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December Focus will be a joint issue for December & January.

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by 10th November

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

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Eaton Bray: Norman Lee, Tel: 01525 222831

Dagnall: Elizabeth Coates, Tel: 01442 842550

Edlesborough Memorial Hall: Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358

EDaN Community Transport

Peter Williams: 01442 842506

Village Diaries November 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
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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	Central Bedfordshire Children's Centres' Toy Library, 9-9.45am, Eaton Bray (School Lane) Public Car Park
Fortnightly	
Fridays	Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576

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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-poole.co.uk
1st Tuesday	Bingo, 7pm, Dagnall Village Hall
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

4th	Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
8th	ELF meeting at Coffee Tavern
9th	Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am.
10th	Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
20th	Dagnall Over 60's. Speaker Captain Jenny from the Salvation Army, 2pm village hall
22nd	ELF Musical Afternoon with Tea at Coffee Tavern 2.30pm
26th	Elf Walk from E.B. Church 10am

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

9th	Appledown Charity Dance, 7.30pm, St John's Hall, Sundon Park Road, Luton. Tickets: 01525 220383
10th	Unveiling of the Eaton Bray Village Sign, 2pm, Market Place
10th	Dagnall Under Fives Quiz Night, 7.30pm, The Red Lion, Dagnall, £5 per person, tickets 07885 682572
10th	Poppy Prom, 7.30pm, St Mary's Eaton Bray, Box Office: 01525 222283
17th	St Mary's Christmas Fair, 12-3pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
24th	Eaton Bray Academy's Christmas Fayre, 12.30-3.30pm
24th	Cadillac Blues Band, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Tickets: 01525 221583

News from the Lions Den

Ho Ho Ho Focus Readers,

Santa here - bringing you greetings from Lapland!

I have a plea for help – my Elves have been incredibly busy all year round making toys and presents for me to deliver to you all on Christmas Eve. However, as is the case with so many people these days, I have been forced to ‘down size’ a little.

As such, I am looking for somewhere to park my sleigh for 11 months of the year. The good Lions of Eaton Bray & Edlesborough have volunteered to assist me this year and will be accompanying me out and about around your villages throughout December. They also suggested I write a short note to all of the readers of this wonderful magazine with my plea for assistance.

If anyone reading is able to store my sleigh under cover, please do contact Rachel on 01525 229 656. I may even be able to bring you an extra special present on Christmas eve in return

Yours in good faith

Father Christmas

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Community Transport Hub



On Wednesday a few members of the Buses and Transportation team attended a meeting, held by Community Impact Bucks regarding a new service they are offering to Buckinghamshire residents. The service is called The Community Transport Hub and is free to call on

0800 085 8480 between 10am - 2pm Monday to Friday

or email transport@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

This service is jointly funded by Bucks County Council and the Bucks NHS Trust. The Community Transport Hub is a one stop shop for information, advice and guidance on community transport providers in Buckinghamshire. From Dial A Ride to community car schemes, minibuses for hire to transport schemes for young people.

As you are all aware, we are very lucky in Dagnall, Edlesborough and Northall as we have already setup an EDaN Community Car Scheme, which is running very successfully. If you have any other transport issues that the present service cannot satisfy, why not give The Hub a call and see if they can help.

Please note that the EDaN Community Car Scheme is not just there for the elderly, it is there for any 18+ resident of Dagnall, Edlesborough or Northall who may be having difficulty with getting around due to lack of local public transport.

If you would like to join our community car scheme and become a volunteer driver or have any other queries, please call Kathy Bovington on 01442 842796.

If you would like to book a trip, please call Peter Williams on 01442 842506.

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He has been married for 40 years to Andy and has four children and six grandchildren, he lives in Watford and is a community pharmacist in Luton.

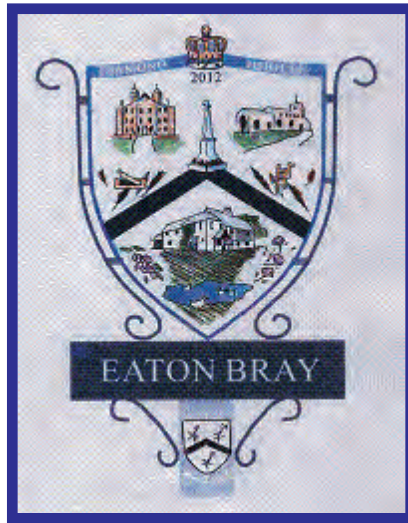
John Curtis plays bass and backing vocals. His powerful accurate style propels the band with energy and gives Cadillac Blues it's tight edge. He has been a professional musician for a large chunk of his working life. Through various projects John has worked with a wide variety of talented people from Billy Connolly, Dr Hook, Elton John Gary Moore and Pink Floyd's Dave Gilmore.



Morris Windsor sits behind the drum kit setting the pace of everything. He joined the band a couple of years ago, after being introduced by regular player Kim Rew (Katrina & the Waves) He has played with several different bands and his experience has brought a freshness and drive to the band in 2012.

Pete West was a member of the band in the Nineties and has played all round the world. He has worked with Rick Wakeman, Paul Young and Hazel o'Connor amongst others and has backed comedians Jimmy Jones & Faith Brown. He is listed as having played on several hit singles during the 90's. He is originally from Watford and currently teaches guitar. He has a dog called William named after the blues guitarist Bill Bruford.





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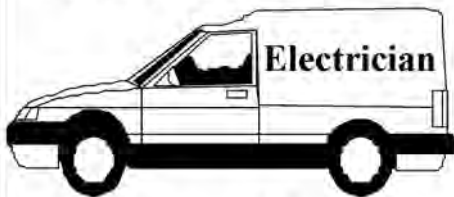
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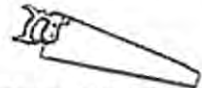
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November is a month of celebration, remembrance and dark nights. At All Saints Dagnall, on Sunday 4th November at 4pm, we celebrate our Patronal festival followed by tea. Churches dedicated to All Saints can have a field day picking their favourites from the vast array of saintly rôle models although you may not find going and living alone in the desert like Saint Anthony or being burnt at the stake like Saint Polycarp or Joan of Arc quite your thing.

How do we become saints? Those of us who are great thinkers and teachers like St Thomas Aquinas, have mystical experiences like St Catherine of Sienna or defend the church against worldly powers like St Anselm may be in with a chance. There is also the possibility that if you have a bit of folklore named after you like St Swithun you'll end up with your own special day.

Alternatively, you may do the one thing that unites all of these and all other Christian saints down the ages: follow the teaching and practice of Jesus in your own way and in your own place and time with a true heart. We do not have to make grand gestures, we just need to look beyond ourselves and to love and serve our neighbours as ourselves. In stark contrast to the celebration of All Saints is Remembrance Sunday when this year we gather at the war memorial in Eaton Bray on Sunday 11th at 11am to remember those who died in the two World Wars and think about those who have lost their lives in the conflicts that have continued to rage in the intervening years. (Google, *current areas of conflict in the world*, for the frightening up to date statistics).

At the same time the shops are rapidly filling their shelves with Christmas gifts and produce, all tantalizingly displayed to persuade us to spend, spend, spend. In the current climate it is easy to criticise both retailers and consumers for a spending frenzy but as the days shorten and darkness descends the need for light and hope increase and there's nothing like a little retail therapy to lift the spirits.

And now an appeal: this year please remember the Dunstable Food Bank and add something from the *food bank shopping list* to your shopping basket. Lists are available from St Mary's church or contact me directly and help to bring light and hope into another family's life.



Coralie

From the Parish Registers

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

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

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Edlesborough Breakfast and After School Club

Our newly refurbished premises have enabled Edlesborough School to open its very own Breakfast and After School Club for school age children at Edlesborough School. The club runs from 7.45 am – 8.45 am and from 3.00 (3.20) pm until 6pm every week day. We hope that this will provide a useful facility for parents and an enjoyable environment for children to relax and have fun before and after school.

For enquiries please contact the School Office 01525 220431.

Thank You

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning held in St Mary's Church on Friday September 21st was another huge success and we would like to thank everyone who supported in any way. I would like to especially thank the magnificent team of helpers who made it happen, and everyone who helped with the clearing and furniture removal before and after. Also many thanks for all the donations of cakes, books, bring & buy etc.

The total raised is over £630 so far, a great result! This will be put to very good use supporting anyone affected by cancer and their families.

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We have made some progress with MPs, Councillors and secured attendance at key meetings, but we need to represent the actual number of unhappy parents!

Please sign the on-line petition – We need to let the council know how many of us are unhappy at the huge fares!

Did you realise?

* Charges range between £75 - £1,100 per annum to access the same Bucks School Bus service? Often it is cheaper for out of area youngsters to get to the same schools that in catchment youngsters attend!

* Did you realise that if you pay in termly instalments you are paying more for the year??!

* Buckinghamshire students are amongst the highest fare payers nationwide: e.g. London students get free Oyster Travel and Berkshire students get annual passes for £75 per annum – is this fair?

* Were you consulted or allowed an input into their proposed charging scheme? Did you even know that you are liable to pay for your child attending 6th form and that the “Raising of the School Leaving Age” will not change the Local Authority’s position on the “Statutory School Leaving Age of 16”? (in other words, we pay!)

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Edlesborough Book Group Book Review

The Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal

Edmund de Waal is a well known and respected potter living and working in London. His porcelain installations can be seen at the V&A museum and closer to home at Waddesden Manor. He is also a descendant of the Ephrussi family, a fabulously wealthy banking dynasty, who built their business from a humble beginning as grain merchants in Odessa to an international business in the mid nineteenth century.

In 1991 Waal obtained a scholarship to Japan in order to study its techniques and to further his knowledge of Japanese porcelain. Whilst there, he visited his great uncle Ignace, who had settled in Japan after World War Two ended. It was in uncle Iggie's apartment that he first saw the collection of netsuke; 264 tiny carved figures in ivory or wood depicting animals, plants and domestic scenes. Originally, netsuke were functional items, toggles to secure a purse to a belt, each having two tiny holes through which a cord can be threaded and individually signed by the carver. Great uncle Iggie showed the collection to his great nephew, who became fascinated by them and also by their story. When after Iggie's death the collection was bequeathed to de Waal, he set about finding out more about them. He was not only intrigued by the miniature figures, how perfect and tactile they were, but also how the collection had survived intact over so many years of upheaval. This story of how a once hugely wealthy and powerful family could be reduced to nothing is indeed dramatic and the painstaking details with which de Waal pieces it together hold our attention throughout the book.

The netsuke were originally bought as a collection by Charles Ephrussi, a grandson of the bank's founder. He was well known in Parisian society as a dandy, but also as a patron of the arts. When a young cousin in Vienna married, Charles sent the netsuke to them as a wedding gift, where they remained among the sumptuous surroundings of the Ephrussi home. Ignace remembered playing with the netsuke as a child, as they were kept in a vitrine in his mother's dressing room. How they survived the Nazi regime and the repossession of all Jewish property is told vividly and dramatically.

This is a very idiosyncratic book, both in its story and the way in which de Waal writes. The majority of our group enjoyed it and although a few found it hard going to begin with, their perseverance was rewarded. A highly recommended book.

Dagnall News

Over 60's

The Over Sixties had their Bangers and Mash Lunch in October followed by entertainment from the Jolly Jazzers.

On November 20th we have Captain Jenny from the Salvation Army who will talk to us about her work with the folk who live on the Waterways.

The visit to Bishop Stortford and Finching field with Theobalds in September was quite an experience! We spent more hours on the coach than out of it, as we picked up other groups from all around the area, before we set off for Bishop Stortford and then dropped them all off before arriving back at Dagnall. If we book another trip with Theobalds we will request that they collect us last and return us first!! However most people enjoyed the day and the weather was perfect.

Dagnall Gardeners' Society

**The trading Hut will close on 25th November 2012
and re-open on 10th February 2013**

**The society's AGM will take place on 25th January 2013 in Dagnall Village
Hall 7.30pm. All members welcome.**

Buckinghamshire Association of Horticultural Societies Autumn Show.

As usual, Dagnall Gardeners' Society entered the Buckinghamshire Association of Horticultural Societies Autumn show.

This event, which occurs twice a year (spring and autumn), enables the horticultural societies and garden clubs of villages and towns in Buckinghamshire to come together at their show to see who can exhibit the best collection of vegetables, domestic cakes, jams etc. and floral art.

This year we entered the veg. and domestic classes with vegetables, cookery items and wine collected from our members. I am pleased to say that we won the B.A.H.S. Trophy for the best vegetable collection, the shield for which is now displayed in the Dagnall trading hut.

Community Choir

Many of you will be enjoying the television series with Gareth Malone creating Choirs from unlikely sources. Our conductor, Stuart Harding, is working hard trying to create a similar miracle with choir members from our local community.

Unfortunately we are not in a position to guarantee TV appearances or attendance by audiences who will get their faces on the box. Doubtless if we could guarantee such "stardom" we would be inundated with hopefuls,

As it is, however, we gather every Monday evening at Dagnall Church for the pure joy of making music together. The television does not show the sheer hard work of learning words and music of a varying range of songs which do not come naturally to everybody. Nor do you see the many mistakes that keep bringing proceedings to a grinding halt while the conductor deals with shortcomings. It might appear from a television show that forming a choir and teaching it a song is easily achieved in an hour. Forming a choir from a local community and learning a whole repertoire is a different thing entirely.

Our next appearance is at the sold out Poppy Prom in Eaton Bray Church on 10th.

November. The following Tuesday, we will be taking part in "Dunstable Sings" at the Grove Theatre and between that and Christmas we have been asked to sing at various pre-Christmas charity events.

So we have a busy period of concerts arranged for the latter part of 2012 and we hope that many of you will be able to enjoy the results of our efforts.

Red Lion News

We have now got a website www.redliondagnall.co.uk which has details of our opening hours, details of food times and upcoming events. Our next food night is a French evening on Saturday 17th November with a three course meal of classic french dishes for £15.00 per head. Booking is advisable for this. We also have our function room available for use free of charge for any meetings or private parties and catering can be supplied upon request.

We have also started our Senior Lunch Club on Thursdays where a two-course meal is a great value price of £6.00.

On Saturday 10th November we are hosting a quiz night for Dagnall under 5's playgroup which will have a cash prize and food is included in the ticket price of £5. Come along and join us for any of these events and do take a look at the website!

Dagnall School

A harvest poem by the children in year 1 - right

Thank You Geoff

Mr Geoff Spencer gave a talk in Dagnall Village Hall on Friday 28th September 2012, on his escape attempt from a POW camp at Dresden.

Geoff gave a very interesting talk on his escape and everyone was captivated. We then had some wonderful homemade cakes, followed by tea or coffee whilst



The Function Room

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Sunlight shines on the wheat swaying in the wind.

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Dagnall School - Year 1



browsing the pictorial displays that Geoff had put together of his war years. Geoff then held a question and answer session for anyone who still had unanswered questions.

The evening raised £153 which Geoff is donating to Dagnall School. We would also like to thank Gary, Chairman of Dagnall Village Hall, for being so generous regarding hall hire charges on this occasion. Geoff Spencer has been raising money for Dagnall School for over 30 years and still is a serving member of our Governing Body today!

We really do appreciate all your efforts over the years, Geoff, in raising so much money for our school. A very big Thank You from all the staff, pupils and governors, including all ex pupils and staff.

Kathy Bovington (On behalf of Dagnall School)

Rotary Club of Dunstable Antiques Fair

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- By attending the event
- By becoming a member of The Rotary Club and helping worthwhile causes in the community.

More information can be obtained from Roger Sharp on 01582 606405

Appledown's Dog of the Month



This is Sailor, he is a 7-8 year old neutered, male lurcher.

He has a lovely temperament and is very affectionate with people and good with other dogs. However, he would not be suitable for a home with cats or other small animals.

Sailor enjoys a nice walk but looks forward to curling up in a comfortable bed. He would prefer a quiet home, perhaps with a retired person or couple

If you feel you could offer Sailor, or any of our other dogs, a loving and secure home please call in at the kennels any day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Our staff will be happy to offer advice and information.

Please note that we have restrictions on rehoming dogs to families with children under 7 years of age, so please ask for details.

Appledown Rescue & Rehoming Kennels, Harling Road, Eaton Bray, Beds LU6 1QY

Call 01525 220383 or e-mail appledown.kennels@btinternet.com

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Eaton Bray Parish Council

Highlights of the Minutes of the meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held on Monday 1st October 2012, From 7:30pm At The Coffee Tavern

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

POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

PCSO K. Horgan attended the meeting. She went through the data regarding incidents occurring in the parish. She again reiterated the importance of residents to contact the police to report any incidents/suspicious behaviour occurring within the village.

In an emergency always dial 999. In the event of a non-emergency, use the non-emergency number of 101. If you wish to contact by e-mail please go to the Beds Police website: www.bedfordshire.police.uk/local_policing/central_bedfordshire.aspx

CENTRAL BEDS REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr. Mustoe addressed the Parish Council. The planning application for the land behind the White Horse Public House has been called in to committee and is awaiting a decision.

Following the success of events held last year, the Just Ask ... Rave Bus is again visiting towns across Central Bedfordshire. Most sessions run from 9am to 1:30pm, for more details visit ...

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/Images/CentralBeds_JUSTASK_A4_tcm6-28649.pdf#search="just ask .. rave bus](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/Images/CentralBeds_JUSTASK_A4_tcm6-28649.pdf#search=)

CBC are carrying out a number of consultation activities, details of these can be found on the council's website, for more details visit ...

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/have-your-say/current-online-consultations.aspx

TRAFFIC/SPEEDING

Motorists are continuing to speed down School Lane, despite the introduction of 20mph restriction on this road. Road users are reminded to SLOW DOWN and drive at the legal speed limit set for this stretch of road.

NO PARKING

The Parish Council are to be fitting NO PARKING signs at the Three Corners and Market Square. Residents are reminded that cars are not allowed to be parked on these areas at any time and must be kept clear.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

A new notice board has been fitted at the village shop.

BULB PLANTING

The Parish Council are in the process of planting additional flower bulbs around the village and would like to thank those who are helping the council with this project.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: www.ebpc.co.uk

A full copy of the minutes for Eaton Bray Parish Council can be found on our website. Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

Email: clerk@ebpc.co.uk - Telephone/Fax: 01525 221464 - Website: www.ebpc.co.uk

Office Hours: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 09:30-13:30hrs [message can be left on answerphone]

Eaton Bray Parish Council Meetings

1st Monday of each month
7:30pm The Coffee Tavern

Next Meetings: Mon 5th Nov
Mon 3rd Dec

Edlesborough Parish Council News

including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

An Election to appoint the new Police & Crime Commissioner is to take place on 15th November 2012. There will be Polling Stations at Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Dagnall Village Hall and Northall Village Hall open from 07.00 – 22.00.

Planning

In view of the Government's proposals to review planning requirements (especially for conservatories) parishioners are advised to speak to AVDC before making an application.

Annual Return

The Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2012 has been completed and can be viewed on the parish website.

Code of Conduct

Edlesborough Parish Council approved and signed a new Code of Conduct on 20th September 2012.

Traffic Calming

Bucks CC are being constantly chased up regarding the painting of road roundels and repairs to the VAS 30mph sign in Northall together with the removal of redundant poles etc. remaining in situ following the Speed Limit Review and work that is required to the pot holes throughout the parish.

Expansion Plans for Luton Airport

Luton Airport's operating company has published a Master Plan to show how they intend to develop the airport to increase flights and consequent passenger throughput by up to 80% from 10m to 18m passengers per annum. The Master Plan can be viewed at

<http://www.long-luton.co.uk/en/content.8.1171/revised-masterplan.html> Following feedback the airport will draw up a planning application which will be submitted to Luton Borough Council in due course. The second, competing, planning application that had been expected from Luton Borough Council (which owns the airport freehold) will not now be submitted.

Litter Bin Recycling

Following the introduction of the new recycling scheme in Aylesbury Vale District Council area parishioners are reminded that only the bins will be emptied and anything that is left beside the bins in black sacks or loose will not be collected.

Buckinghamshire's Household Waste recycling centres will be changing to

EDLESBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR HIRING ON

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Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons
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Penny Pataky on 01525 229358**

winter opening hours. From 1st October to March 31 2013 the sites will be open from 9am to 5pm daily, except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

THEFTS

Parishioners are requested to be on their guard as thefts of catalytic converters are once again being reported.

Thames Valley Police new telephone number 101

When phoning 101 you will be told that you are being connected to Bedfordshire Police and for an alternative Police force you will need to press Option 1, then Option 2 to be put through to Thames Valley Police. For emergencies continue to phone 999.

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

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

Penny Pataky – Manager/Assistant Clerk – contact number 01525 229358

e-mail: assistant.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk

Edlesborough Memorial Hall Booking Secretary:

Penny Pataky: Tel: 01525 229358

e-mail: assistant.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk

Website: www.edlesborough.gov.uk

<p>Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings 3rd Thursday monthly 7.30pm Memorial Hall Next Meeting: 15th Nov</p>

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sue Cawdell and Chris Yorke are pleased to tell you that the coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support raised £240. Thanks to everyone who attended, contributed and helped.



Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship (ELF)

Hello again,

Our ELF meeting at the Coffee Tavern on September 13th. was a lively meeting. Several new ideas were forthcoming for our future meetings and outings. Hopefully, these ideas will be looked at again during our next meeting at The Coffee Tavern on November 8th. Everyone is welcome.

The walk arranged for September 24th was cancelled because of poor weather conditions. The group would like to see more people joining them. The walks are usually casual, not too strenuous and around three to four miles in the nearby area. A lunch is sometimes taken in a pub when the walk is finished. Please join us.

Thanks to Graham for arranging such a very good, interesting outing to Bletchley Park. After refreshments, we were taken for a very informative lecture and a guided tour around the Park buildings, ending with the House. After lunch, we wandered around on our own and there was so many things to see, including an old 40's style Post Office and a Toy shop, a Computer building etc. A great day out in fine weather.

On November 22nd, we are having a Musical afternoon in The Coffee Tavern with an afternoon tea. It should be very entertaining with the group making their own choice of music. We start at 2.30. Everyone will be made welcome.

NOVEMBER DATES

THURSDAY	8th	Meeting In The Coffee Tavern 10.30am.
THURSDAY	22nd	Music afternoon with afternoon tea 2.30pm
MONDAY	26th	Walk meet at Eaton Bray church 10.00am

National Trust Dunstable Downs

Chilterns Gateway Centre, Whipsnade Road, DUNSTABLE, Beds LU6 2GY Christmas Bazaar

Christmas is here again! Get in the christmas mood, bring the children to our Bazaar with bags of festive happenings, free seasonal tasting, together with roast chestnuts, mince pies and mulled wine on offer and many seasonal craft and local produce stalls. There will be carol singers, live music



and don't miss a visit to Santa's magical grotto. Date: Sundays 9, 16 and 23 December 2012. Contact: Chilterns Gateway Centre Shop

Telephone: 01582 500925, Email: dunstabledowns@nationaltrust.org.uk Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunstabledowns Booking Not Needed. There will be a small charge to see Father Christmas.

Christmas Burn Off Walk

Date: 26 December 2012 - 11.00 to 13.00

Overindulged this Christmas? Walk off all those extra calories over Christmas, with our countryside team over Dunstable Downs. Enjoy the spectacular views and fresh air as you enjoy a healthy walk. All tickets £2. Booking advisable.



£2 car parking charge also applies. Dunstable Downs, Contact: Chilterns Gateway Centre. Telephone: 01582 500920 for details and to book. Email: dunstabledowns@nationaltrust.org.uk Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-dunstabledownscount rysidecentrewhipsnadeestate Twitter: @DunstableDwnsNT

Carnival 2013 – Please Help

Planning for Carnival 2013 is already under way, but there are some jobs that don't need to wait until next year. Here's a simple way you may be able to help by recycling clutter from your garage.

We need to renovate / renew our collection of sign boards and these require sheets of ply wood (any thickness of ply) large enough to take A2 sized posters supported by batons.

Thus, we need plywood sheets 48cm x 61cm (19" x 24") and 120cm (4ft) lengths of 5cm x 2.5cm (2" x 1") baton. If you have such unwanted material please give me a call on 220136.

Gordon Gray

Eaton Bray Cricket Club 100

Club Winners

Oct 2012

£25	G French	No.40
£10	S Hill	No.43

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

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of Parishes



Pearl Jubilee Year

Bible Bits & Biscuits

St Mary's Church

Thursday 29th November

10.00am or 8.00pm

Bible Breakfast

Old Hunters Lodge, Whipsnade

Saturday 17th November 8.45am

Talking Point

St Giles Church Hall, Totternhoe

Bishop of Bedford

Tuesday 20th November

7.45pm

All Saints Dagnall

Christmas

Coffee

Morning

Saturday 8th December

10.30 – 12.30

Bring & Buy, Cake Stall,
Guess the weight of the cake
Greetings Cards, Jewellery,
Traidcraft

In aid of 2012 Project
Alzheimer's Society

Dagnall Under Fives

Quiz Night

The Red Lion, Dagnall

10th November

7.30 pm

£5 per person to include food

Cash prize Raffle

Teams of up to 6

Tickets available from the pub or

Toni: 07885 682572

tonigobold@hotmail.com

Dagnall School &
Dagnall Under Fives

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 1st December

1pm - 3pm

Father Christmas

Hand crafted gifts

Books

Raffle

Chocolate tombola

Mulled wine & mince pies

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Narrow Gauge Railway Modellers

Bedfordshire Area Group

of the Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers

We are the local group of the Association of Narrow Gauge Modellers. Our membership is drawn from the neighbouring counties of Beds. Bucks. and Herts. Our membership currently stands at around 30 members. We meet monthly at the Eaton Bray Village Hall near Dunstable. The club's exhibition layout is called Ridgmont, which takes its name from the Bedfordshire village where the club was formed over 20 years ago. During our meetings members bring along their own locomotives and rolling stock to run on the club layout Ridgmont and other visiting layouts. The locomotives are a mix of Live Steam engines most of which are gas fired but a small number of members have coal fired engines as well. During quiet periods when a member is waiting to raise steam a strange assortment of battery powered engines can be seen making leisurely progress around the layout. All visitors are always welcome at our club meetings, any visiting 16mm Members from other groups are also welcome to bring along one of their own engines. A full list of our club's meeting dates can be found on the club's Web Site at www.bag16mm.org.uk. If you would like further detail or are interested in joining our club you may contact our club secretary: Chris Pretty on 01442 244345. The 2012 Christmas show is on 1st December.

Club Meeting Dates 2013

Sunday 6th January

Sunday 3rd February

Sunday 3rd March

Sunday 7th April

Sunday 5th May

Sunday 2nd June

Sunday 7th July

Sunday 1st September

Sunday 6th October

Sunday 3rd November

Saturday 30th Nov Christmas Show

St. Mary's Guild Eaton Bray

Deirdrea welcomed Eileen and Peter Bennett and gave them a card as they have just celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Notices were then read out as follows:

November 14th - The next Guild meeting with Dr. John Noakes speaking on Roman Ruins of Jordan and Petra.

December 5th – Christmas lunch at The Five Bells, Stanbridge cost £18; menus were handed out with a request for their return together with deposits by the next meeting.

December 12th – Bring and Share Christmas Tea.

Devotions were led by Dorothy. The afternoon then proceeded with Eileen and Peter giving a presentation on their cruise on the Queen Mary II to New York. This included a tour of the liner and their time in New York visiting the many famous tourist attractions and showing on screen first class photographs (taken by Eileen who is a retired professional medical photographer) and an amusing and informative narration by both Peter and Eileen. This was a very enjoyable presentation warmly received by members. Christine thanked Eileen and Peter and presented them with a gift.

Social time and refreshments followed which included anniversary cake brought by Eileen and Peter for all to share.

The afternoon ended with a closing prayer.

Friends of Edlesborough School

We would like to thank the following local businesses for their generosity for donating prizes for the James Bond Casino night and disco.

Giblin Estate Agents	Chocolate Explosion
Christopher Pallet Estate Agents	D.E Hines Butchers
Edlesborough Autos	Rainbow Therapies
Leon Leenders	Cafe Masala
St Judes Clinic	The Akeman, Tring
Go Bowling	Zoey Ambrose for her Zumba voucher
Delta Force Paintballing	Nicky Tough of Bliss Beauty
The Therapy Hub	London Gliding Club
Shoot Me Studio	Waddesdon Manor
The White Horse, Eaton Bray	MK Dons
Mentmore Golf Culb	Leighton Buzzard Theatre
High Street Hair, Eaton Bray	Fit4Today
Janes, Edlesborough	Boden
Rafaella Hair, Leighton Buzzard	

We raised a phenomenal £3,200 for Friends of Edlesborough School. A huge thank you to everybody who came, danced and had a gamble!!

Here's a Bright Idea; Leave a Light On!

Here's a bright idea... leave a light on! As the clocks go back and the nights draw in, residents are reminded to secure their homes against opportunist burglars. By following the Community Safety Partnership top tips, you'll be safe as houses this winter:

- Look at your house like a burglar would. Is your home secure? Does your home appear occupied when you are out?
 - Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked and belongings are not left on show.
 - Use a timer switch to make your home appear occupied. This is especially important if you are out in the evenings or return home late as a commuter.
 - Mark your valuable property such as televisions, mobile phones, games consoles etc with a UV pen (house number and postcode). In the unfortunate event your property is stolen and then recovered; Police can positively identify valuables and give them back to you.
 - Be aware of the risks of broadcasting if you are going out somewhere on social networking sites. This could advertise your home as a target.
 - Secure your garage/shed as well as your home - they contain the tools a burglar requires to get into your home.
 - Scan our QR Code with your smart phone to see where our wintertime road shows are due. Alternatively visit <http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/community-living/community-safety/christmas-safety>
- Have a festive and safe Christmas from the Community Safety Partnership!

Harvest Auction

Northall & District Wednesday Club committee and members would like to thank all the businesses that supported us with donations for auction.

Village Café Edlesborough

Janes

Edlesborough Post Office

Pells Farm

Edlesborough Autos

Buds of May

Richard Lloyd Plumbing

Silver Arrow Archery

Ian Waldron Photography

SWAN Inn

Mentmore Golf

Hines Butchers

High St Hair

Eaton Bray Chiropody

Trading Faces

Roebuck Garage

Happy Valley

Eaton Bray Village Shop

Patricia's Cuisine

Garden Scene

London Gliding Club

Mead Open Farm

NG Autos

Park Farm Fisheries

St. Judes

Ian Waldron Photography

Travellers Rest

Westrope Bros

White Horse,

Happy Valley

Grebe Canal Cruises

Café Masala

Buds of May

Grove Farm

Home Farm Northall

We also want to thank all the many individual donors and bidders who contributed to the event. TOGETHER WE RAISED £1723. THANK YOU (CHARITY No 293080)

Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Our next Cafe Community will be held on Saturday November 10th from 11-00am until 1-00pm when we invite you to join us for coffee, an informal chat and should you wish, a light brunch lunch. Our charity donations are in aid of Farm Crisis Network, a Christian organisation that helps farmers and their families through difficult times. At this event Celia and June will have a table laden with handmade Christmas crafts and gifts for sale and the proceeds will go to our chapel maintenance fund. An opportunity to start the Christmas shopping without car park charges, endless queues to pay and the chance to buy those special and unusual gifts.

On Sunday November 11th at 10-30am our Cafe Worship will be led by Mr Robert Harris.

COFFEE, CRAFTS, & CHRISTMAS GIFTS MORNING ON

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1st from 10 am to 12 noon

There will be a chance to catch up with friends, finish the Christmas presents list and enjoy coffee and biscuits. All proceeds are for our chapel maintenance fund.

There will be no Cafe Community on Saturday December 8th but we do have Cafe Worship on Sunday December 9th at 10-30am when the Service will be led by Rev. Andy Melvin.

News from Avril Davies

County Councillor Ivinghoe Division Bucks County Council

Police commissioner elections November 15th

You will be receiving polling cards shortly to elect a Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley on November 15th. The job of the Commissioner is to hold the Chief Constable to account on behalf of the voters. The Commissioner is also answerable to a Police and Crime Panel consisting of one councillor from each local authority in the Thames Valley area and two independent members. It has taken a long time to build up a local force of officers and PCSOs who are highly visible in our area and responsive to residents and regularly attend parish councils and the Local Area Forum. I hope that any new commissioner will still give the same priority to local accountability and policing in rural areas.

Community Speedwatch

The County Council with the local Police have supported all local parishes wanting to tackle vehicle speeding concerns raised by residents. You may have seen small bands of volunteers including myself in high vis jackets on the village verges demonstrating the new electronic equipment, aimed at getting residents along to take part in speed checking their own streets. Speedwatch is able to record drivers exceeding the limit, inform police, and if high numbers of motorists are found to be speeding, alert the police enforcement team. Next month the teams will meet up with experts at the Local Area Forum to share their learning and put forward any recommendations to help with speed management.

61 bus changes

On 6th November new(ish) buses will run on the 61 route at long last. The reason this route has suffered such old buses for so long is because the new ones cannot make it over the canal bridges and get grounded. The new route will be along Westfield Road Pitstone. I am still in negotiations about routing the early and late buses via Tring Station. There will be some adjustment to the 164 Cheddington buses to compensate for the changes affecting Marsworth.

All Saints' Church, Dagnall Services & Meetings in November 2012

Sun. 4th Nov.	4.00 pm	Family Communion for the Festival of All Saints
Wed. 7th Nov.	7.45 pm	Wednesday Get-together - Speaker: Dr Kay Griffiths
Sun. 11th Nov	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Eucharist
Wed. 14th Nov.	7.45 pm	Wednesday Get-together - Speaker: Revd Coralie McCluskey
Sun. 18th Nov.	10.30 am	Family Communion
Wed 21st Nov.	7.45 pm	Wednesday Get-together - Speaker: Gordon Short - Gideons
Sun. 25th Nov.	10.30 am	Family Service
	6.00 pm	Eucharist
Wed. 28th Nov	7.45 pm	Wednesday Get-together - Speaker: Revd Wyn Jones

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



Eaton Bray Methodist Church

**COFFEE,
CRAFTS, &
CHRISTMAS
GIFTS
MORNING**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 1st
10 am to 12 noon**

**A FESTIVAL
OF CHRISTMAS
SONGS**

presented by local choirs and music groups (with audience participation)

**Dunstable Methodist Church
Saturday 1st December**

**4.30pm to 6pm.
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Police and Crime Commissioners – Coming Soon

On 15 November 2012, for the first time ever, the public across England and Wales (excluding London) will be able to head to the polls to elect a police and crime commissioner who will be accountable for how crime is tackled in their police force areas.

Nick Herbert, the Minister for Policing and Criminal Justice, says that 'The arrival of Police and Crime Commissioners will be the most significant democratic reform of policing in our lifetime.

'Communities will have a stronger voice in how their streets are policed and will be able to turn to their PCC to hold the police to account on their behalf.'

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) will aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service within their area.

To provide stronger and more transparent accountability of the police, PCCs will be elected by the public to hold chief constables and the police force to account; effectively making the police answerable to the communities they serve.

PCCs will ensure community needs are met as effectively as possible, and will improve local relationships through building confidence and restoring trust. They will also work in partnership across a range of agencies at local and national level to ensure there is a unified approach to preventing and reducing crime.

PCCs will not be expected to run their local police, nor will they replace the Chief Constable who will still be responsible for operational policing.

The role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account.

You can find out more about PCCs on the Home Office website <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/police/police-crime-commissioners/> or contact Bedfordshire Police Authority on 01234 842066 or visit: www.beds-pcc.org

Bedfordshire Police Authority

London Luton Airport

With an increase in aircraft in the area and in particular when the wind is from the East, we are getting some aircraft flying directly over the village to join the flight path into the airport. If you are disturbed by 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.



NORTHALL BAPTIST CHAPEL

Chapel Lane, Northall

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

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For more information contact:

John Hazell 01525 218142

Email northallchapel@btinternet.com

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Staff support children well and encourage them to be active in their learning and to think critically.

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Sponsorship Request

My name is Elliott James. I am 16 years old and live locally in Edlesborough. Earlier this year I was selected to play for the under 18 England Handball Team. In order for me to develop my skills, I have also been chosen to undertake a National elite athlete programme with the aim of competing at the Olympics in the future. Handball is the second largest sport in Europe and is said to be a combination of football, basketball and water polo. Due to the sport's success at the Olympics, handball is fast gaining popularity in England.

I would be very grateful for any sponsorship support local businesses may be able to offer me for my chance to compete at an international level.

Thank you very much.

(For further information, please contact Sarah James: 07733002966)



Christmas Lunch With a View

At Dunstable Downs

MENU

3 courses £19.95

Starters
Homemade parsnip and apple soup
Smoked mackerel with horseradish, beetroot puree and potato salad
Pan fried creamy garlic mushrooms served on croutons

Main Course
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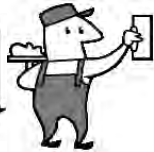
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Tuesday 27 December - Ashridge Estate Christmas Walk for all the family. 10am - noon, starting and finishing Ashridge Estate Visitor Centre, Monument Drive, Ringshall, HP4 1LX. Wine/soft drink and mince pie at the end. Booking essential - 01442 851 227 before 21 Dec. Friends of Ashridge members £6, all other adults £7, under 16s £5.

News:

Been for a walk through the National Trust Ashridge Estate lately? - it's beautiful at this time of year. In fact, it doesn't really matter what season we're in, it's the place to unwind and put life back into perspective. A frosty morning is the perfect time to enjoy the woods - and a home-made bowl of soup afterwards at the Brownlow Café.

If you're busy getting the garden settled for the winter, spare a thought for Ashridge - the Friends of Ashridge's annual bumper plant fair isn't until Sunday 12 May next year but most of our sale plants are donated by kind people who have plants to spare in their gardens. John Cartwright (01442 864 984) will be very happy to hear from you any time between now and 5 May: whether you have perennials, shrubs, trees, vegetables, herbs or annuals, he'll welcome your donations of well-rooted, healthy plants. Pots and compost are available on request. Please fully label, including the colour of decorative flowers.

In the meantime, preparations are well under way for 'Ashridge at Christmas' on Sunday 2 December, bringing you original gifts from local craftspeople and suppliers in the magical setting of the National Trust Ashridge Estate. The NT shop and Brownlow Cafe will be open all day, too. The day runs from 10am to 4pm and it will cost you nothing to park or get in. It's based as ever around the Ashridge Estate Visitor Centre, Monument Drive, Ringshall, HP4 1LX.

And if the family could do with a breath of fresh air during the Christmas break, get signed up for the now-traditional and always sold-out walk on Tuesday 27 December. This gentle circular walk starts at 10am at the Visitor Centre, finishing at midday with mulled wine or a soft drink and mince pies. To book, phone 01442 851 227 - tickets are £6 for Friends of Ashridge, £7 all other adults and £5 for under 16s.

Edlesborough School Open Day

Edlesborough School held an Open Day on 15th September for local clubs. We were delighted that over 20 different activities were covered on the day ranging from a Walking Group to the EDaN project. Visitors were able to talk to representatives from each organisation, and there was also a lot of networking going on between the clubs! This was a first for the school but due to its success we will be repeating the exercise next year, so watch out for the date in your local magazine.

If anyone would like information on the activities available locally, please ring the school on 01525 220431 as we have a comprehensive list of contacts.

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Village Hall – Time: 1-3 pm



SUN 02 December – Christmas Party for Dagnall Children
Village Hall – Time: 11-1pm, babies to 7 years old; 2-4 pm, 8 to 11 years old

WED 05 December – Christmas Bingo in memory of Basil Thorne
Village Hall – Time: 7.30 pm



FRI 07 December - Christmas Extravaganza
See details in separate advert below



SAT 08 December: Christmas Coffee Morning
All Saints Church – Time: 10.30 - 12.30



SUN 09 December – Christmas Carol Service
All Saints Church – Time: 4.00 pm



SUN 16 December - CAROL Singing

Touring the Village – Time: 6.30 pm onwards



TUES 18 December – Over 60s Christmas Lunch
Dagnall Village Hall – Time: 1.30 pm



All over 60s members welcome

WED 19 December – Craft evening: Create Your own Christmas wreath
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THU 20 December - CAROL Singing

Village outskirts – Time: 6.30 pm onwards



TUE 25 December – Christmas Services at All Saints Church
Time: 9.00 am, Communion Service

Time: 10.30 am, Family Service



SUN 30 December - Carol Praise Service
10.30 am: All Saints Church



Dagnall Christmas Extravaganza!

On Friday 7 December, there will be celebrations in Dagnall

At 6.30, Father Christmas will kick off the evening by touring the village with his pony and trap. Make sure all the good little boys and girls are in front of their houses to greet him. At 7.30, Father Christmas will switch on the Dagnall Christmas lights at the Village Hall. An event not to be missed!



To celebrate the season, Dagnall Community Choir will treat us to our favourite carols. There might also be a chance to buy unique Christmas food and gifts.

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Representatives from the Parish Council, EDaN, The W.I., Edlesborough School and E.B.Lions at the presentation by Vice Lord Lieutenant Alexander Boswell and AVDC officials and judges. Janes have a full window display featuring the DeFraine Cup and certificate for Buckinghamshire's Best Kept Village 2012, with local pictures – both old and new. Thanks to Louise Janes for her expertise and flair. We hope everyone enjoys our glory – a joint effort from the whole community. Let's keep our villages looking beautiful! Photo by Jim Wright.



As a Parish Councillor I was made chairman of a working group to bring about stronger community efforts and improvements in the village. Along with the decoration of the Coffee Tavern, a display cabinet for the Councils minutes, a community notice board, a repaired bus shelter, and cleaned up seats I have now a team of ladies ready to plant bulbs on the greens ready for next spring. At the beginning of September, a group of fathers of children at the Eaton Bray Academy, came together to dig holes, mix concrete and erect new play equipment supplied by the Parish Council. A large bucket swing, a roundabout and a small slide are now fully occupied when children pour out from school. Cllr. Bob Coulter



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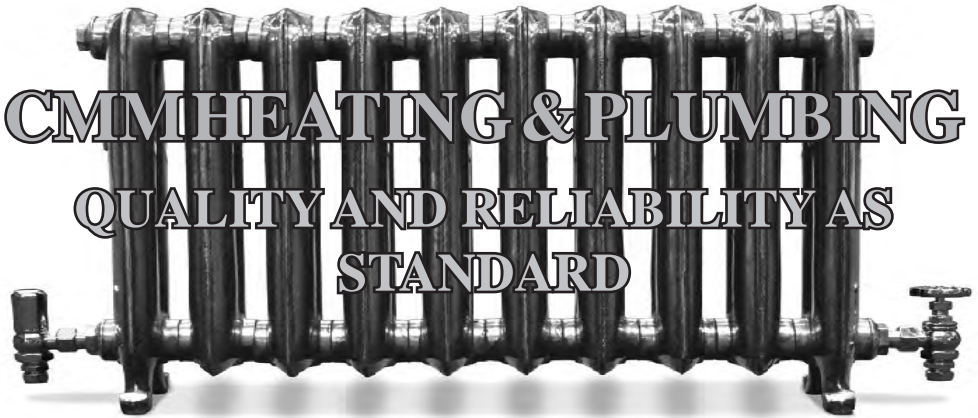
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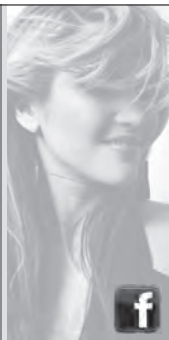
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It is the same when wallpapering; first you prepare the walls, filling in the cracks, rubbing down the lumps and bumps, sanding down to a smooth finish... then pasting on a good lining paper, finishing with the chosen wallcovering itself. At last, perfection. How wrong can one be?

It is much the same story in our lives, we try to cover up our weaknesses through our own efforts, make the best of a bad job; instead of acknowledging to God what is wrong and letting him help us to put right what we ourselves try to tackle alone.

In Jeremiah ch.18. the Lord told him to go to the potters house and watch him work. He did that and saw that whenever a piece of pottery turned out to be imperfect the potter took the clay and remolded it into something else.

God can do that with us. Trust Him. Talk to him and He will turn your life around 'til the past mistakes that we have rued over will in God's eyes be forgotten, and we can then make good the present and look forward to the future. God doesn't brood over what's been and gone, and if He can do that isn't it time that we did so as well?

Eaton Bray Village Hall 100 Club Winners October 2012

69	Graham Chappell	£100
26	Debbie Williams	£25
183	Heather Abrams	£25
162	Brian Andrews	£25

Drawn on 8 October 2012 at Eaton Bray Academy. Please direct any correspondence to Ross Bagni 71 Bower Lane Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire LU6 1RB Telephone: 01525 221411.

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Songs of Praise 4.00pm

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Monday (term time)

Champions Challenge Club

(Ages 5-10 years) 5.30-6.30pm

Tuesday

Coffee Morning

(alternate weeks) 10.00-11.30am

Music practices (all welcome) 7.30-9.00pm

Wednesday

Home League

(Ladies Mtg but all welcome) 2.30-3.30pm

Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group

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Ladies Fellowship

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Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for September 2012

After the last few months here in the Dagnall area, September was a relatively quiet month. It was much drier than of late with only 84% of the average rainfall, at a time when other parts of the country were flooded. The daytime temperature was almost static, in the high teens, and only dropped to below 14°C on one day, and we had just a few colder nights as we moved into Autumn.

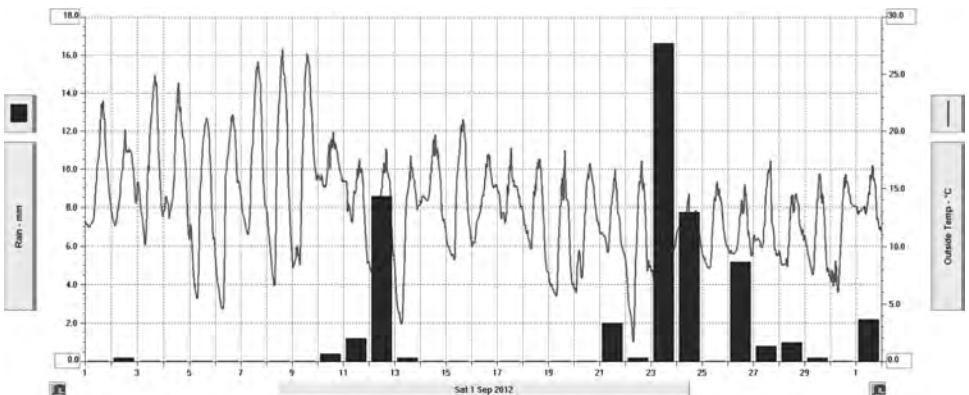
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If anyone has a question, comment or wishes to contact me please email: davidgkillick@tiscali.co.uk or 01442 843883

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

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	27.4°C	8 Sept 15.00	1.7°C	22 Sept 07.30
Mean Temperature	13.3°C			
Dewpoint:	17.5°C	4 Sept 13.00	0.9°C	22 Sept 07.00
Humidity:	97%	9 separate days	26%	8 Sept 15.00
Barometer:	1029.0 hPa	5 Sept 23.30	983.5 hPa	24 Sept 11.30
Wind Speed	32 mph SE	24 Sept 19.00	Months avg.	5.3 mph
Wind Chill:	23.3 °C	26 Sept 13.00	1.7°C	22 Sept 07.00
Dominant Wind:	W			
Rainfall * <i>T</i> = total rain days and moisture. <i>R</i> = Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 13 (T), 11(R)	Wettest Day 23 Sept		16.6mm	0.653
Monthly Rain:	Total	Sept 2012	44.4 mm	1.751
Yearly Rain:	Total	6 Months	646.5 mm	25.452 ins

September 2012 Plots shows even Temperature and Rain days



Edlesborough W.I.

At our latest meeting Ann Brinklow was presented with the cup she received for winning the W.I. golf tournament at Mentmore Golf Course.

Christine Yates spoke of the cup and certificate she had accepted on behalf of Edlesborough for coming first in the best kept village in Buckinghamshire competition. The planters of colourful flowers, sponsored by local businesses, and the recently erected village sign – all the work of EDaN were among many aspects of Edlesborough which had impressed the judges. It's a proud time for the people of the village to see their care rewarded.

Jane Hirstwood was our speaker that evening, on the subject of bats. Jane is a member of the Bedfordshire Bats Group. There are many such groups in Britain, and all work in their own way. Buckinghamshire has two groups. The Beds group is of mixed ages. As well as studying bats, they work for conservation, educate & advise the public and care for injured bats. There are 1,100 species of bats, and this is more than any other group of mammals, apart from rodents. They are found worldwide, except in the polar and tundra regions. Britain has eighteen species, eleven of which are found in Beds. They are the only flying mammals and have fur and a high body temperature. In Britain they eat insects. A European law protects them from being killed or damage to their roosts. Neither should they be handled.

Jane showed us slides of many bat species such as the bumble bee bat which, at two grams in weight and 1.1 inches in length, is the world's smallest. When born a baby bat is one third of its mother's body weight, and it arrives in a maternity roost where the mothers gather. Churches and trees are the main habitats for bats, and they hibernate for part of the year. The names of species are very varied such as: pipistrelles, myots, daubentons, bechsteins, leisters, to name but a few.

During the last ten years the North Bucks group has conducted a fact finding project. One thing learned was that the HS2 line will go through the habitat of the rare bechsteins bat.

At the end of her talk Jane answered numerous questions put by members, proving it had obviously been a very popular subject.

Val Harris

Dagnall Village Hall 100 Club Winners – October 2012

34	Sandra Greenfield	£50
101	Dagnall over 60's	£25
40	Kathy Bovington	£25

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



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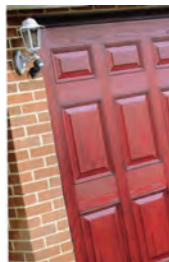


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