus goes to press, we've played 16 league matches so far this season and have won 10; a 62.5% record; to put that into perspective in this football World Cup month, that's a higher percentage of wins than Arsenal achieved in coming third in the Premiership last season! So watch out Wimbledon, we might put our Men's C team in as a wildcard entry, that should set a few nerves jangling in the Federer/Nadal camps. Oh yes, captain Dave Hillman's backhand has to be seen to be believed - even our new coach upon experiencing it for the first time exclaimed 'I don't believe it'! Dave told me later it was because she was so impressed; I never realised that being impressed could make a coach leave the court, head in hands, muttering 'where on earth did he learn to hit it like that'?

Talking of coaching, a quick reminder of how you can try out some tennis for yourselves this summer. We run 'Get Back into Tennis' sessions every Saturday from 2pm onwards. If you're an adult and a little rusty (your tennis that is, not you personally) or you want to try the game for the first time, then just turn up and have a go! Similarly for juniors, we do the same thing on Mondays from 4-6pm and on Saturdays from 10am-12.30pm. Again just come along and our coach will do the rest! Call Sara if you'd like any more details on the number below. Finally, all adults are welcome to attend our open tennis sessions on either Sunday mornings from 10am or Thursday evenings from 6pm. We don't bite (apart from Ross but we'll make sure he's been fed) and the main objective is just to have some fun and get to know people - you might even enjoy the tennis as well!

I thought we'd end this month with a little joke, just so you can see that we at EBLTC really don't take ourselves too seriously... ☺

A badminton player, a squash player and a tennis player decided to stay at a country inn, but when they arrived there, the innkeeper told them he only had 2 beds free, so one of them would have to sleep in the barn. "That's OK", said the badminton player, "I'll sleep in the barn." So off he went.

A few moments later there was a knock at the inn door. The innkeeper opened the door to see the badminton player who explained that he was unable to sleep in the barn as there was a pig in there, and he could not sleep with a pig. "That's OK," said the squash player, "I'll sleep there." So off he went.

A few moments later there was a knock at the inn door. The innkeeper opened the door to see the squash player there, who explained that he was unable to sleep in the barn as there was a cow in there, and he could not sleep with a cow. "That's OK," said the tennis player, "I'll sleep there." So off he went.

A few moments later there was a knock at the inn door. The innkeeper opened the door to see a cow and a pig standing there.....



Hope you enjoyed that. Finally, readers, remember. Never marry a tennis player. Because to them, love means nothing.

For any further information about the club, including when we get together for our social tennis sessions up at the School Lane courts, or our various activities, you can visit our website at [www.ebltc.org.uk](http://www.ebltc.org.uk); Alternatively please call Chairman Bernadette Hillman on 01525 222531, Coach Sara Leavy on 07561 571578, or if they're all out and I'm not on stage at the Palladium, me, Andy Cross on 01582 477114.

## St Mary's Ladies Guild

The ladies of the Guild and their visitors met together on Wednesday 9th June in the church and were welcomed by Deirdrea. The afternoon's devotions were led by Dorothy Bradbury with birthday cards and wishes being given to Thelma, Marie, June Howard and June Thorne. After the notices had been given out, Deirdrea introduced Sister Valeria from St Mary's Convent, Wantage, (CSMV), who had come to speak on her life as a nun.

The community was founded in 1848 by William John Butler, Vicar of Wantage, who named his Sisterhood for Mary the Mother of Jesus. The sisters are called to a life of prayer and service to others in the community. From small beginnings, CSMV grew over the years, with many active works: schools, mission houses, homes for the elderly, for mothers and babies, for those with learning difficulties, for young offenders, for the rehabilitation of those suffering from addiction to alcohol or drugs.

Sister Valeria had taken the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience in the community of St Mary's. She shared a life of prayer and service with a small group of other sisters. The Sisters leave their jobs, income and family to take their vows and dedicate their lives to God's service. No one having heard her, could fail to have been touched by her total sincerity and honesty both during her talk and afterwards where she took great delight in sitting and speaking individually to each member. Her simplicity and purity of life gave us all an example to follow, with ourselves and others. A very special Person.

Sister Valeria was thanked by Dorothy and presented with a beautiful white azalea, chocolates and a card.

Tea followed with the opportunity to chat with the new members and each other and catch up with all the news.

The Annual Outing will be on Tuesday 13th July. Visiting Yarnton Garden Centre for coffee, Broadway for lunch and Boughton on the Water for tea (or bring your own packed lunch if preferred). Leaving the church at 9.30am. Price £16. Please contact June Thorne on 220260 if you would like to join us on this outing.

The August meeting will be on Wednesday 11th August at 2.00pm in the church, when the speaker will be Bryan Daniels with slides of "The World in one country-South Africa".

On Wednesday 18th August the members will be going to Poplars Garden Centre to look around and have lunch, meeting in the hall carpark at 11.00am.

Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings or to become members of the Guild. Any queries please phone Deirdrea on 01525 210426

## Salvation Sound - July 2010

“Tea time”, thinking of tea time evokes lovely memories, white tablecloths, beautifully pressed, Grandma’s china, silver teaspoons. The teapot was warmed, the tea leaves went in, one spoonful per person plus one for the pot, boiling water was added from the kettle; then it was left for a while, to stand, to infuse or as Gran’ would say “to brew”. When it was deemed to be ready, it was poured into tea cups, to which milk had been added, or for those who drank it black, a slice of lemon. No tea bags then, and never were mugs used; Gracing the table were linen napkins, matching the tablecloth, and once these were placed across the lap, only then could one begin to devour the afternoon tea... bread and butter (no margarine or olive oil spreads, ugh!) cucumber sandwiches, potted beef paste, little ginger biscuits, and in the centre of the table, a seedy cake or sometimes a fruit cake, all ‘home-made’.

Yes I can recall a time of gentility and civility, when it was tradition to take of a small repast about ‘four of an afternoon.

“You must always use the tea-cosy”

Said Milady to her maid.

“Oh yes M’um, I most surely will!”

Said Mary as the table she laid.

Then she set the silver tray

With tea and Hovis bread,

And minding what Milady said,

Put the tea-cosy on her head



There are many ways to enjoy tea time, formal, casual, business, cream-teas, picnic teas in the garden or countryside, strawberry teas, an elegant tea at a stately home, or an hour or so of culinary pleasure in a stylish tea-room, with toasted tea cakes or crumpets, or even old fashioned muffins. One of life’s simple pleasures, spent with family or friend, a time to relax, enjoy some laughter, share thoughts, or just to soothe those daily stresses away.

“The tablecloth of Irish linen

Embroidered with such loving care,

Silver teapot, best bone china,

Dishes piled with tempting fare.

Sandwiches of egg or salmon,

Buttered scones with home-made jam,

Lettuce picked from down the garden,

A plate of succulent Yorkshire ham.

Macaroons and shortbread fingers,

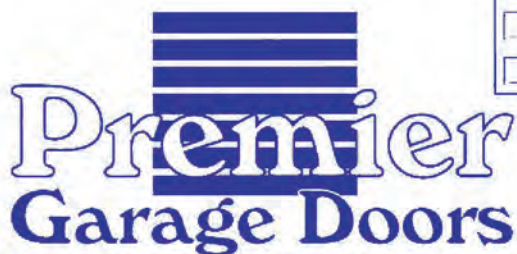
Ginger bread and seedy cake

All made in country kitchen

at the weekly Friday bake.”

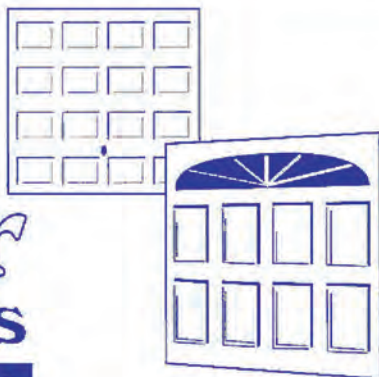
Teatime is not only for sharing food and drink, but for love, tuning in to one another instead of looking for grander schemes of satisfaction. No matter what your age maybe, the best place from which to draw the strength and resources required for daily living is Jesus. He said “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” Matthew 5:6.

Contemplate on this as you make your afternoon ‘Cuppa’. True happiness does not come from material things that you may have, they are not lasting; so today reflect on what God has done for you and allow yourself time to realise that there is a time to say ‘Thank-you’; as it says in Ecclesiastes 3:1, “a right time for everything”.



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