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**August Focus will be a joint issue for August & September.
Don't forget to send in your August & September entries by 10th July**

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General Assistance (Recommended Number): 101

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Village Hall Bookings

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

Northall: Lorna Cabbage, Tel: 01525 220361

Eaton Bray: Norman Lee, Tel: 01525 222831

Dagnall: Elizabeth Coates, Tel: 01442 842550

Edlesborough Memorial Hall: Beverly Douglas, Tel: 01525 229358

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Peter Williams: 01442 842506

Village Diaries July 2012



Weekly

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Mon-Fri (term time) | Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468 |
| Mon-Fri (term time) | Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342 |
| Mon-Fri (term time) | Edlesborough Under 5's Pre-School, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Angela Paine, 01525 229529 |
| Mon-Thu (term time) | Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Lower School, Ellie Deeley on 07913 529574 |
| Mondays | Pilates, 10.45am, St.Giles Church Hall, Totternhoe, Lisa: 01582 412426 |
| Mondays (term time) | 2nd Eaton Bray Brownies, girls 7-10 years, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, 6 - 7.30pm, Sarah 01525 229194 |
| Mondays | Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm |
| Mondays | Weight Watchers, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall |
| Mondays | Zumba, Dagnall Village Hall 6.30pm |
| Tuesdays | Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731 |
| Tuesdays | Baby's First Cafe (Support for Breastfeeding mums), 9.30 - 11 am, Ivinghoe and Pitstone Sure Start Children's Centre, Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe |
| Tuesdays | Pilates, 10-11am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Nicky Roussou 07861 162680 |
| Tuesdays | Totternhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am, St. Giles Church Hall, Nadine Morgan 07823 447362 |
| Tuesdays | Northall Baby & Toddler Group, 9:30-11:30am, (open in the Summer School Holidays) Northall Village Hall, Andie 07966437673 |
| Tuesdays | Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576 |
| Tuesdays | Yoga, Dagnall Village Hall 7.45 – 9.15pm |
| Tuesdays | Zumba Fitness Class, 8.15-9.15pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Zoey 07595 986892 |
| Tuesdays | Circuit Training Edlesborough - Edlesborough School Hall - 7-8pm - £5 per class |
| Tuesdays | Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray |
| Fortnightly | |
| Weds (term time) | Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's playtime, 1pm - 2.45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, contact Rachel on 07789 760007 |
| Wednesdays | Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 01582 412426 |
| Wednesdays | Egyptian Dance Class, 7.30-8.45pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall. Contact: Soraya on 07976 964316 for more details |
| Wednesdays | Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna 221996 or Julie 220153 |
| Wednesdays | Zumba Fitness Class, 9.30am, St Giles Church Hall, Totternhoe, Zoey 07595 986892 |
| Thurs (term time) | Baby & Toddlers Group, Dagnall Village Hall, 12:45-2:45pm (12:15 if bringing lunch) £1 child 50p adult. Contact Faye 07746 120163 or Samantha 07882 903282 |
| Thursdays | Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm 01525 377542 |
| Thursdays | Kfa Body Moves 40+, Fitness through movement, exercise & dance. 8-9pm, Edlesborough School, Pat 01582 668735 |
| Thursdays | Baby & Toddler Group, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray, 9.30-11.30am |
| Thursdays | Keep Fit Edlesborough School, 8pm Tel: 01582 668735 |
| Thursdays | Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208 |
| Thursdays | Grace Baptist Church (by the Post Office) Bible Study 7.30p.m.-9.00p.m. all welcome, Peter Feben 01525 221048. |
| Thursdays Fortnightly | Central Bedfordshire Children's Centres' Toy Library, 9-9.45am, Eaton Bray (School Lane) Public Car Park |

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- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Fridays Hartbeeps Multi-sensory pre-school play & music sessions, Northall Village Hall. Bookings and information: Gemma 01525 381196
- Fridays Zumba Fitness Class, 9.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Zoey 07595 986892
- Saturdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Saturdays Drama Class for Children, 10.35am-12.35pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Claire Casey, 07792 508591
- Last Saturday Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
- Sundays Grace Baptist Church (by the Post Office) prayer time 9.30am, main meeting 11.00am-12.00pm. All welcome, Nathan 07794 615626, or Peter 01525 221048.

Monthly

- 1st Monday Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
- 1st Monday Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact Barbara Collier on 01525 221401
- 1st & 3rd Monday Knit n Stitch. 2pm-4pm. Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Eaton Bray. Knitting, crochet & needlecraft. Tel Wendy 07908 828414. www.wendy-poolco.co.uk
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
- 1st Sunday May to September, Edlesborough Church Open, 2-5pm
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday TOTS, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2pm
- 2nd Tuesday Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable (opposite Wilkinson)
- 2nd Tuesday Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- 2nd Wednesday St.Mary's Ladies Guild, 2pm, St.Mary's, Eaton Bray
- 2nd 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

- 1st Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
- 12th ELF Visit to the Shuttleworth Collection
- 13th Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am.
- 14th ELF Meeting at Coffee tavern 10am
- 14th St Mary's Eaton Bray Coffee Morning with book sale 10-12 noon
- 17th Dagnall Over 60's. Visit to Lavender Fields. Leave village hall at 9.15 am
- 23rd ELF Walk from Eaton Bray Church 10am.

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 7th St Mary's Village Carnival, Edlesborough Green
- 13th Dagnall Under Fives Pre-school Open Day, 9:15-12:15, Dagnall Village Hall
- 14th Grand St Mary's Duck Race, 10:30am, The stream between Eaton Bray & Edlesborough
- 14-15th Kite Festival, Dunstable Downs, 11am-5pm
- 15th Northall Village Trust (Northall Village Hall) AGM, BBQ and BYO picnic
- 21st Friends of Dagnall School Fun Day, Red Lion Public House, 12 noon onwards, tickets: 01442 842473
- 21st All Saints Dagnall Ploughmans Lunches 11am – 2pm. Usual stalls. All welcome.
- 27th Lions Fish & Chip Supper delivery, 6-7pm. Book by 25th July on 01525 229656

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With an increase in aircraft in the area and in particular when the wind is from the East, we are getting some aircraft flying directly over the village to join the flight path into the airport. If you are disturbed by these aircraft flying over the village, there is a complaints hotline number: 01582395382. This is an airport number where you can register your concerns. It is important to do this if we are to reduce these disturbances over our village.

Appledown's Dog of the Month



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Kai is sociable with dogs but could not live with cats. He would get on well with older children (over 7). Kai needs a special home with people who are willing to give him the time and commitment needed to help him overcome his separation anxiety. We will provide ongoing advice and support to help him settle into his new home. With patience and understanding Kai will make a really rewarding companion.

If you feel you could offer Kai, or any of our other dogs, a loving and secure home please call in at the kennels any day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Our staff will be happy to offer advice and information. Please note that we do have restrictions on rehoming dogs to families with children under 7 years of age, so please ask for details.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!! Bring your dog to Appledown at 6 p.m. on Wednesday 8th August and join us for our **Summer Evening Guided Dog Walk**. £8 to include Hot Dog and tea/coffee.

Appledown Rescue and Rehoming Kennels, Harling Road, Eaton Bray, Beds LU6 1QY. Call 01525 220383 or e-mail appledown.kennels@btinternet.com (Reg Charity No. 1116848)

SUSAN LANG

Peter and family would like to thank all friends for their kind expressions of sympathy on our sad loss.

Vacancy for Cleaner for Memorial Hall & Pavilion

Unfortunately the Parish Council's current Cleaner is leaving the area. If anyone would like to apply for this position would they please contact the Clerk, Lin Sargeant on 01525 220859 or e-mail: parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk for further details.

In Remembrance of Tom Heffer

Copies of the recording of the thanksgiving service for Tom Heffer with script conducted by Vicar Coralie in St. Mary's Eaton Bray on the afternoon of Saturday 9th June, may be obtained from Sheila and John Heffer on 01525 220618.

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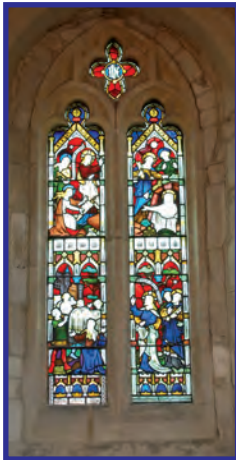
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(Northall Village Hall)

AGM 2012

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Sunday 15th July 2012

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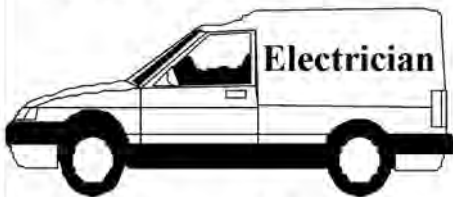
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- The Last Post
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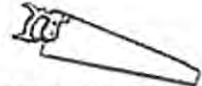
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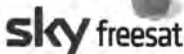
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Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.

It is in these few words that Jesus acknowledges our most precious gift, children and young people, whoever and wherever they are. They could be our own children, grandchildren, nephews or nieces, the TOTS group, the pupils at Eaton Bray Academy, Edlesborough and Dagnall Schools, the Pre Schools in the four villages, the GIFT groups, the uniformed organisations and many more. Each child is



precious in the eyes of God and it was wonderful to welcome so many to the Jubilee Tea party in the grounds of St Mary's on the Saturday of the Jubilee weekend. An enormous thank you to all those who made the event possible and as the children and young people of our villages begin their school holiday they will be the focus of daily prayer at St Mary's this month.

July also heralds amongst many other things St Mary's Village Carnival, the Grand Duck Race (I must remember to buy a duck this year) and Songs of Praise at St Mary's Edlesborough at 6pm on Sunday 15th. All these events are an important part of our family and community life. Following on from my letter last month the current national and international news is no better; Syria now seems to be moving towards civil war, there are continuing financial difficulties centered around the euro and unemployment, particularly amongst young people, it all makes for depressing reading or viewing. It is important for our own well being and the well being of our families and community to take every opportunity to enjoy ourselves. Focus is always packed with suggestions for all ages.

Returning to children and young people, if you cannot come along to daily prayer at St Mary's then please use the following prayer as we seek to discern God's will for our children and young people:

Heavenly Father,

you call us to nurture the children and young people in our midst,

inspire us with new vision and hope for them all,

give us grace to place them at the heart of the community

and your church and its mission here,

and build us all into a community of love and fellowship,

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Amen.

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Coralie

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EDaN Mayday Jubilympics - In The Sunshine!

What a glorious day we had for our rescheduled fun on Edlesborough green. Unfortunately we found it necessary to defer from the original date due to waterlogged turf and numbers were disappointing, but we had a great time anyway as can be seen from our photos on page 72, kindly taken by Natasha Balletta. All her other pictures of the day can be viewed on <http://natashaballettaphotography.com/gallery/505350.html> Our beautiful 2012 May Queen, Abbie Head – her hair fabulously dressed by Mel from High Street Hair and her crown created and donated by Chris at Buds of May - opened the proceedings with our Green Man, AKA Bob Stilliard, with Maypole dancing. Green garlands were held aloft by her attendants, then fun-time for all-comers commenced with dancing around the Maypole, steered in the right direction by Lorna Cabbage, our Maypole Maid.

The BBQ was as popular as ever, also Jubilee Cream Teas consumed amidst fluttering Union Jacks. Entertainment by the Great Horwood Silver Band was again generously sponsored by Edlesborough Surgery – the Tug 'o War enjoyed enormously by a much participating Martin Jones in one of the men's teams right down to the under 5's – all winners bestowed with pictorial gold medals.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were up for grabs in our mini-Olympics, stoically competed for in the hot sun; proud medal winners mounting the rostrum for presentations by the Green Man. Our 'Heroine' of the day was four year old Emma Skinner from Dagnall dressed as St. George, who claimed her trophy wielding her sword. Well done Emma!

We are grateful to many local businesses for raffle prizes – Janes, Edlesborough P.O., The Travellers' Rest, Cafe Masala, The Swan at Northall, The Red Lion in Dagnall and many individuals – thank you everyone.

Our team (and husbands!) – special thanks to mine for all his practical help and patience over the preceding weeks - and the EDaN Steering Group, worked hard to put on this afternoon of fun and we are very grateful to all friends and family who helped on the day, especially the ladies of Edlesborough W.I. and the Community Workers – thank you Angela! We raised £626.56. Many thanks to one and all; we do hope you enjoyed our Jubilympics.

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In 2011, we successfully applied for a Big Lottery Grant to turn the kitchen from chaos (albeit bigger than before!) into a fantastic, fitted, level room (no more steps, creating a hazard and preventing wheelchair access). We have two sinks, considerable work surfaces and cooking/fridge facilities. A great place for preparing and serving food for your event.

In addition to the extension work, we exposed the original vaulted ceiling showing the roof beams, creating a light and airy, stylish room. We also recently improved the lighting creating a lovely atmosphere, whatever the occasion.

Another great feature (although not new!) of Dagnall Village Hall is our stage. We

recently hosted a Jean Martyn Concert (Britain's Got Talent Finalist) which was a resounding success, with over 100 people seated comfortably – without the stage this brilliant evening would not have been possible.

So...if you are thinking of hiring a hall for your event and previously discounted Dagnall because it was not 'fit for purpose', please think again and come and see us - we are very proud of our Hall.



Did you know?

The Dagnall recreation ground is owned and managed by the Village Hall – we know that there is some confusion about this as you may think that it is a Council facility.

It is only through the goodwill of the Village residents that the bin is emptied and the playground is weeded (amongst other things).

As well as providing recreational facilities and space for residents, the recreation ground is used for fund-raising events such as fetes and race days and the local youth football club, EB Lions, use it for football matches.

- If you would like to use the recreation ground for a gathering/event, please would

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Dagnall Village Hall Treasurer's Report May 2012

Treasurers Report - May 2012

Overall our income excluding grants was up on the previous year at £10,644 (30.61% higher) while our costs excluding projects stayed at almost the exact same level as last year £8309 (0.24% higher).

The main contribution to increased income was hall hire up 43% and particularly private hire which was up 145%. I believe this is directly related to the improvements that have been to hall over the last two years.

Our costs have remained level with last year. For services, electricity was down 41% while oil was up 22% and water rates were up 100%. Our general maintenance costs are also lower by 20% as a result of the investment we have made

During this year we received a grant of £10,000 from the Community Chest to complete the kitchen. The total project cost £10,014 with the majority of this being the building work £6144 and the kitchen units £2712.

The final position on funds held by the Village Hall at 31st April is £7391.62. This is made up of the main bank account £5383.81, cash: £200.94, Sports & Recreation: £950.22 and the 100 Club float: £820.00.

Richard Cutler

Treasurer – Dagnall Village Hall

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News from the Lions Den...

Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lionsbest in the UK !!

We are delighted to announce that you have an award winning Lions club in your community! Since our very first Focus article detailing our plans for the formation of the club, we have been compiling a scrap book detailing all of our activities, pictures of our events and evidence of our social activities. In March we were awarded a district prize for our scrapbook and community service which then gave us automatic entry into the national competition. With just 10 months of history, we didn't feel terribly confident, especially when we saw the competition we were up against. However, we were utterly delighted to be awarded the best in the United Kingdom. We are obviously very proud of our scrap book and now plan to upload a virtual copy of it onto our website so that you can all see first hand our progress. The scrap book is usually present when we hold our open evenings and we are planning to bring along our trophies to be displayed on our stand at the carnival so you will be able to share in our success.

The Spinal Injury evening we held was a complete sell out and raised around £200 for the National Spinal Injury Awareness campaign. The following night was our Paradox tribute night where some of you literally danced the night away and helped us to raise a further £865.00 which is being donated to Stoke Manderville hospital intensive care unit.

The trip to Foulness Island on 9th June was also thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and we continue to raise funds for the high visibility children's waistcoats we wrote about last month. However, as if that wasn't enough, we are about to trail another community service project and this is where we need your help.

Fancy some fish and chips ?

We are hoping to start a monthly fish and chip delivery service to housebound residents in our villages. We were initially approached by Social Services and Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity who brought to our attention a number of people who are unable to walk as far as the fish and chip shop. As soon as we heard this, we knew we wanted to help. Through working with these charities, we have committed to a trial of this project starting on Friday 27th July.

If there are any 'housebound' residents who fancy a fish and chip supper delivering to them on Friday 27th July, please call me on 01525 229 656 by Wednesday 25th July. We will then collect your payment on Thursday 26th July and will deliver your supper to you on Friday 27th between 6 and 7pm depending on the number of orders we receive.

If this is a success, we then plan to start a 'fish and chip' club where people can register with us for a monthly delivery service. We must stress that we are not making any money from this – you will only pay for the cost of your supper. Our delivery service will be a free of charge community service project.

Like all of these things, it will only be a success with your help so if you feel you would benefit from this or know anyone who might then please do get in touch. The trial night will 'test' the demand for this service so please don't think, 'I will wait until it is established before I place my order'this may mean you miss out if we don't see enough demand.

Hopefully the community in general is starting to see the benefit of having a Lions Club and the impact it can have on everyone's life, from the potentially life saving high visibility waistcoats for our local children through to the food delivery service for our elderly or housebound residents and a whole host of other activities in between. If you have a few hours to spare and feel you would like to get involved with us then please do get in touch – as always, more members are always welcome and the more members we have, the bigger impact our community will feel overall.

Alternatively, if you know of someone who may benefit from our help then please do let us know.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the carnival in July – not only will we have lots of fun games for you to take part in, there will also be lots of information about Lions available for you and of course, you will have the opportunity to meet us all in person. Don't forget that every penny we raise at carnival this year will go towards funding high visibility waistcoats for our local primary school children so please, please do support your local Lions club...

Ordinary people doing amazing things



Don't let Thieves House-Sit this Summer!

Sometimes the last thing we think about is home security when we're about to jet off for sun, sea and sangria. Although Aylesbury Vale is a low crime area, it doesn't mean if you don't secure your home that you will return to your home as you left it.

Follow the Community Safety Partnership top tips to keep opportunist thieves at bay this summer:

- Do not leave valuable items like your TV, sound system and other hi tech gadgets where thieves can see them.
- UV Mark belongings with your postcode and house number. Keep a list of the make, model and serial number of these items and take photos of any valuable items that can't be marked.
- Make your home appear occupied. Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries and ask a trusted neighbour to collect your post. Use automatic timer-switches to turn on your TV or radio so it sounds like someone is home.
- Make sure you have up to date contents and buildings insurance.
- Put all your tools away so they cannot be used to break into your house and lock your garage and shed with proper security locks. If you have to leave a ladder out, put it on its side and lock it to a secure fixture with a "close shackle" padlock or heavy duty chain.
- Cut the lawn before you go and trim back any plants that burglars could hide behind.
- Most burglars get in through a back door or window. Make it difficult for them by locking all side or back gates and adding trellis to the top of walls and fences. Fit lights that come on at night to cover the sides and back of your house.
- Make sure you've locked all outside doors and windows and, if you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set.
- Don't advertise your whereabouts on social networking sites, it could attract unwanted attention from opportunists.



Wednesday Club - Northall

As the year moves on and we finally move into summer and look forward to some lovely sunny weather (?) we have lots of visits planned. We would like to say a big thank you to the staff and children at Dagnall School who invited us to a Jubilee Tea Party with music and dancing followed by tea and cakes. The children danced and sang enthusiastically for us and sampled the cakes with the same amount of gusto! The weather was kind to us so we had a lovely afternoon. We held our own Jubilee Party at the beginning of June and celebrated with all our cooks, drivers, conductors and committee members, which we hope was enjoyed by all. The hall looked so pretty with all the union jacks and bunting. A big thank you must go to all our cooks who supplied wonderful cakes and scones.

We are looking forward to our summer coach trip to lunch near Stowe and also to our annual garden party in Ashridge, hosted by kind friends who are happy to invite us each summer, an event very much enjoyed by all our members.

VACANCIES FOR NEW MEMBERS

We are looking to recruit new members for September this year and would welcome any enquiries to join us. We are open to anyone living in the local area, over 65 and looking for some friendly company and a home cooked meal once a week. We meet WEDNESDAYS at Northall Village Hall from 10.00 am till 3.00pm and the cost is only £7 for the day. We can arrange transport on our minibus for those who need it. For any more information, please contact Anna 221996 or Julie 220153, and we will be happy to arrange for you to visit us.

Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship (ELF)

Our meal outing on May 10th to The Village Swan at Ivinghoe Aston was well attended. All those present thought that the venue and meal were very good value and the company a happy one.

The visit to the Stondon Motor Museum was enjoyed by all the members who attended. At the end of the visit the group visited a nearby pub for lunch. The visit was led by Alan.

On 28th May, the weather was very pleasant and the walk, led by Brian Wyke, started at Ivinghoe, continued to Pitstone, joined the Ridgeway Path to Ivinghoe Beacon and returned to Ivinghoe.

Arrangements are well in hand for the outing to The Shuttleworth Collection on 12th July. This is being arranged by Brian Wyke and will include a lunch. Details are being displayed in the North Porch of Eaton Bray Church. Transport can be arranged if it is required.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Diamond Jubilee celebrations whatever they decided to do.

JULY DATES

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| Thursday 12th | Visit to the Shuttleworth Collection |
| Monday 23rd | Walk Start Eaton Bray Church 10.00 |

Grand St Mary's Duck Race 2012

Saturday - 14th July 2012 – 10.30am

The stream between Eaton Bray and Edlesborough.



This year's Seventh Grand Duck Race for the Special Royal Jubilee Cup will be competed for by over a hundred racing ducks – all the highly trained racing ducks are desperate to win this prestigious trophy – and all are available to be bought for the race for just £1. Last year's prize money totalled over £100 split between the owners of the winning three ducks.

Many of the ducks are excited by the rumour that the Jubilee Cup will be presented to the winning duck and owner by Princess Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge – obviously the organisers cannot confirm that rumour for security reasons!

So remember if you see a duck seller on carnival day buy your racing duck, they will also be for sale on the Duck Stall at the Carnival along with the super fun hook-a-duck game – with loads and loads of fantastic prizes!

If you'd like to come and cheer on your duck on the day please come along – the top ducks are targeting a new “sub-5” minute record – but a slow pace may help the fast finishers.

All proceeds go to the Carnival's nominated charities – over £300 last year from the race and the hook-a-duck stall.

The course can be reached from Edlesborough by going to the end of Summerleys and following the footpath to the stream (the starting line) – and from Eaton Bray by walking down the Meads and following the footpath by the hedge to the bridge on the stream (the finish line).



The Manor House String Quartet – 18th August

We have been fortunate, in recent years, to welcome some tremendous musicians to St Mary's, Eaton Bray; but the quality of playing of the Manor House String Quartet, whom we welcome at St Mary's Eaton Bray on 18th August, is as good as you might find anywhere in the country. They performed for us last year and one person, for example, was moved to say that the performance of 'The Lark Ascending' was the finest she had ever heard.

We had to invite them back again this year for a concert, which will be entitled 'Invitation to the dance'. Come and hear some of your favourite music on that theme, including:

Weber 'Invitation To The Dance', Albeniz 'Tango', Boccherini 'Minuet',
Offenbach 'Can-Can', Brahms 'Hungarian Dance No. 6'

These musicians play with some of the top orchestras in the country and we are so lucky not to have to go all the way to London to hear them. Just come along to St Mary's at 7.30pm on 18 August or book your tickets, priced £7.50 at the Box Office: Tel 01525 222283.

As an added incentive, the Box Office for this year's Poppy Prom will open during the Manor House String Quartet concert. Be there to ensure you get the best seats for one of the music highlights of *Music at St Mary's* the year in our villages.

Dagnall News

Over 60's

Our Ploughman's lunch was a great success and Kensworth were full of praise for the meal and the fun quiz that followed.

July 17th is an outing to the Lavender Fields at Hitchin leaving Dagnall at 9.15, for a guided tour of the fields and coffee, followed by lunch at the Green Man in Stanford. The afternoon stop will be at a Garden Centre for a cuppa and a browse around the store. Kensworth will be joining us again, to make up the numbers for the coach.

We are still in need of new younger members for Dagnall, so if you are recently over sixty and would like to join us once a month, please do give us a try. You will be surprised at how lively the meetings are and your contribution to a community effort will be much appreciated.

Community Choir

JUBILEE CONCERT INSPIRATION

Were you moved and inspired by The Jubilee Concert and particularly by The Jubilee Song - "Sing" ? You can enjoy being a part of something along similar lines with our Community Choir. The feeling of producing music together can give you the same warm glow.

Stuart Harding (our own version of Gareth Malone) leads us through our practises every Monday evening at Dagnall Church at 7:45. Newcomers always welcome.

With our June Concert behind us, we now start working on extending our repertoire for the Autumn Season, with our next major performance at Eaton Bray Village Hall planned for October 20th. More details will appear in future editions of Focus.

Dagnall Jubilee Celebrations



arrived to join in the fun. After all, once you are wet does it matter how much more wet you get and there is nothing quite like a soggy sausage roll! The bouncy castle on Geoff Spencer's lawn was in use all afternoon, as was the music system which kept going despite the damp

The weather forecast (at least one of them!) predicted rain at 5pm on June 6th SO we went ahead and put up bunting and arranged tables at the junction of Deans Meadow and Chestnut Close for our street party. People started to arrive from all over the village at 2pm and we soon had tables groaning with shared food. And then the rain started but with true British spirit we said "It won't last long" and more people



conditions.

Thank you to all who had a hand in organising the event. Roll on the next national celebration.

Dagnall School

Something amazing has happened in the Chaffinches' outside area!

Cody and Max went to get a boat from our drawers and had a big surprise. Out of the drawer flew a robin! Inside was a nest with five blue eggs. Max thought they were chocolate eggs! We were all very happy and excited.

We have tried to help the robin hatch the eggs by:

- Not screaming or shouting in our little area.
- Not opening the drawer.
- Moving the toys away so the robins are not frightened to fly in and out.
- Making posters so other people know about the nest.

One day Thomas peeped through the gap in the drawer and saw some little beaks. We know we have at least four chicks but have not opened the drawer to see if the other egg has also hatched. At the moment they do not have any feathers.

We have noticed two robins flying in and out of the drawer carrying little grubs. They often sit on the fence or in our little tree waiting to fly into the nest. Today we even saw one waiting on the water tray. Whilst we were outside at lunchtime it even flew into our classroom!

We are really looking forward to seeing the chicks leave their nest and learn to fly. We are wondering if they will have red chests like their parents!

Excited Chaffinches at Dagnall School

Morris Men at the Red Lion

Don't forget the St Albans Morris Men will be dancing in the garden at the Red Lion in Dagnall on the evening of Monday 9th July starting around 9pm. We hope you will come along and support them.

We advertise around the pub, so do call in, and also on our facebook group RED LION Dagnall which you can join or give us a ring on 01442 843020 for any enquiries.

The Ben Treacher Jazz Quartet

Sat 11 Aug 2012

at

Pitstone Memorial Hall



Tickets: £ 8.50, Concessions £7.00

Tel: 01296 668094 (and Ivinghoe Post Office & Masons Pitstone)

Doors Open 7.30 pm for 8.00pm

Bar

Kite Festival

Chiltern Gateway Centre, Dunstable Downs, Whipsnade Road,
DUNSTABLE Bedfordshire LU6 2GY

Date: Sat 14th July to Sun 15th July 2012

Time: 11am - 5pm

Contact: Chiltern Gateway Centre Shop

Telephone: 01582 500925

Email: dunstabledowns@nationaltrust.org.uk

Website: <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunstable-downs-chilterns-gateway-and-whipsnade-estate/>

Our fantastic annual event is back for 2 fun filled days.

Enjoy this weekend festival's fantastic atmosphere as you're bedazzled by the professional kite team's show stopping displays and kite fighting demonstration. The many children's activities will keep the kids thrilled all day, while you discover the wonderful stalls and join in the tug of war. Enjoy the taste from the BBQ, as you watch the sky light up with spectacular flying displays.

Free event. (Car parking charges of £2/day apply).



Give Bowls a Go!

CHEDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB, your friendly local Club, is for everybody – all ages: beginners to experts.

Open for you from:

May to Sept on TUESDAYS (2pm) and FRIDAYS (6pm)

Our Open sessions are an ideal opportunity to get to know bowls and make new friends. Just bring trainers or flat soled shoes. We will supply the rest, including a cuppa or something stronger from the bar.

www.cheddingtonbowls.org.uk / The Recreation Ground, High Street, Cheddington

Contacts: Nigel on 01442 824 679 or Sue on 01296 668 772

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EATON BRAY A CENTURY OF CHANGE

A slide show by Peter Mayne

26th October 2012

EATON BRAY VILLAGE HALL

7.30pm for 8pm start

Tickets £7.50

*Don't miss this night of nostalgia as it will be
the last one that Peter will be giving.*

*ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL
GO INTO THE FUNDS FOR THE NEW
EATON BRAY VILLAGE SIGN*

*Tickets will be available from Roebuck Garage
From September 1st 2012*

*There will be a licenced bar, tea and coffee
and light refreshments*

Edlesborough Parish Council News

including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

AGM Report

At the AGM held in May 2012 Cllrs Brian Holt and Chris Nevard were invited to join the General Purpose Committee. Cllr Wilkinson who is currently the Parish Council's planning representative for the entire parish, agreed to continue but felt that representatives from Dagnall and Northall should be involved and take responsibility for reviewing planning applications in their own villages.

Luton Airport proposed expansion

There has been no further update concerning this matter.

Speed Limit Review

30mph and 40mph stickers for wheelie bins are being distributed to residents in Northall and the areas adjacent to the Travellers Rest Public House where speed limit changes have been made in order to emphasize the new speed limits when the bins are put out for collection. Stickers have already been distributed throughout Edlesborough village.

Vacancy for Cleaner for Memorial Hall & Pavilion

The Parish Council still have a vacancy for a Cleaner for the Memorial Hall and Pavilion and should anyone wish to apply for this position would they please contact the Clerk, Lin Sargeant on 01525 220859 or e-mail:

parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk for a job description.

Memorial Hall Bookings

It is understood that the Under 5's who currently meet at the Memorial Hall will be moving into the School premises in the Autumn. This would enable the Memorial Hall to be made available to others. Beverley Douglas, the Manager and Booking Secretary, is taking provisional bookings from anyone who may be interested in hiring the Memorial Hall either on a permanent or casual basis.

The Green

The Parish Council wish to thank EB Lions and The Swan football club for having made monetary donations towards the recent renovation of the football pitches.

Allotments

Letters have been sent to allotment tenants who do not appear to be cultivating their allotments. The Parish Council would remind all allotment tenants that if their allotments are not seen to be cultivated the Council have the right to take them back and re-let them.

Employment changes

Beverley Douglas will continue as Manager of the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, Playground and Green and also be responsible for taking bookings for the Edlesborough Memorial Hall. All other enquiries should be made to the Clerk, details as below. **PLEASE NOTE that as from 13th June 2012 Beverley Douglas' Telephone Number will be 01525 229358**

The Parish Council will shortly be advertising for an Assistant Clerk. If there is anyone who would like to apply for this position please contact the Clerk, Lin Sargeant, as per details on the next page.

Pot Holes

The existing pot holes particularly in Pebblemoor have been reported to Bucks CC and will be dealt with as soon as a specialised piece of machinery is available.

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

E-mail: parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk

Beverley Douglas – Manager – **PLEASE NOTE**

NEW TELEPHONE NO. 01525 229358

E-mail:bluebellbev@gmail.com

Edlesborough Memorial Hall Booking Secretary:

Beverley Douglas – **NEW TEL NO: 01525**

229358 E-mail: bluebellbev@gmail.com

Website: www.edlesborough.gov.uk

Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings

3rd Thursday monthly

7.30pm Memorial Hall

Next Meeting: 19th July

St Mary's Ladies Guild

The members were welcomed to the June meeting by Deirdrea. Birthday cards and special congratulations were extended to Thelma and Marjorie Mann (in her absence), on attaining a certain age, also to Marie Simmonds, June Howard and June Thorne.

The devotions were led by Thelma finishing with the Guild prayer. In spite of the awful weather, the traditional tea at World's End was excellent, the members were well catered for and the service was very good too. It was lovely to just sit back chatting and enjoying the tea. Envelopes were given out for the outing to Henley on Wednesday 22nd August, monies to Jenny by July.

The result of the Guild questionnaire showed the National Royal Lifeboat being chosen as the outreach mission project, financial support for this would be raised from the monthly raffle and bring and buy stall. It was also decided to send £100 to the Mission to Seafarers, in memory of Rev Tom Heffer.

Mrs Leanne Walters was the speaker who spoke on the history of Milton Keynes Theatre.

Leanne was a very bubbly and enthusiastic speaker, keeping the ladies attention throughout her talk. Milton Keynes Theatre opened in 1999, 25 years after the campaign for a new theatre first started. The auditorium had been carefully designed to accommodate various shows: the ceiling can be lowered or raised depending on the scale of the production.

The theatre accommodates a wide range of productions, from large scale musicals to smaller, more intimate drama. The programme includes a variety of large and small West End productions and a spectacular Christmas pantomime, touring opera and ballet, as well as drama. It is owned by the Ambassador Theatre Group. Leanne was thanked by Deirdrea for such an interesting talk.

Next months meeting is on Wednesday 11th July when the booked speaker is unable to attend due to very ill health. The Committee will try to arrange an alternative. Guild Communion is on Wednesday 25th July.

Social time followed with, as always a splendid tea to enjoy and members are urged to take any spare cakes etc to their neighbours each month. An excellent raffle was drawn with eight lucky prize winners, plus there was a bring and buy stall. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings to enjoy the speaker, tea, fellowship and fun.

Eaton Bray Parish Council

Highlights of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Meeting held on Monday 14 May 2012 from 7:00pm at the Coffee Tavern

A full copy of the minutes for Eaton Bray Parish Council can be found on our website. The Clerk wished to thank all the Parish Councillors and many others who have worked for/with the Parish Council over the year. All the work and support that everyone has given is much appreciated.

Projects Completed And On-Going **Cemetery**

We have received a number of positive comments this year regarding the improved condition and appearance of the cemetery. The new Grounds Maintenance Contractor has been able to achieve this by cutting the grass on a very regular basis. He has also instituted an ongoing programme of work to cut the neglected, encroaching and over grown hedges back to the original boundary line. Members of the Community Payback Scheme spent three days clearing debris from around/under the hedges to the front and sides of the cemetery. In excess of three tons was removed. There is a plan to replace the front hedge in the autumn with a new Laurel hedge. The Council is still looking at a range of options regarding the acquisition of extra burial land.

Coffee Tavern/Cottage

- Currently there are six Trustees
- The Coffee Tavern has been quite well used; however it would be good to see more local groups/people making use of this village facility, to encourage this the letting fee has remained at the 2009 level.
- Window boxes and planters have been added to the outside of the building.
- A new Parish Council Notice Board has been fixed to the front of the building and a Community Notice Board has been sited in the Coffee Tavern Garden.
- The fire alarms & emergency lights are checked and serviced every six months. The extinguishers are checked and serviced annually.
- The condition of the 'Grass Crete Matting' in the Car Park is being monitored and the Parish Council kept informed.
- The cottage was totally redecorated, three Passyfier Vents were installed to the outside walls of the lounge and the two bedrooms and a number of roof tiles were replaced and the flashing repaired.
- Risk/Fire Assessments have been updated.

Recreation Ground Improvements

The two new pieces of play equipment are in storage and ready for fitting. The Council are awaiting details of quotes for the safety matting required for these pieces. The Parish Council are working with the local football club, EB Lions, for the provision of an all-weather training pitch at The Rye Ground.

Additional projects and news for the coming year

- The Coffee Tavern Trustees are looking into the tidying up of the car park.
- Now the new 20mph speed limit signs and restrictions are in force for School Lane, the Parish Council will be working with the local police to ensure these speeds are adhered to.

- Village Sign; the working group are in the process of finalising design/funding.
- The Parish Council hope to encourage residents to join an Improvement Team; volunteering their help to improve the parish in which they live.
- The Parish Council are looking at purchasing additional Christmas lights to add more cheer to the parish at that time of year.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Johns was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council and the council were pleased to co-opt a new councillor, Cllr. Linda Doughty to the Parish Council.

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2012

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.

FACEBOOK

Eaton Bray is now on Facebook; the Parish Council hope to get as much useful information put on this new resource. Take a look LIKE us :-)

VILLAGE SIGN

The Village Sign Working Group presented the draft design to the Parish Council, which was approved; the council hope to have the recommended final design on display at the council's stand at the St. Mary's Village Carnival on 7th July.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.ebpc.co.uk

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

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| <h3>Eaton Bray Parish Council Meetings</h3> <p>1st Monday of each month 7:30pm The Coffee Tavern</p> <p>Next Meetings: Mon 2nd July Mon 3rd Sep</p> |
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Eaton Bray Methodist Church

At our Sunday School Anniversary in May the youngsters Theme was "The Olympics". They began by bringing in the 5 rings, Blue, Yellow, Black, Green and Red. Our Preacher for the service Roger Owers then explained that the rings represented the 5 parts of the world: The Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania and are interlaced to stand for unity among the 5 continents. The children's enthusiasm shone in their faces throughout their presentation and was a joy to witness. We were all encouraged to strive to always do our best for Unity for all in Christ.

A special thank you must go to Rona who wrote and narrated the piece and Helen, Paul and Mike our Sunday School staff and of course to all the children.

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday September 23rd at 10-30 am and led by Mr Geoff Bocutt. As in previous years, following the Service, all fresh produce can be taken away for a donation and dried and tinned goods will be given to Charity. Once again the gentlemen of the Chapel have agreed to "spoil the ladies" and make and serve a hot lunch after the Service. Tickets will be available from Chapel members.

Cafe Worship Services will continue to be held monthly.

Sunday 15th July led by Mr Richard Armiger.

Sunday 12th August led by Rev. Jenny Spouge.

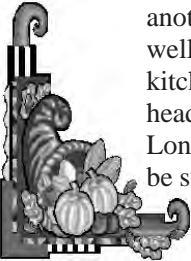
Sunday 9th September. Preacher T.B.A.

Changes at The White Horse Eaton Bray

Since his takeover on 16th December Tom Dunnell has endeavoured to build on the good work that his predecessors David and Janet Sparrow had carried out during their time at the White Horse.

In January 2012 Tom engaged consultant chef Alex Puddefoot on a short term contract, Alex's brief was to introduce some more contemporary dishes to the White Horse menu. These are now on offer and you can find them on the SPECIALS menu. Because the dishes are more contemporary they are sometimes served without potatoes, something which has surprised some of the regular visitors to the White Horse. A further addition to the food offer includes afternoon tea which is now served between 2pm and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday.

With Alex's brief now complete he has moved on to another project and the team at the White Horse wish him well. Alex's final task was to recruit and organise the new kitchen team, and Tom is pleased to welcome the new head chef Chris Bensley. Chris has worked extensively in London and is very precise and well organised. Chris will be supported by Sous Chef Fred Gillespie and Junior Sous Chef Connor Crawford who both live locally.



Do you need Help with household tasks?

Mature friendly lady, seeks position

Available as Companion,

Also for Cleaning / Shopping /
Laundry / Ironing,

Willing to assist with Trips Out
or with pets

Reasonable Rates

Has own transport

For further details to discuss your
requirements,

Please contact Lyn

Tel: 07980397867

E-mail: lyncando@hotmail.co.uk

Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club 25th Anniversary Dinner and Dance Saturday 29th September

7pm (Village Hall)

Join us to celebrate 25 years of Eaton
Bray Lawn Tennis Club. Everyone
welcome.

£24 per head (£22.50 if paid by 31/8)

(3course meal, please bring a bottle or two!)



Help support our event to
raise money for our Charity,
Brain Tumour UK.
(Registered charity number 2117938)

Contact...

Bernadette Hillman
01525 222531 or 07958 724892
Bernadette.hillman@hotmail.com

WWW.EBLTC.ORG.UK



All Saints' Church, Dagnall Services in July 2012

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| Sun. 1st July | 9.00 am | Eucharist |
| | 10.30 am | Morning Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Evening Service with Holy Communion |
| Sun. 8th July | 10.30 am | Morning Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Eucharist |
| Sun. 15th July | 10.30 am | Family Communion |
| | 6.00 pm | Evening Service |
| Sun. 22nd July | 10.30 am | Family Service |
| Sun. 29th July | 10.30 am | Informal Worship |

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



World Challenge Quiz Night



I am writing this to say a massive thank you to all those people who came along on Fri 25th May to my World Challenge Quiz Night. We had a brilliant turn out and lots of people helped out in so many ways, some helped set up the hall and others helped clear the hall. There was a team of people peeling and mashing potatoes and lots of lovely raffle prizes were donated too. My Grandma wrote the quiz and I helped her on the night to do the scoring and hand out the answer sheets whilst my Mum was busy in the kitchen cooking the sausage and mash dinner for everybody.

I hope everybody enjoyed themselves and we made a massive £600 towards my World Challenge trip to Nicaragua next summer. So a big thank you to everybody involved, we could not have done it without you!
Alex Mustoe

NORTHALL BAPTIST CHAPEL

Chapel Lane, Northall

(just beyond the 30 speed limit signs on the road towards Leighton Buzzard)

Everyone is welcome to our Sunday worship each week between 11am and 12.30pm including tea/coffee and time to talk together.

For more information contact:

John Hazell 01525 218142

Email northallchapel@btinternet.com

There has been a Baptist Chapel in Northall for more than 200 years. Today we continue to seek to worship God, serve him in our daily lives and support and encourage one another in the difficult and the joyful times.

The Salvation Army,

Booth Place - Weekly Activities

Sunday

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| Footprints (Sunday School) | 9.45-10.45am |
| Morning Worship | 11.00am |

Songs of Praise **4.00pm**

3rd Sunday of the month May to December

Monday (term time)

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| Champions Challenge Club (Ages 5-10 years) | 5.30-6.30pm |
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Tuesday

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| Coffee Morning (alternate weeks) | 10.00-11.30am |
| Music practices (all welcome) | 7.30-9.00pm |

Wednesday

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| Home League (Ladies Mtg but all welcome) | 2.30-3.30pm |
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Thursday

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| Parent and Toddler Group (Term time) | 9.30-11.30am |
| Ladies Fellowship (Last week of month) | 7.45pm |

For further details please contact Captain Jenny Dibsall

T: 01525 221156/07717 813682

E: jenny.dibsall@salvationarmy.org.uk

W: www.salvationarmy.org.uk/eatonbray



Some comments from

Children

Open Day

Friday 13th July, from 9.15 - 12.15 Dagnall Village Hall
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Edlesborough W.I.

Our latest meeting was the Annual Resolutions Evening, when we discuss the one being voted on at the A.G.M. of the National W.I. This year it was in connection with the need to train more midwives. After discussion the proposal was agreed, and our vote went forward to the A.G.M. in June. Members also expressed their views on research being undertaken on the venue and programme for the A.G.M. Phrena, our President, noted the comments, and these were sent to National W.I.

We heard a report of the Bucks. W.I. Spring Council Meeting from Phrena, who also thanked Brenda Shields for arranging a successful Members Night the previous month. The business part of the evening completed, we all relaxed over a cheese and wine supper. As usual, this was prepared by Ann Brinklow and Jenny Foale and, as always, was very much appreciated by members. Thank you, Ann and Jenny, for a lovely meal. The same two ladies together with Jan Alsop, were busy again when we entertained a party of rambblers after their local four mile walk. The walkers were relieved to have escaped yet another downpour of the now-familiar rain, and all enjoyed the lunch we served.

Another date in our diary was a conducted tour of London Dockland. This proved to be one of the most popular trips undertaken by our members. It certainly was quite a busy month for us, and shows what an interesting time we have in our W.I. life.

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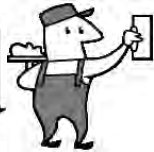
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A gaily decorated hall greeted the members to their Golden Jubilee meeting. Birthday cards were given to Vera and Joan Duke. Dorothy was thanked for the lovely food that she had provided at the May meeting, to celebrate her 90th birthday. Lovely photos had been taken of her cutting the beautifully decorated cake.

Last month's speaker was Dr Kay Elliot, a local GP, who was greatly enjoyed. It was also the time to discuss the Resolution to be voted on at the AGM to be held at the Albert Hall, namely asking the Government to employ more midwives. Kay's thoughts and comments on this were greatly appreciated.

Envelopes were given out for collection of the monies for the forthcoming outings. Everything was arranged for the visit to the Houses of Parliament and final instructions would be handed out by Wendy next month.

Deirdrea then introduced the speaker William John French, a royal butler, who spoke on "Welcome to my World". William was a fascinating speaker. He started his career in 1980 at the age of 16 when he joined the Royal Navy where he remained until 1989. During that time he served on the Royal Yacht Britannia and went to the Falklands War from 1982-1983 where he served on HMS Battleaxe and HMS Broadsword. On leaving the Royal Navy in 1989 he continued his career as a butler when his first appointment was with the Rothschild family. His duties as butler to the Royal Family, which spanned five years, included service to Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Phillip, Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of York.

All his stories were told with great humour yet it was obvious that his confidential approach to his work had always been held in the highest esteem by his employers. There were many of his photographs to illustrate the talk. There was a beautiful photo of Princess Diana taken by him, of which there is no other copy.

Linda and Deirdrea had attended the National AGM at the Albert Hall, where the Resolution to employ more midwives was voted on and the results were 4939 for and 240 against. At the AGM members were given knitting wool and needles, to take part in breaking the record for the Guinness Book of Records, for the most people knitting simultaneously for 15 minutes, in a single location.

Lord Julian Fellows was the guest speaker and entertained with the background to his very successful series Downton Abbey. To complete a very full day the members were entertained by the stars of Strictly Come Dancing, Kara Tointon, Artem, Robin and Christina, displaying their amazing skills and flexibility.

To close this month's meeting there was a Jubilee raffle and a Jubilee Tea. Next month's meeting is on Monday 2nd July at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Sarah Moore with her day makeup. Visitors are always welcome.

Eaton Bray Village Hall 100 Club Winners June 2012

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| 106 | John Plater | £100 |
| 183 | Heather Abrams | £25 |
| 178 | Alison Tigg | £25 |
| 76 | C & H Giles | £25 |

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Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club



April Quiz - April and May were a busy couple of months for EBLTC. In April the first of the bi-annual quiz nights took place in collaboration with the Village Hall. This ever popular event filled the village hall as usual. Congratulations to Keith's Local Mates, the winners on the night but much appreciation is due to everyone that attended and helped to organise the event. The next quiz will take place on 17th November.

Teams - April was the start of the summer season and our senior and junior teams have all been in action in the South Beds Leagues. Commendable performances have been put in by all teams but most notable are the Girls U16 A team of Alison Lowe and Alicia Franklin and the mini reds A team of Nicholas Clarke and Jamie Williams who remain unbeaten as do Jane Cross's mixed team and the Ladies team.

Play Day - 26th May was our play tennis day. We had a beautiful hot sunny day and a great turn out from our members new and old as well as a lot of interest from potential new members who have subsequently joined the club. Of course new members are welcome at any time.

Brain Tumour UK - Also on the 26th May we ran a charity tennis marathon for Brain Tumour UK. This event was held in memory of Malcolm Tritton, who sadly passed away in 2011. The event was the idea of his niece Alison Lowe. It was Malcolm that encouraged Alison to take up tennis and to join our club. Alison now represents the County and is on the fringe of the senior squad. With our coach, Sara Leavy we devised an 8 hour tennis marathon with Alison selecting a team of juniors to play against the Chairman, Stuart Adolph, slightly older team. At the end of the eight hours Alison's team came out the winners 85 games to 83. The event has raised over £2,000 for Brain Tumour UK but any further donations would be most welcome.

Alison and Wendy Lowe would like to express their gratitude and thanks to everyone that helped to organise the event as well as all those that participated and donated.

We are planning to hold a joint charity and 25th Anniversary dinner/dance on Saturday 29th September and will be promoting this very soon.

Social Tennis and Coaching - Our senior social tennis is open to all on Tuesdays from 6pm and on Sundays from 10am. Come along and join us. We now run a junior social tennis session on Wednesday evenings from 5pm.

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*Heroine, Emma Skinner, claiming her trophy
from our Green Man, Bob Stilliard
Abigail Head, our May Queen
Tug of War
Great Horwood Silver Band
All photos by Natasha Balletta*



YOUR VILLAGE PHOTOS



*Moorhen & chicks on my
garden pond
by Mavis Hignell*

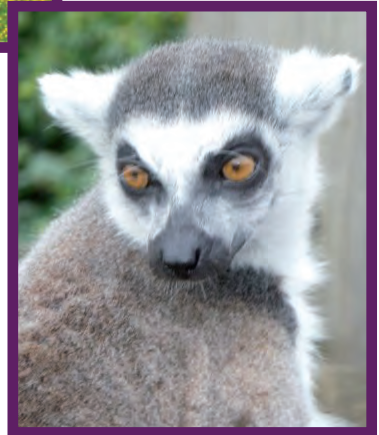
*Ducks in garden puddle
during hose pipe ban in
April by Claire Dent*



*Dagnall Sign buttercups
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*Wildflower meadow, Ascott
House by Pam Styles*

*Ring tailed lemur at
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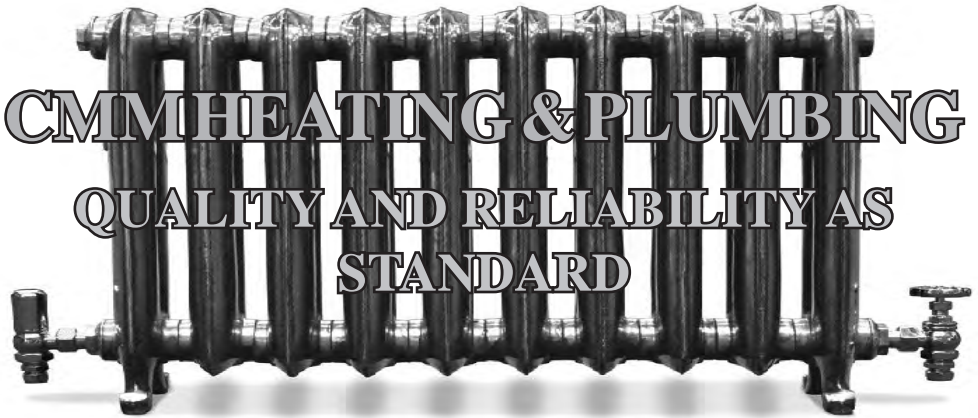
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Edlesborough Book Group Book Review

Toast By Nigel Slater

This month we chose to read "Toast" by Nigel Slater, a well known food writer and TV chef. It is sub-titled "The Story of a Boy's Hunger" and uses as a device for its chapter headings, the names of dishes and brands of food popular in the sixties and seventies. The book is not really an autobiography; it is rather a memoir of childhood and early adolescence. Nigel is the youngest son of a middle aged, middle class couple, and because of the large age gap between his brothers and himself, his childhood is rather repressed and lonely. He is very close to his mother, but rather wary and in awe of his father, who in the way of the post war generation, is rather distant.

When Nigel is nine years old his mother, an asthmatic, dies and his world is turned upside down. His father, left with a small boy to care for as well as coping with his own loss is overwhelmed by this and very soon Nigel has a stepmother. His relationship with her is difficult and he appears never to come to terms with the fact that his father has married the housekeeper. As a group we found Slater's descriptions of lemon meringue pie, bread and butter pudding and the joy of toast extremely well written and brand names such as Arctic Roll, Smash and Fray Bentos pies very evocative. But this does not make much of a book, which most of us disliked. The author appeared to be a rather self interested, rather snobbish boy and some of his more intimate memories we found rather unnecessary and distasteful. Maybe he has grown into a nicer adult - we hope so.

Employment and Support Allowance Changes from 1 May 2012

From 1 May 2012 (later in Northern Ireland), changes were made to contributory Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).

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- if you're in the Work-related Activity Group, the amount of time for which you can get contributory ESA is limited to 365 days. If you have already been getting contributory ESA for 365 days in the Work-related Activity Group, it will stop immediately
- if your limited capability for work began in youth (before the age of 20 or, in some cases, before the age of 25), there are no special conditions of entitlement
- if you reclaim ESA within 104 weeks of a previous claim, your claim will no longer be linked to the previous claim unless the period between claims is twelve weeks or less.

If you're not already getting income-related ESA, you may qualify for it when your contributory ESA stops. If you're already getting income-related ESA, you're likely to qualify for more when your contributory ESA stops. Income-related ESA is means-tested, so the amount you get will depend on your other income and capital and the income and capital of your partner.

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Salvation Sound - July 2012

Summer Sun...It makes one think of hazy, lazy, days - days spent sitting by the river listening to the sound of running water lapping softly over the shallows; catching tiddlers under the bridge; the old sheep dip down at the marsh; the days of my childhood, in Leagrave. How it has all changed! The BLOCKERS SEASIDE has long gone; but I can sit now on the sides of the stream in Edlesborough and there watch the lazy trout swimming, see the ducks, and sometimes a swan or two.

I like fish, especially when it is served as kedgeree, at breakfast; or buttered kippers; perhaps a nice piece of Finnan haddock; mmmm, nice! But usually it's just a make-do with a slice of toast. Imagine the fishing smack, bobbing like a cork, with the waves lifting and dropping the little vessel, and the foam spraying the men until their oilskins shine like that of the seal coming out of the water.

The men who risk their lives to put that fish onto our plates. The stream is fed by well-springs hoarded by nature... the stream of humanity is fed by wisdom and effort, hard won experience, and the hand of God. In Psalm 8 it tells us that He, God, appointed man and made him ruler of the fish and creatures in the seas. The occupation of several of the apostles was that of fishermen. Mark.1 v 17 states that Jesus said "Come with me, and I will make you fisher's of men." John chapter 21 tells a fishermans story. Read it for yourselves; then thank God for his bounteous grace to us. Talking of grace, on a lighter note, I came across this, a Yorkshire grace:

"We thank Thee, Lord, for common food, for trotters, tripe, pigs cheek, for steak and onions, with their crude, but appetising reek, potatoes in their jackets make us plain folk honour Thee; And thou art with us when we bake fresh shrimps for Sunday tea. Thy peoples' praise is overdue but, see, dear Lord, we kneel to offer thanks for Irish stew, and tasty cheap cow heel.

And wait a minute, Lord! don't miss the last word on our lips; We thank thee most of all for this, Thy gift of fish and chips...

Do you remember the days when "a piece of cod and six pennyworth of chips and a bag of scrumps." was the order of the day; wrapped in newspaper, sprinkled with vinegar and salt first. My word, didn't they taste good! Especially as the scrumps were mine to eat on the way home!

The sailors' hymn "Eternal Father strong to save", talks of the perils of the ocean deep. William Whiting penned the words with such deep feeling that I wonder what his connection with the sea was. Another writer, Priscilla Jane Owens wrote the hymn "Will your anchor hold in the storms of life" Was she, I wonder, one of the wives waiting on the cliff top to see if all the fleet returned to harbour after a violent storm.

A lazy summers day; a wandering mind; my time of leisure over, I come to this conclusion; "I've anchored my soul in the haven of rest,

I sail the wide sea no more;

Now the tempest may sweep

O'er the wild stormy deep,

But in Jesus I'm safe evermore".

Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for May 2012

The month of May started with a spell of wet and cool weather and it was not until the 22nd that the temperatures rose to the mid-twenties. The weather was very changeable, with us seeing almost all the seasons in a single day: we went from a daytime maximum temperature of 8.2°C on the 3rd to a high of 27.8°C on the 27th. But that's the English weather — you can always rely on it to be changeable!

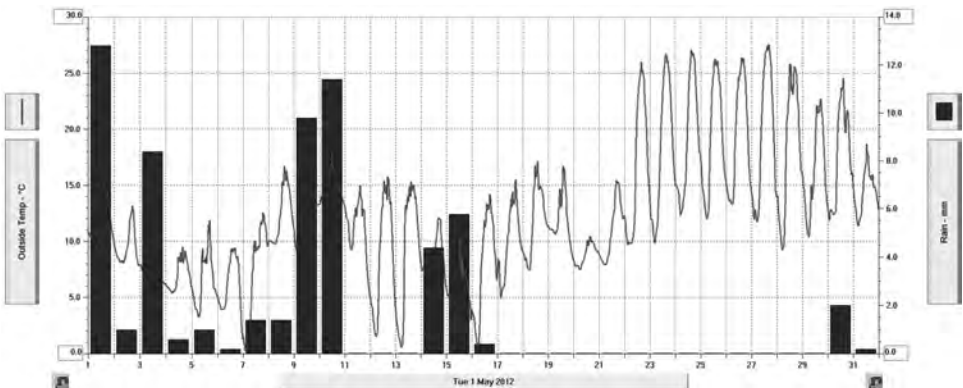
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| Temperature: | 27.8°C | 27 May 17.00 | 0.2°C | 7 May 03.30 |
| Mean Temperature | 12.2°C | | | |
| Dewpoint: | 19.1°C | 24 May 15.00 | - 6.5°C | 7 – 13 May |
| Humidity: | 83% | 28 May 03.00 | 36% | 25 May 17.30 |
| Barometer: | 1037.8 hPa | 12 May 13.30 | 1002.3 hPa | 18 May 14.00 |
| Wind Speed | 31 mph sw | 10May 05.30 | Months avg. | 5.4 mph |
| Wind Chill: | 27.2 °c | 22 May 16.30 | -0.6°C | 7 May 01.30 |
| Dominant Wind: | NNE | | | |
| Rainfall * <i>T</i> = total rain days and moisture. <i>R</i> = Actual rain | | | | |
| *Rain Days: 15 (T), 15(R) | Wettest Day 1 May | | 12.8 mm | 0.504 ins |
| Monthly Rain: | Total | May 2012 | 60.8 mm | 2.393ins |
| Yearly Rain: | Total | 3 Months | 298.4 mm | 11.748 ins |

May 2012
Plots shows the rain and Temperature



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We welcome 2 new drivers to our team of volunteers this month, they are Kirsty Glynn and Alan Mead, both from Dagnall, very many thanks to you both for volunteering your time to help other people who are disadvantaged by local public transport.

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With very best wishes for a lovely summer.

Kathy Bovington

On behalf of EDaN Buses and Transportation Team

Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!

... it's that time of year when we think about the January pantomime. The theme is still a mystery but we're told that famous sleuth, Sherlock Holmes, will be playing his part to solve it!

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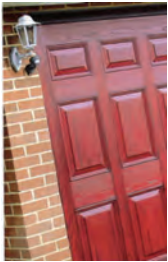


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