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cancer research on Sunday May 4th.
More details are available in later
pages of this edition of Focus
magazine.
Good luck girls!

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✉ Editors

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PCSO Jackie Dodson Mobile: 07800 703 524

Email: NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Village Diary April 2014



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 Pre-School, Edlesborough School, 01525 220431
manager@edlesborough.bucks.sch.uk
- 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: 07799 893489
- Mondays (term time) 2nd Eaton Bray Brownies, girls 7-10 years, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, 6 - 7.30pm, Contact Sandra Counsell 07979 521900
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm
- Mondays Weight Watchers, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
- Mondays (term time) Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall Village hall 2-3.30. Contact Jan 01442 864271.
- Mondays Buggy Push Fitness Class, 10:15am, Eaton Bray Park - www.simplesfitness.com
- Mondays Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525
- Tuesdays Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731
- Tuesdays Pilates, 10-11am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Nicky Roussou 07861 162680
- Tuesdays Totternhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am, St. Giles Church Hall, Ruth Allen, 01525 222468 or 07796 265174 or email ruthallen002@gmail.com
- Tuesdays Northall Baby & Toddler Group, 9:30-11:30am, (open in the Summer School Holidays) Northall Village Hall, Stacey Richmond 01525 222999/07957 607592
- Tuesdays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Tuesdays Circuit Training - Edlesborough School Hall, 7-8pm - www.simplesfitness.com
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly
- Weds Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's playtime, 1pm - 2.45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, contact Rachel on 07789 760007
- (term time)
- Wednesdays Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07799 893489
- Wednesdays Egyptian Dance Class, 7.30-8.45pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall. Contact: Soraya on 07976 964316 for more details
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna 221996
- Wednesdays Dynamic Yoga 6.30-7.30pm £5 Eaton Bray Coffee Tavern Keira 07936 693696
- Thursdays Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm 01525 377542
- Thursdays Baby & Toddler Group, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray, 9.30-11.30am
- Thursdays Keep Fit, Edlesborough School, 8pm Tel: 01582 668735
- Thursdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Thursdays Northall School of Dancing classes between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. Contact Nicola Bisson on 01525 406647
- (term time)
- Thursdays Buggy Push Fitness Class, 10:15am, Eaton Bray Park - www.simplesfitness.com
- Thursdays Central Bedfordshire Children's Centres' Toy Library, 9-9.45am, Eaton Bray (School Lane) Public Car Park
- Fortnightly
- Fridays Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Mermorial Hall 10 - 11am
- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Fridays 10am-11.30am "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes. Contact Emma Whittemore on 01525 376124
- (term time)

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- 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) Worship Service 11am-12pm. All welcome. Barry 01525 229610 or Peter 01525 221048.

Monthly

- 1st Monday Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
- 1st Monday Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact Barbara Collier on 01525 221401
- 1st & 3rd Monday Knit n Stitch. 2pm-4pm. Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Eaton Bray. Knitting, crochet & needlecraft. Tel Wendy 07908 828414. www.wendy-poole.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, St Mary's Church, Edlesborough Open Day, 2-5pm
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday TOTS, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2pm
- 2nd Tuesday Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable (opposite Wilkinson)
- 2nd Tuesday Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- 2nd Wednesday St. Mary's Ladies Guild, 2pm, St. Mary's, Eaton Bray
- 2nd Wednesday Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions Club, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
- 2nd Thursday CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
- 2nd Saturday Workshops Dynamic Yoga 9.30-11am £10 Eaton Bray Coffee Tavern Keira 07936 693696
- 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

- 5th St. Mary's church, Eaton Bray Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon
- 6th Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
- 11th Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am. All welcome.
- 12th Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
- 15th Dagnall Over 60's Lunch at Green Man followed by visit to Garden Centre
- 28th ELF walk from Eaton Bray Church 10am

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 1st 'Reminisces of working for the BBC at Broadcasting House 1937-1941'. Talk by Geoff Spencer in aid of Dagnall School, 8pm, Dagnall Village Hall. Reservations 01442 842473
- 10th Eaton Bray Methodist Church 'An Evening of Music' 7:30pm
- 11th Dagnall Gardeners' Society AGM in Village Hall 7.30pm
- 12th Lions Ironing Day, 9am-4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- 13th Carnival Queen & Princess draw, 11:15am, Eaton Bray Village Hall. Entry forms to Tania Watkin on 01525 222582 by 8th April
- 19th St. Mary's Ladies Guild Coffee Morning, 10-12, St. Mary's church, Eaton Bray
- 26th Quiz, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Tickets £9 per person from Ross 01525 221411
- 30th Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club Coffee Morning, 10-11:30am, Northall Village Hall

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3rd May

5th April



The Late Gayle Williams

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Gayle Williams on the 8th March 2014. A lady well known in the villages because of her presence behind the table on polling days and her friendly countenance for many years in the village Off-Licence. She will be greatly missed by her husband and son.

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St. Mary's Village Carnival

5th July 2014



Carnival time continues to draw ever closer. Here is a further reminder for local businesses, schools, youth groups, and organisations that might want to support the Carnival and have their organisation promoted during this event. Here's how:

- Advertising in the Carnival Programme – delivered to all the households in Dagnall, Eaton Bray, Edlesborough and Northall. The deadline for business adverts is April. Please contact Pauline Glen via paulineglen99@gmail.com or via carnival website as below.
- Advertising in the arena.
- Having a float in the Carnival procession.
- Having a stall at the Carnival.
- Donating a prize for the Grand Draw.
- Donating a prize for the Silent Auction.

All details of Carnival 2014 including how to book a stall, arrange advertising, offer prizes and much more can be found on the Carnival website:

www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com

The Carnival Queen will be chosen on

13th April in Eaton Bray village hall for details of how to enter contact Tanya Watkin at tanya.watkin@btinternet.com or via carnival website. See specific carnival queen details elsewhere in this Focus.

For any specific questions or if you would like to get involved with organisation of the carnival either by helping for a few hours on the day or providing assistance in the months before July contact:

Gordon Gray 01525 220136 or Richard Evans 01525 222512

Finally, in the year of our music based carnival I once again leave you with the words of a Sir Thomas Beecham:

“The British like any kind of music so long as it is loud”

Well, in that case make sure you have some ear muffers ready on 5th July!

Music



Calling All Cricket Mad Youngsters!

Colt Cricket is returning to Edlesborough

Further to the re-launch of Edlesborough CC in 2012, the club is happy to announce plans to re-start the Colts Section that ran so successfully for many years.

We are looking to recruit boys ages 10+ and we can offer coaching, equipment, nets and matches against other Colt teams, with qualified and DBS checked coaches – the main objective is to ensure that the cricket is fun and you can learn new skills in a safe and friendly environment.

Training is due to start at the end of April and will, of course, be conducted on the

very lovely village Green.

For further information, and to register your interest, please email Wyn Johns at wyn.johns@gmail.com

For further information about us see <http://www.edlesboroughcc.co.uk/> or on the Play Cricket website at edlesborough.play-cricket.com

(you need to join and log in for the latter).

Support your local cricket team!



Services at St Mary's Church

SUNDAYS : **8.00am** HOLY COMMUNION
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On Third Sunday of each month:

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

WEEK-DAYS:

Tuesday: 2.00pm TOTS (Tots on Tuesdays) (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES

All Saints' Church Dagnall

Services in April 2014

Sun. 6th April	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 13th April	10.30 am	Morning Service
Fri. 18th April	6.00 pm	Special Service for Good Friday
Easter Day		
Sun. 20th April	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Family Service
Sun. 27th April	10.30 am	Family Service
Sun. 4th May	9.00 pm	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service



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



Appledown's Dog of the Month

This is Karma! He is a 2 year old biggish crossbreed. We are not sure what mix he is - but under 7 years of age, so please ask for details.

Fun Dog Show, Sunday 18th May
at Appledown

He is handsome, excellent with people and other dogs! He has also been very good with our cats. He is affectionate, well-behaved and a real joy to have around!

If you feel you could offer Karma, 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

Lots to do and see for all the family! Have-a-go dog agility, variety of stalls, refreshments and 10 fun dog show classes. Show opens 11 a.m. (classes commence 12 noon). Entries on the day. 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)

A Letter from Rev'd Coralie

Vicar: Coralie McCluskey

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Reader: Gordon Gray (220136)

Church Warden: Catherine Hayden (220527)

Parish Administrator: Elisabeth Ryder (07799 494972)

Web contact: eatonbraychurch@aol.com



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved and said to them, "they have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have laid him." John 20:1-2 NRSV

Easter Sunday, the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ, is the greatest and oldest feast day of the Christian Church. It is a moveable feast in that its date is set by the moon. Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the Spring equinox. If you want to research it there is a wealth of information on the web.

The rules for setting the date may be a bit complicated but basically Easter coincides with Spring. Dormant trees come to life and a succession of Spring flowers brighten the hedgerows, woodlands and formal borders. Following a cold, dark, exceedingly blustery and very wet winter it is easy to connect the creative power of God with the glory of resurrection. However, there is a difference. Spring bulbs have a natural dormant period deep in the soil of the earth or planted in pots and for much of the year they are invisible. Yet in the Spring the green shoots begin to appear followed by a profusion of colourful blossom. This is perfectly natural - nature at work. Resurrection on the other hand is unnatural. When a person dies we do not expect them to reappear, we say goodbye, pay our respects and get on with our lives.

On Easter morning Christians the world over will listen to the story from John's Gospel of Mary Magdalene coming to the tomb perhaps to pay her respects or to convince herself that it was true - Jesus was dead. She finds that the stone had been moved and the tomb empty. What could she do? She turns away from the tomb and speaks to the gardener, *tell me where have you laid him and I will take him away*. He calls her Mary and she recognises him, it is Jesus and he says to her, *"do not hold on to me because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God"* John 20:17-18. Mary is not upset by this, she has good news for the disciples, *"I have seen the Master and this is what he said"*.

We'll be celebrating Easter Sunday at 8am and 10am (with an Easter egg hunt) at St Mary's and 9am at All Saints Dagnall. Check the Easter card delivered with this edition of FOCUS for details of Easter services and activities in the four villages. I hope that you have a good Easter weekend.

Coralie

What a Valentines Night!!!

Having sent a very pleasant evening with my wife on the previous evening, Valentines night, I woke up ready for a lazy Saturday. Instead I got a call from the parish clerk saying that Malcolm Weaver (MWAgri Ltd) had been out checking the church grounds and saw that over half of the village hall's felt roofing had been blown off in the night.

After a quick recce, we got onto our insurers and they assured us someone would be out that morning, he came, saw that it was much bigger job than he had reckoned and promised to return on the Monday to make the roof watertight. Monday arrived and he didn't come. Monday night and the rains fell again, very heavily, so of course it came through the roof, ruined all the tiles and light fittings in the main hall and in some other areas.

To cut a long story short, the hall was closed for two weeks. As you may have seen in last month's Focus we re-opened on Saturday 1st March. The trustees took advantage of the damage to the lights and have spent a further amount to upgrade them to a modern system of LED lights. All who have seen them feel they are a

lot better than the old fluorescent tubes. Not to mention that they will be cheaper to run. We also added, again at our cost, insulation above the new ceiling tiles in the main hall, so a cosier place it should be.

Although we were lucky that the week of 17th was half term, it did cause some of our hirers' problems, although we made arrangements for them to use other places. We really appreciate their support through this difficult time.

I feel it also only fair to thank the contractors some of who worked over weekends and well into the night to enable the hall to get back into service so quickly. Thank you all and we now have an even better hall.

Don't forget we are holding our quiz on 26th April and we still have room for a few more teams.

And the big one!

The 11th Eaton Bray Beer Festival Friday 30th and Saturday 31st May.

Full details in next month's Focus

For further information please call me,

Ross, on 221411 or email:

ross.bagni@btinternet.com

Little Gaddesden Bowls & Croquet Club

Launch 100 Campaign (www.lgbcc.co.uk)

If you've been enjoying curling at the Winter Olympics and would like to play something with some similar skills or just fancy being out doing something on a warm spring or summer day, why not come and join Little Gaddesden Bowls Club. Set in the Ashridge Estate, the club provides weekly coaching for new players as well as a chance to join in friendly matches twice a week and matches against other sides as well. The first Open Day

is on Saturday April 26th or you can join in any Monday morning after that date (10-12:00) or Thursday 18-20:00 by arrangement. First three sessions are free. One fee covers playing Bowls and Croquet. Contact: Alun March on 0771 934 2854 or Marika Woods 07798 871171 or use the website to find out more.





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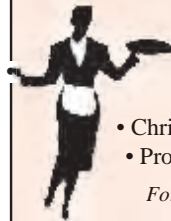
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News from the Lions Den...

We have been busy planning and preparing some spring events and activities over the last few weeks and are now delighted to be able to give you more details on the first two events.

Who fancies some chocolate?

Or is that a silly question? We have purchased 4 ENORMOUS chocolate eggs and have hidden them in various locations around our villages. The only clues we can give you is that they are all located indoors and will be clearly visible when you do finally locate them. All of the eggs will be in local, commercial outlets. Each of these eggs will be raffled off. Tickets are £1.00 each and please do remember to clearly write your name and contact number on the back of the half of the ticket that you leave for us. Each poster will state when the raffle will be drawn (depending on the opening hours of the various establishments) and we will endeavour to deliver the eggs to you before Easter Sunday (location permitting of course!)

If any of you are up for a **further challenge**, find all of the eggs, send me an email telling me where you found them and you will automatically be entered into another prize draw for free. The lucky winner will be selected at random and will win a prizepossibly of a chocolate

nature ! Just to remind you, my email address is president@ebelions.org.uk

Our second event in April will be taking place at Edlesborough Memorial Hall on Saturday 12th April. For **one day only** we are offering to do your ironing for you. Simply bring your basket of clean laundry to the hall and for a £10.00 fee, we will return it to you all freshly pressed.

There will be a large second hand book sale in the hall for you to browse over whilst your laundry is being ironed or you can grab a coffee and a cake from the refreshment area. If time is not on your side, why not buy a cake to take home with you for a treat later in the day and we will return your laundry back to your home for an additional £2.50.

Finally, we are arranging some convenient collection points for your donations to the Dunstable food bank. You will be able to donate basic tinned or dried items which we will collect from the designated areas and deliver once we have a load. Look out for more information on this over the coming weeks

As always, all funds raised from our events will be donated to local causes....

✍️ Rachel

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News from the Wednesday Club

We have been pleased to welcome some new members to our friendly lunch club, and also four new volunteer cooks, Sally, Ros, Fiona and Liz. We hope you enjoy your time with us!

Our cooks prepare a home-cooked lunch using fresh local produce where possible, and meat from Hines butchers for our members to enjoy each week.

We have activities planned for the Spring including singalong with accordion, cheese and wine tasting, Easter raffle and our Coffee Morning at the end of April (30th). We are also running scrabble and domino competitions, along with our weekly bring and buy table.

If you would like to join us, please contact ANNA on 07854 230243 or 01525 221996

Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship (ELF)

Hello Everyone.

Hopefully, spring is in the air, with bulbs and shrubs beginning to show some flowers for us to enjoy. We hope that almost everyone has survived the winds and rains with not too many disasters to properties, gardens etc.

The group has a busy month ahead and are looking forward to enjoying all the events that are being arranged.

On February 13th, a small group visited Bennington Lordship Gardens to view the wonderful array of Snowdrops for which they are renowned. The day was cool but sunny which showed them at their best. We finished our visit with a nice afternoon tea in the café there. The visit was arranged by Alan.

The walking group were lucky on February 24th and were blessed with fine weather. Brian W. led the circular walk around Stockgrove and Rushmere Parks. The distance was approximately 4 miles. They finished the walk enjoying coffee and cake in the Visitor Centre.

Our lunch out on March 13th has now been arranged. We are eating at the Bridgewater Arms. A report will be given in the May edition of the Focus.

Plans are well advanced for our visit to the Milton Keynes Museum on April 15th. Details are displayed in the North Porch of Eaton Bray Church. All are welcome to join us. Transport is available if required.

Also, plans to visit Wrest Park on April 24th are also well in hand. Details will be displayed in the North Porch of Eaton Bray Church. A Buggy is available if required for touring the garden. Transport will be available.

Everyone is always welcome to join any of our events.

APRIL DATES

THURS 10TH MEETING AT THE COFFEE TAVERN 10.30a.m.

TUES 15TH VISIT TO MILTON KEYNES MUSEUM

THURS 24TH VISIT TO WREST PARK

MON 28TH WALK EATON BRAY CHURCH 10a.m.

EDaN Community Transport Scheme



Peter Williams our community transport co-ordinator is on holiday until the end of April. In the interim period, if you need to book a journey, please call

Viv Hill on 01442 842623

We have just heard the very sad news that one of our passengers has recently passed away. This passenger was terminally ill and our volunteer drivers went out of their way to take this passenger to the very many hospital appointments that they had. This all helped to make this person's last few months a little easier by transporting

them to their appointments with the door to door service that we offer.

A big thank you must go to the drivers who transported this passenger for the last few months and our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Please think about joining our volunteer drivers it really is one of the most rewarding things you could do.

Please contact me, Kathy Bovington on 0779 0537032 or email kathybovington@hotmail.com for more information on anything to do with Community Transport or call Viv Hill to book a journey on 01442 82623

St Mary's 100 Club

St Mary's has stood in the village for almost 800 years and, throughout its history, it has not been equipped with that most basic of facilities, a toilet.

This has meant that some elderly folk have been unable to risk coming to church, visitors for funerals and weddings have been uncomfortable throughout services and, rather unsatisfactorily, children have been instructed to 'go behind a gravestone'. 2014 should see that situation remedied with the construction of an extension to house a new toilet.

To help fund the toilet we have started a 100 Club, featuring monthly draws of 50% of the received income. For just £2 per number per month you could help St Mary's get this much needed facility and put yourself in with a chance of winning a first prize each month of over £50.

This month's draw was made by members

of Lickerish Allsorts, a clarinet trio who entertained during the March Coffee Morning. Don't forget – these are held on the first Saturday of each month at the Church. Everyone's welcome!

At the time of the draw the 100 Club had 119 members, so the three winners share a prize money pot of £119.

Congratulations to the winners of our February draw:

Winner of £59.50

No. 98, Rosemarie Allen, Edlesborough

Winner of £35.70

No. 63, Rodney Latham, Eaton Bray

Winner of £23.80

No. 7, Robert Calder, Edlesborough

If you would like to help us by joining the 100 Club please collect a form from St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray, or from www.StMarysEatonBray.org.uk/Groups/100-Club

Eaton Bray vs Breast Cancer

May 4th is the Sunday of this year's bank holiday weekend and Eaton Bray will be the focal point of a major charity event designed to raise funds for breast cancer research charities as they begin the final push towards beating this dreadful disease. The event will start and end on Market Square outside The White Horse pub in Eaton Bray. Supporters of the cause from the village and surrounding area will walk a 5 kilometre course to raise funds through sponsorship.

If you are interested in raising funds as a walker, please pick up a sponsorship form and register your details at The White Horse pub.

Alternatively if you wish to donate and do not know a walker, please register your interest and the amount of your donation at the pub.

Over the last two years the White Horse has raised over £4,000 for worthy causes, we thank you all for your ongoing support.



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Red Lion at Dagnall

I would like to thank everyone for their support and help to me over the tragic sudden death of Martin Brown my partner of 12 years and landlord of the Red Lion. He so loved living here in the countryside. We came just over two years ago and we have spent a lot of time renovating the pub and bringing in new customers, old and new and making friends. He was an expert in his knowledge of beer and running the cellar and in those two years has introduced many new beers from local breweries in fact over 100 different types of ales.

Over the last few weeks the village has surrounded me with help and support from making my dinners, running the pub, organising the funeral and being shoulders to cry on. I really can't thank everyone enough. A collection by the village has also been made to finish our garden which will be a memorial to Martin and a place

for all the villages to enjoy for years to come (whilst enjoying a pint or two)!

In relation to the pub I am staying on to run the Red Lion, with the help of a great team headed up by Ed Monnington. We will be continuing with Fish and Chips on Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday lunches. The only change at the present time is that we will not be opening at lunchtimes in the weekdays except by arrangement for groups. Instead we will be offering bar food in the evenings but please see the website for details of when we start this or come into the pub.

We will also be starting our monthly Supper Club on 5th April offering a 3 or 5 course gourmet meal. Also we will be starting 'Open Mic' music nights every Tuesday starting in April. Again, please see the website or facebook group for details.

✍️ Ali

Nearing the End of my Quest

I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks to the people of the village who phoned to help me in my quest to find where St.Johns Yard is, or was. Also many thanks to Mr Stearn of School Lane and his friend, who was the local postmistress for some forty five years. They informed me that St John's Yard is in fact St.Giles Yard, situated behind the "Roebuck Garage" in the High Street.

I still have no information on the W.T.C (The Women's Timber Corps) from local people who might have joined this Corps. I dearly wish to purchase a metal badge for my war workers collection. I purchased a book called "The National Roll of the Great War 1914-1918, Section V Luton and District", printed in 1919.

I was checking men and women from Eaton Bray and St.Giles Yard is recorded, also another road called Chapel Yard. Two entries for local men! If you have any more information on the location of Chapel Yard that can help me, please ring 222570 and ask for Johnny.

Information was given to me about the 1911 census that was quite informative, the National Roll of 1914-18 includes all the people of Eaton Bray who were in "The Great War" and how they fared, also what battles they were involved in, and the medals they are entitled to. Most, I am glad to say, survived this terrible carnage! Many thanks again and waiting in anticipation for my phone to ring!

Congratulations Dagnall! British Poppy Appeal 2013

Dagnall has won an AWARD for The County Poppy Appeal Competition, a copy of which I have enclosed. I take this opportunity to thank all the kind people who have donated so generously over the past three years & to give a very big Thank You to the dedicated collectors who have made this possible.

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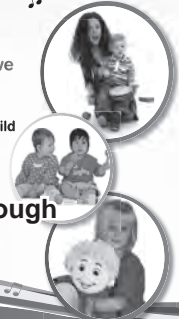


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Eaton Bray

From an article written in 1968

Eaton Bray, a large village of some 2000 acres, lies in the south-eastern section of the Ouzel Basin. The main stream that runs through the village (its source derived from the springs in the Chilterns) forms a tributary of the River Ouzel at the far end of the village. This river acts as a boundary line between Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire.

It is these factors which in the Middle Ages determined the site of this prosperous village - the advantages to be gained were a permanent water supply and a natural drainage system in the fertile farmland.

The soil is rich and productive and for centuries it has afforded a good living for the large populace.

Eaton (the name Bray, a prominent family in the time of Henry VII, came much later) is a corruption of Eytona or Eitone, meaning Town on the Water, and clearly shows how much importance those early settlers placed on this vital stream. Even before the industrious Anglo-Saxons powered their corn grinding mills, this village, lying in the shadow and shelter of the vast Chilterns, was populated. Flint implements of the Neolithic and Palaeolithic age have been found, as have traces of the Romans' occupation, who did not build forts here, but used the rich land in much the same way that it is used today, to grow corn and to feed cattle.

Now, with the added interest of industry and social activities, this has become a desirable place to live, as many people who love the country, but desire also the



This attractive water mill is situated on the main stream that runs through the village. This stream forms a tributary of the River Ouzel at the far end of the village

amenities and social life of a small town, have found out to their pleasure.

Eaton Bray has neither declined or stagnated with the changing patterns of time, on the contrary, it has expanded and widened its scope. During the first part of this century it had a bad setback with the end of the straw plaiting home industry, it reverted once more to its rural state. After the great war came a new awakening, when townspeople, aware of the many advantages to be gained from living in a large

rural village with a railway close by and the splendid Downs in the background, moved here and gave it a new lease of life.

What was once the Market Square, where the straw plaiters sold their wares on a Friday, is now the village green; probably the prettiest part of the village. It is dominated by the lovely 13th century Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Although it is not particularly imposing from the outside, the interior has been said to be as not unfit to grace that of a Cathedral. Certainly the fluted pillared stonework is remarkably fine for a church of this size. Other interesting features are the 13th century font, and the wrought iron scroll work attributed to the famous Bedfordshire ironworker of the 13th century, Thomas of Leighton, who was responsible for the grille round the tomb of Queen Eleanor in Westminster Abbey. The chief benefactor and builder of the Church was the Norman Baron, William de Canteloup, who

commenced the work in 1205 and finished it in 1221. It is believed to be rebuilt from an earlier church made of daub and wattle. He also built Eaton Bray's castle, which became famous in the time of Henry VII, when it was given by the monarch to the eminent architect Sir Reginald Bray, who built St. George's Chapel at Windsor. He too was a benefactor of the Church.

Another notable feature is the full list of clergy from 1235 until the present day one, the Rev. G.B. Austin (1968)

Behind the church lies the splendid village hall, erected in July, 1966. Its chief instigator was the previous vicar, the Rev. Peter Graham, who is now the rector of Harpenden. It was he who helped to get the project on the way by forming the Village Hall Management Committee, made up from representatives from all the village organisations. Due to their combined efforts and with the aid of a Government grant, this expensive (costing £22,000), but necessary hall was built and paid for. The Committee still exists to further the interests of the community. A car park to the hall is now well on the way to being completed, and a scheme to provide cutlery and furnishings, etc., is also being carried out.

The hall is used for all age groups. Once a week the youth club meets, it has 65 members and was formed about six years ago. The success of this club is shown by the remarks of the youth leader, Police Constable Basham, who firmly states that there is no hooliganism in Eaton Bray. These young people hold a barbecue in the summer to raise funds to provide every old age pensioner in the village with a Christmas parcel.

Other popular activities include the 45-year-old Women's Institute, with its fine drama group, an Old Time dance club, badminton, and soon to be started, a judo

club.

Another society who meet in the hall is the Local Produce Association. They hold an annual horticultural show, have lectures and visits to gardens throughout the year.

Mrs. P. S. Oates is the show secretary, and a daughter of the Grand Old Man of the village, the late W. E. Wallace, who in 1886 founded the famous carnation nurseries in the High Street. Before the war it was the main source of employment in the village. It started with four small glasshouses, today these cover eight acres.

Mrs. E. Grey, another daughter of the founder, is a director. The firm employs 100 workers. Once it grew only carnations, for which it is famous, but now it has added potted plants. Although the plants are irrigated with five million gallons of water, none is drawn from the mains. Its supply is 300-foot deep arterial wells, which brings us back once more to the importance of Eaton Bray's abundant water supply.

Other industries include an egg packing station and the Betta Manufacturing Company - chemical engravers and makers of scientific instruments. Engaged on the production of range-finding equipment during the last war, they moved here from Enfield to avoid the bombing of London. The firm has expanded recently and installed expensive unique machinery, of which there are only three of this kind in the whole country. Two hundred people are employed here, some of them come from outlying towns and villages.

One firm, the 'Silent Travel Company' makes insulation for cars, to cut down noise and vibration. It started a few years ago in the old fire station. It is run by Richard Grant, son of the inventor, and incorporates another firm of G.T. Car Wheels and Accessories. This business has enlarged to the extent of necessitating a move to a large mill, once used to make flour.

This dynamic young man, not content with an expanding home market, travels the world to exhibit and sell his goods. His export trade covers all the major countries with the exception of China and Russia. Next year he will exhibit in Belgrade. In 1963 he was one of the first of the small businessmen to exhibit in New York.

In the mill house next door, a new business venture has been started. 'Bygones', an apt name for a shop that has no pretensions to the antique trade. Thought up by two enterprising housewives, Mrs. R. Thorn and Mrs. P. Tooley, who, after furnishing their own homes with old, interesting, but not necessarily antique, furniture, bought at house sales and auction rooms, were quick to realise the advantages to be gained by giving a service to the housewife who did not wish to purchase the more expensive antiques. They deal mostly in Victoriana and what they term as bric-a-brac, which as they say, could be anything, and may even possibly be very old.

Two lovely old pubs stand on one side of the village green. The White Horse is believed to date from the Queen Anne period. Its name is derived from an old legend connected with the nearby castle, of which only the moat and mounds remain. It is said that the ghost of a lady on a white horse has been seen on the site.

The cosy, low-beamed saloon bar, with its shining brass and copper, reminds one of a Dickensian Christmas scene. Mr. George Reeves a sprightly 83-year-old, has held the licence for 40 years. His daughter Hilda, a jolly, motherly person, helps to look after the bar and the catering. They serve anything from snacks at the bar to a full course meal in the charming, small dining room.

The Five Bells, smaller, but of no less importance, was built possibly by a rival brewery. The interesting features of this

old, pleasant inn are the iron bars of the windows in the saloon bar. Presumably there to protect the straw plaiters' merchants, who carried out their business there. The original fireplace has recently been discovered, in good condition, with its inglenook seat and baking oven intact.

Eaton Bray is a place where the woman play an important role in the running of village affairs. When I asked Hilda of the White Horse if there had been much change in the past 40 years, her reply was "Hardly at all". From the window of the inn she can still see the same people cycle to their work at the nurseries, only now they have reached the third generation. Only the horse and carts are missing. Perhaps this is the secret of why Eaton Bray successfully combines all the pleasures of a rural existence with the progress of our modern times.

Connells, Estate Agents with several branches in this area, have two estates under development in Eaton Bray. Twenty, three-bedroomed houses, with two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, gas-fired central heating and garage, are being built on the Moor End Estate. Each house has a small garden backing on to the Mill Stream. The prices of the semi-detached houses are £5,250 and the detached are £5,750. A smaller estate of eight houses is being developed on a private and secluded road just off the main road running through Eaton Bray. This development is called The Comp. There are two types of detached house here at a price of £8,500. Each house has four bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, a downstairs cloakroom and gas-fired central heating. Garages are attached. The 200-foot gardens back on to an orchard belonging to Mr. Gray, and from the garden views can be obtained of Totternhoe Knolls and Ivinghoe Beacon.

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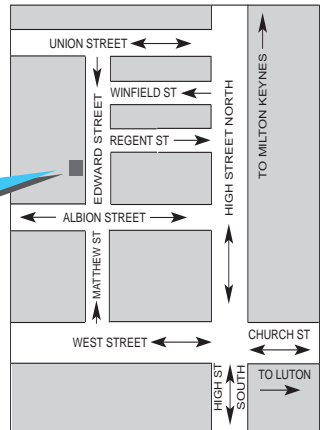
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My name is Gemma Johnson and I live in Eaton Bray. I've recently been selected as one of 300 volunteers to represent the UK at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015.

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My experience as a volunteer will be very different from when I went as a participant and the jobs that I do could be anything from running workshops, catering or cleaning toilets.

However, in order to attend, I need to raise about £2000 to cover my own costs and to subsidise those Scouts coming from poorer countries.

I will therefore be organizing various fundraising events over the coming

months; please see my advert for more details on a treasure trail that I'm organising on May 3rd.

I am organising a quiz night on 6th September - more details to follow.

As well as this I am also collecting clothing, shoes and household linen so if you have any that you could donate, please get in touch to arrange collection.

Finally, if you shop online would you consider helping me to raise funds by following the simple steps to sign up to easyfundraising? By doing this you'll earn a donation every time you shop and it won't cost you a penny! My link is: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/matthewgemmajohnson/>

If you have any questions or can help in any other way please contact me: jamboree@centreboard.net

Thank you for your support,
 ✍Gemma Johnson



Dagnall Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting 2014

The Annual General Meeting of the Dagnall Village Hall Management Committee will take place on **Wednesday 07 MAY at 6.30pm.**

All residents of Dagnall aged 18 and over are welcome to attend and eligible to vote. The following officers of the committee will be elected:

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|-------------|------------------|
| Chairperson | Secretary |
| Treasurer | Bookings Officer |

Anyone wishing to stand for election to one of the offices may obtain a nomination form from the secretary (telephone 842129).

The village organisations currently

represented on the committee are Dagnall Under Fives, Dagnall School, Gardeners' Society and Dagnall Over 60's. These organisations are invited to appoint a person to the committee as their representative. Any village clubs or societies not currently represented on the committee, such as Dagnall Church are welcome to attend the meeting in order to seek the opportunity to appoint a person to the committee as their representative. Please do make the effort to attend the AGM – it's your village hall (and recreation ground) and you have an opportunity to influence how it is managed.



Women's Health Week

12-17th May 2014



Often seen as something embarrassing, as many as 1 in 3 women experience some form of women's health problem during their lifetime, some taking 10 years before seeking help, unaware that physiotherapy may be the solution.

Common women's health issues include pelvic floor problems following pregnancy, urinary frequency/urgency or leaking urine whilst coughing, sneezing or exercising.

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- Allows you to exercise with confidence.
- Combined with other exercise it can help prevent or ease back pain.

As part of Women's Health Week 12-17 May, Moira D'Arcy, Women's Health Physiotherapist from St Judes Clinic, will be offering free information and advice at her clinic in Leighton Buzzard. Make a change for the better and book in a free advice session today.

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Wicked!

Rather stronger language will be said under a bowler's breath when an opponent's wood luckily wicks off another wood and finishes up in a good place. Poor shots sometimes have a good result. Infuriating, but that's bowls. Of course, a good shot can be deliberately aimed to wick off another wood to achieve a prime position on a rink.

What a great game bowls is - skill, tactics, friendship and fresh air. There will be plenty of wicks, aimed for, and lucky ones, during the coming season at Cheddington Bowls Club.

You can GIVE BOWLS A GO on any Tuesday (2 pm) or Friday (6pm), through to September. Coaching and the loan of bowls is free. The Club's OPEN DAY is on Sunday June 1st from 2 pm.

Last year was a very successful one. The Club won and were semi finalists in County competitions. It was also a very sad year. Our President, Bill Young (Cheddington), passed away after a short illness. Bill was one of the

best. We will miss his smile and humour. A great ambassador for the fun of bowls.

A special thanks goes to the Green team, led by Ken Eames (Dunstable), who have worked so hard this winter widening access paths and renewing ditches, and to Richard Lloyd (Houghton Regis) who has led the work on a new ladies changing facility. Bingo, short mat and food & drink evenings, when members of Marsworth WI and the Beacon Club (Pitstone) joined us, were each part of the Club's social as well as bowling calendar. The Christmas dinner too was pretty good fun.

Our friendly Club attracts members from far and wide. I look forward to seeing you being WICKED on the green sometime this summer. If you would like to know more, just give me, or our secretary, Nigel Dolton, 01442 824679 (Tring), a call.

✉ Tony Duke: 01525 220644 (Eaton Bray)
Club Chairman



Cats Protection



Luton, Dunstable & District Cats Protection

is operated by a small but dedicated group of volunteers. The areas covered by our branch is from postcodes LU1 to LU7 & MK45 (South of A507, Westoning, Flitwick & Barton-le-Clay)

We operate from a network of volunteer fosterers throughout South Bedfordshire who care for the cats in their own homes either in a purpose built cat pen in the garden or a spare room within their home. Each cat receives a very high standard of care whilst with us, we never overcrowd cat pens or mix cats from differing household together. On admission every cat and kitten is vet checked, fully vaccinated, neutered (if old enough) micro-chipped and treated for fleas and worms, all this costs well over £150 per cat. Love and one-to-one attention comes free! Cats Protection will Never put a health cat to sleep, there is always a new home for every cat – some just take longer than others to find it!

It's our aim to help as many unwanted and abandoned cats and kittens as possible by rehabilitating and re-homing to permanent, loving new homes. The areas we work in and the people and cats we deal with are all diverse. We will rescue and re-home cats for various reasons, sometimes people move and leave their cat behind, sometimes their owner dies, sometimes cats are found wandering or injured and sometimes they are just given up when people can't cope anymore!

But the work of our volunteers doesn't stop there and includes many other roles and activities, we also seek to alleviate the problem of unwanted cats, by offering information and advice about responsible cat ownership. Promoting and assisting families on low incomes with the cost of

neutering as the only effective long term solution to reduce the number of cats in the future. Raising awareness and funds at various community events during rain or shine to mention just a few of the other roles covered by our volunteers!

It costs a lot of money each day to keep a cat at one of our foster homes, in addition to all the basics such as food, litter, heating, we have to pay for all the medical bills, plus the flea treatments, blood tests when necessary, neutering, micro-chipping, and vaccinations, amongst other things. This is why we rely so heavily on the kindness and generosity of the local people.

We all strive to ensure our cats are healthy and happy! For more information about what we do or to adopt a cat please visit our website - <http://www.luton.cats.org.uk/luton> or call the branch on 0845 371 2746

Here is George who is currently our Cat of the Month and would love a new home in time for the spring and summer –

George is a big boy! He's a semi longhaired, handsome and lovable male who adores company and attention. He is gentle and enjoys being stroked and brushed. He is about 5 years old, neutered, micro-chipped and vaccinated. George is a confident cat and loves to roll over for a tummy rub within a few minutes of meeting you for the first time! He came to us as a long term stray but now its hard believe as he's such a big friendly cat. It will be best if George goes to a new home where there is access to a safe garden as he loves to sit out in the sunshine when the weather is warm and where there is someone around for a lot of the time who can give him the attention he deserves as he will make a purrrfect addition to any family!

Edlesborough Parish Council News

Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

Parish Council meeting– dates and venues

17th April 2014 Annual Parish Meeting commencing 7.30pm followed by Parish Council Meeting at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

15th May 2014 Annual General Meeting commencing 7.30pm followed by Parish Council Meeting at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Parish Clerk

As from 1st April 2014 the position of Clerk will be taken over by Penny Pataky who has been the Assistant Clerk for the past 18 months. Penny will also continue in her role as Manager of the Green, Memorial Hall and Pavilion. Lin Sargeant will remain as part of the Parish Council dealing with Financial and Planning matters, but no longer serve as Clerk.

For future reference and for all general enquiries please contact Penny Pataky on 01525 229358 or email clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Information on who to contact at Edlesborough Parish Council:

Edlesborough Memorial Hall Bookings

Manager: Penny Pataky 01525 229358

NEW e-mail:

manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Enquiries / concerns regarding the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, Playground and Green

Manager: Penny Pataky 01525 229358

NEW e-mail:

manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Faulty Streetlights, Allotments, Burials

(The streetlights in Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall are not maintained by Bucks CC or AVDC)

Clerk: Penny Pataky 01525 229358

NEW e-mail:

clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Memorials and Cemetery enquires

NEW e-mail: clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Finance & Planning

Lin Sargeant: 01525 220859 current

NEW e-mail:

rfo@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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by phoning 101 which will put you through to Bedfordshire Police and you will be asked which Police authority you wish to speak to: for this area press the relevant number for Thames Valley Police.

To report fly tipping = contact Aylesbury Vale District Council on 01296 585235

To report matters relating to Buckinghamshire County Council such as potholes, overgrown verges, gulleys and drainage – contact Transport for Buckinghamshire on 0845 230 2882

where you will be given a Reference number to check the progress of your report or notify the Clerk.

Refuse & recycling collection (and to order extra bins)

AVDC 01296 585510

Environmental Health (inc. noise)

AVDC 01295 585605

Trading Standards

Bucks CC 01296 383212

Standing Orders

The Council's Standing Orders have been updated to bring them in line with its new Financial Regulations. Both documents can be viewed on www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Aylesbury Vale Local Plan

The recent AVDC Local Plan has been

scrapped and a new Plan is now being prepared.

Bucks CC

Due to staff cut backs several members of staff have been moved to different areas and our new Area Technician is Rob Anderson aided by Clifford Marshall. The Parish Council were sorry to lose Paul Foot but will do all it can to endeavour to get the current outstanding problems concerning the bad condition of Kingsmead road and pavements, parking in South End Lane, Northall, pot holes at the junction of Brook Street/High Street, cutting back verges along Main Road South, Dagnall, white lining and railings in Dunstable Road, Dagnall dealt with as soon as it possibly can.

Allotments

There are currently a few allotments available at Cow Lane, please contact Penny Pataky for further information. Posters are on the village notice boards

regarding a BBC 2 Gardening Programme 'The Big Allotment Challenge'. They are looking for talented amateur kitchen gardeners to compete in BBC2's The Big Allotment Challenge. ~ For more information and an application form email: grow@silverriver.tv

Penny Pataky – Clerk

Tel: 01525 229358

NEW e-mail:

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Lin Sargeant – Responsible Finance Officer for Edlesborough Parish Council, and also responsible for Planning matters
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NEW e-mail:

rfo@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Edlesborough Memorial Hall Booking Secretary:

Penny Pataky: Tel: 01525 229358

NEW e-mail:

manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Website: www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Eaton Bray Methodist Church

February continued in the same cheerful mode as January with a very busy and vibrant Cafe Community on the 2nd Saturday and a delightful Sunday Cafe Worship, led by the Sunday School Staff, which highlighted the work of the Junior Mission for All. At our service on Feb 16th Carole Gain was warmly welcomed into fellowship, the latest in a series of new members. Leading a service for the first time in our church, on March 2nd Karen Drayton gave us an inspiring introduction to the work of Khristiya Seva Niketan Hospital at Serenga in West Bengal, which she and a group from The Square, Dunstable had recently visited. As a congregation, we considered what we could learn from the open-hearted generosity, patience and dedication of the Bengali Christians working there.

On Pancake Day the church hosted a well-attended 'Churches Together' evening of prayer, praise and pancakes. The gathering thoroughly enjoyed the delicious pancakes, nobly cooked by Rev Coralie McCluskey of St Mary's and Jennie Dibsall of The Salvation Army

Dates for your Diary:

An Evening of Music with Dunstable U3A Choir and the Memory Lane Ensemble on Thursday, April 10th at 7.30pm

Cafe Community on Saturday April 12th, 11am – 1pm. You are warmly invited for a light lunch, or coffee and biscuits and a restful chat with friends.

The Annual Garden Fete at Chestnut Lodge, Great Billington on Saturday 7th June

Eaton Bray Parish Council

Highlights of the Minutes Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council Held on Monday 3rd February 2014 from 7:30pm at the Coffee Tavern

Central Beds Council (CBC)

Website: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Customer Services: 0300 300 8302

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- Broadband rollout: CBC has been working to develop a joint superfast broadband project with neighbouring authorities. For more detail visit: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/local-business/business-information-and-advice/broadband/default.aspx> or telephone 0300 3004341.

- CBC University Technical College (Houghton Regis): The school has around 100 students in Years 10, 12 & 13 all studying Engineering/Product Design at Level 2 & 3. The school is in its second year of operation and are looking to create a Board of Employers from various areas in engineering to support the college. For more information please contact DHill@centralbedsutc.org.

- Smoke free: The latest stop smoking campaign 'smokefree' has one simple message 'if you could see the damage smoking does, you'd stop'. For more information/ advice call the Quitline on 0800 0130553.

- Volunteering: If you have some spare time and want to help others in your community, there are currently 28 schemes in Central Beds made up and run by local residents who want to give help/support to other local people who need it. To find out more visit <http://www.bedsrcc.org.uk>.

Bedfordshire Police:

Crime report from 01/01/14-31/01/14.

There were no reported crimes this month.

Crime Type	01/01/13 To 31/01/13	01/01/14 To 31/01/14
	Recorded crime	
Violence against the person	1	0
Domestic Burglary	2	0
Burglary – other	4	0
Vehicle Crime	2	0
Other Theft	2	0
Criminal Damage	2	0
Drugs	1	0
Other Notifiable Offences	0	0
Total	14	0

If you have any information regarding an incident or wish to contact any Leighton Buzzard PCSO, then please call 01582 473411 or email at LPT.LeightonBuzzardLinslade&Rural@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Miscellaneous

- The Parish Council are looking into the option of additional tree planting in the village due to the number of dead/dying trees that have been removed in the last few years.
- The **Annual Parish Meeting** and the **Annual Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council** will be held on Monday 12th May 2014, from 7:00pm in The Coffee Tavern (1st floor).
- The Parish Council wished to remind residents' that they need to ensure their hedges/bushes/trees do not encroach onto the public footpath and are cut back accordingly, allowing free access for footpath users.

Future Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting Date

Monday 7th April 2014; 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)

Parish Council Website:

www.ebpc.co.uk

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

A hard copy of minutes can also be viewed on the Parish Council's notice board at The Coffee Tavern.

Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

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Dunstable & District Orbit Club

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The old cliché “the more you put in, the more you get out” is certainly true for the members of Dunstable and District Orbit Club. Since its inception over 25 years ago, the club has raised nearly £60,000 for local charities from events such as quiz nights, stalls at carnivals and coffee mornings. We also give our time to help organisations and people in the community, such as marshalling at fun runs and helping to put on choir concerts for local senior citizens.

However, there is more to belonging to Orbit than the camaraderie and teamwork involved in organising community and fundraising events. The emphasis is very much on having fun and providing an active social calendar – anything from llama-trekking, archery and 10-pin bowling, to meals, cinema trips and even taking to the skies in a glider! We plan events to suit all budgets, and many of them are free or low cost, such as walks, games nights or simply getting together for a chat at the local pub. Annual membership is just £15.

The club is keen to expand its community, social and fundraising events and hopes that new members would bring fresh ideas along with them. In return we can offer you friendship and a sense of belonging as part of our team. Whatever your skills and background, everyone has something to offer, and we can all help to improve the communities we live in - and raise much-needed funds for worthy causes.

Orbit meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Dunstablians Rugby Club, Bidwell Park, Bedford Road, Houghton Regis, LU5 6JW, from 8 pm. Our first meeting of the month is a planning meeting, where we discuss what community, social or fundraising events we would like to hold. Our second meeting (3rd Tuesday of the month) is purely a social gathering at the club. Give us a try! You'll be given a very warm welcome.

For more information please visit www.orbitclub.org.uk/dunstable or contact Mark on 01582 539379 or Julie on 01582 535761. You can also email the club directly from the website.

St Mary's Ladies Guild

The members were welcomed by Deirdrea to "Our Mother's Day" themed Guild Meeting and birthday cards for Christina Driscoll, Joan Fossey and Pamela Richardson were handed out. The devotions were led by Judy Venn.

Notices: Guild Coffee morning Saturday 19th April 10-12, a notice was passed around for donations and offers of help on the day.

A cream tea at Frosts on 25th June cost £12.50, plus a canal cruise with a traditional tea in September was suggested £14, with further details at the next meeting

Dr. J Richard Bell will be the speaker at the next meeting on 9th April on "Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro".

Carol Jones was introduced demonstrating making Easter eggs and goodies, many different flavoured chocolate bars were shown and small samples for tasting were passed around together with items that had been made. Carole prepared the

chocolate explaining it had to reach the right temperature of approximately 34 degrees, the mixture was then carefully poured into various moulds of eggs, rabbits and lollies etc. These were left to set, and it was explained that under no circumstances should they be put into refridgerators to set. Carol donated items for the raffle.

Cathy thanked Carol for a very interesting and informative demonstration.

Social time followed by an "Our Mother's Day" themed tea, with a chocolate floral centrepiece and iced Mother's Day cakes. Before leaving for home, raffle prizes of Mother's Day gifts and chocolate items donated by Carol were won.

Dagnall Gardeners' Society AGM

Friday 11th April 7.30pm
Dagnall Village Hall

Dunstable Road Dagnall

There are 2 items to be discussed in any other business:

1. The future of the Dagnall Annual Show
2. Membership fee

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St Mary's Village Carnival

Would you like to lead the Carnival Procession and help open the Carnival on Saturday 5th July?

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How to Enter

Please telephone Tania Watkin on 01525 222582 for an entry form, or download a form from the Carnival website:

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Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

Our AGM last month passed without major incident or members' uprisings, aided by a slick powerpoint presentation from Chairman Stuart. This was itself aided by a large white paper tablecloth and copious amounts of blu-tac, due to the cricket clubhouse walls being bright yellow. Any Health & Safety executive would have had a fit as Stuart and I balanced precariously via several chairs, eight feet up the wall, each grasping a corner of the makeshift screen. Mission accomplished, we retired to the bar for a swift half to celebrate still being in one piece, prior to the commencement of proceedings. A good evening was had by all who turned up, and the new committee (whose membership co-incidentally exactly matches that of the old committee) is raring to go with ideas for events and social activities for the rest of the year. Watch this space for news of what will be occurring over the coming months!

Are you looking for something for your kids to do over the Easter holidays? Our club coach Sara Leavy is running some Easter Tennis Camps over the next couple of weeks at the courts in School Lane. Sara is a PTR Pro and LTA level 3 licensed coach with CRB and Emergency First Aid. Ages from 5 to 15 are catered for, and all that the participants need to bring along is a drink and a snack – all equipment is supplied. Suitable sports clothing and trainers should be worn. Dates and costs are below.

Times: Reception to Year 4 at 9am - 11am. Year 5 to Year 9 at 11am - 1pm

For more information or to book a place, Please call Sara Leavy on **07561 571 578**

Finally, news of our mystery player's progress towards playing 250 sessions of tennis in 2014. After an excellent start in January where he managed to take to the court 25 times, he has now played 24 sessions in February – which is a shorter month! To make his target of 250, then his average needs to be 4.8 sessions per week, and he is currently sitting (well not much sitting actually...) at 5.75 per week, so he is already ahead of target. He claims to feel fitter and motivated to continue at this pace – providing his poor aching body will allow him to do so! He did mention to his wife that she may have to go on holiday by herself this year. Fortunately the resulting black eye only put him out for three days. Stay tuned to Focus for our monthly update on 'Target Two Fifty' and chart Mr Mystery's progress over the year!

For any further information about the club, including when we get together for our social tennis sessions up at the School Lane courts, or our various activities, you can visit our website at www.ebltc.org.uk; Alternatively please call Chairman Stuart Adolph on 07773 816320, Coach Sara Leavy on 07561 571578, or if they're all out and I've not been sent on an 'avoiding self-inflicted accidents' course, then me, Andy Cross, on 07783 667338.

Week 1	Mon 7th April	Tues 8th April	Weds 9th April	Thurs 10th April
Week 2	Mon 14th April	Tues 15th April	Weds 16th April	Thurs 17th April

Costs:	Member	Non-Member
Week	£30	£40
Day	£9	£11



Dagnall News

Over 60's

Due to the death of Martin, the publican of the Red Lion, the February meeting was cancelled.

A coach took a number of our members to Llandudno for a weekend by the sea in early March.

Our March meeting is Tea and Bingo in the village hall at 2pm. and April is our outing to the Green Man and the Garden centre.

Phone 01442843202 if you are over sixty and would like to join us.

Community Choir

CHOIR STRETCHED

Having worked so hard to be part of The Dunstable Choir Festival at the end of last month we now enter a phase of adding lighter pieces to our repertoire for various appearances later in the year.

Admittedly we were stretched a bit to learn "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" and "The Heavens are Telling" from Haydn's "The Creation" but they are beautifully uplifting pieces and to perform them, en masse, with other Choirs, made all of the hard work in Monday evening practises worthwhile.

Thanks are due to Judy Smither, our accompanist and to Michelle Garrard, our musical director, for their patience and good humoured encouragement during the learning process. Thanks are also similarly due to all of our much valued members. Many of us had reservations as to whether we would "get" these pieces but

we knew that when we had "got" them we would feel proud of ourselves. We did and we are !

Our next appearance is on June 21st. as part of The Edlesborough Festival. Details can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Dagnall School Celebrate World Book Week

The children had an exciting week starting with the sharing of their Favourite books. We wrote book reviews, character studies and looked at the features of non-fiction books.

On Shrove Tuesday we had a reading breakfast including the reading of pancake recipes and poems which the children took home.

The author Margie Skinner came into school. She has written a selection of guide books of London especially for children. The children were excited to find out how books are made.

This has inspired the children to read a variety of different books and to become authors themselves!



Dagnall School

Ralph

5.3.14

The Canterville Ghost

Character Profile



Name of character

Sir Simon

Think of some words to describe your character and write them here.

ghostly

creepy

scary

noisy

silly

horrible

weird ✓

Now write some sentences to describe your character and don't forget to use some of the words you have just written!

He is silly because he takes his own head off.

He is creepy because he creeps up on people.

He is noisy because he has chains.

He is ghostly because he sometimes ^{flies} flies.

Sometimes he is scary because he lit up his red glowing eyes.



Would you like any Cashback Today?

Jonathan Vernon Smith is the Sony Award winning mid-morning show presenter for BBC Three Counties Radio. During his consumer hour he helps listeners with their consumer problems and now shares his advice with you.

The internet has of course brought some unwanted problems, but it has also brought some incredible benefits to us consumers. One of those benefits is the creation of 'Cashback' websites. Gosh I love them! In fact, I frequently bore people senseless telling them about the importance of logging on and saving ££££ on your purchases.

If you haven't come across the likes of 'Quidco' or 'TopCashback' before, let me explain how they work:

Cashback websites pay you a cash fee when purchasing goods or services via their website. The amount of cashback is generally a percentage of the total you spend with the retailer.

They tend to make their fee from the companies that they suggest on their site. Many of these are well known high street branches, some are lesser known retailers. They normally transfer the cashback you've earned directly into your bank account as soon as they receive it. So it's a win win for the consumer.

They also provide voucher codes for thousands of retailers so you can gain discounts at the online checkout.

All you have to do is:

1. Register with one or more cashback site.
2. When you decide you want to make an online purchase of a product or service, log into the cashback site, search the cashback rates available and follow the

link to the company's website.

3. Make the purchase, and wait for the cashback to arrive in your bank account (it normally takes at least a few weeks and should be tracked automatically).

Let me give you a couple of examples (chosen at random at the time of writing): It's time to renew your car insurance. You get some online quotes and find that Tesco Insurance is offering you the best deal. You could of course just take out a policy with them directly on their website. That would be fairly silly though, because by going to Tesco Insurance via a cashback website, you would receive a cashback lump sum payment of £75 after completing the purchase. By going to them directly, you would have missed out on a £75 saving.

You need a new washing machine. You find one you like at Currys. Again, you could just purchase it directly on the Currys website, but by going via a cashback website like Quidco or TopCashBack, you would stand to make 2% cashback on the total purchase price. That would be £8 back on a £400 washing machine. Better than a slap round the face with a wet fish eh?!

You can make additional money by referring your friends and relatives to the sites as well.

I always say that you don't get anything in this world for free. So how do the companies that offer the cashback benefit from this? Well, they gain because you're more likely to buy from the retailers that are listed with those cashback sites.

The important thing is to remember to use the site. Whichever online purchase you need to make: flights, insurance, electrical goods, perfume, clothes, wine or groceries,

always go via a cashback website and start saving. I always remember and since I started using cashback websites 2 years ago and have already made £237.38. So go get yourself some free cashback!



1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scouts

End of a Scouting Adventure

Back in 1999, with three boys under the age of 5, my wife suggested I pop round the Scout hut and volunteer to help on the Scout Committee to ensure that there were sufficient parents on board to keep the Group going – so re-starting my Scouting adventure which I had previously thoroughly enjoyed as a child.

In 2002 the group faced imminent closure of both its Cub and Scout sections due to a lack of leaders. As my eldest was just joining cubs at the time I felt it only natural to step up and become the Cub and Scout leader. The summer of 2014 will therefore be a bitter-sweet time for me as I finally hang up my necker.

Asked why I stuck at it so long I could only answer that it was a hugely enjoyable and rewarding period.

Why? – because I got to see the children of the village have a ball, challenging themselves and growing with their achievements. We were able to build up an incredible group of leaders and Committee members (although currently in need of a Chairman) and were able to work as a team to put on some wonderful activities.

Our aim is simple – to have fun!

As well as all the usual core Scouting skills camping, hiking etc we have been fortunate to:

Sleep overnight on HMS Belfast, the Science Museum, the Natural History Museum, Gilwell Park at minus 6 degrees and at Wicksteed Park. Summer camps in Dorset (visiting Brownsea Island), the

New Forest, Sherwood Forest and the Wye Valley.

We have abseiled, climbed – both rock and ice wall, shooting - both rifle and pistol, archery, high ropes and “leap of faith” zip- wired, canoed (down the Wye Valley), kayaked, dragon boated, built rafts, sailed, fished (including sea fishing) wake-boarded, wind-surfed, body surfed, skied, pot-holed, ice skated, white water rafted, been gliding, skinned and cooked rabbit, pheasant and quail and even sheared sheep!!

The children would not have had the opportunity to do these things without the huge amount of support the group gets from all the leaders and parents who give up their time willingly to come along and help.

It is therefore quite sad that as our Scout Leader is moving from the area shortly, we have been unable to find anyone to step up to help. Consequently - as in 2002 - the Scout section now faces closure. We know it can be a difficult decision to commit to doing something like this but we are trying to build up a team of people – not just one – to share the load. Anyone thinking of volunteering would get all the back up and support they need from other leaders, our District, the committee and the parents.

Come on – have a go – don’t let the children down – it really is most rewarding!

Here’s to many more years of a thriving village group

✍️ Nick Evans



Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for February 2014

Wet, windy and mild, that was February 2014, with 131.4mm of rain which was 2½ times more than last year. The station recorded the highest ever wind speed at 56mph on the 14th of the month.

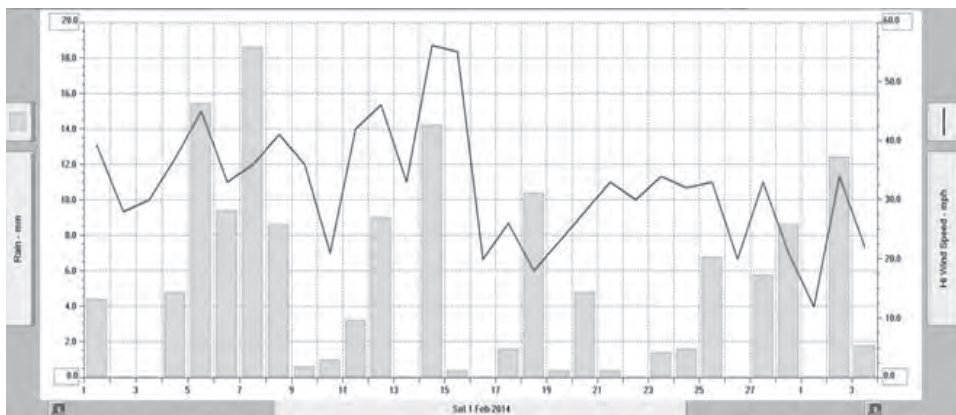
The month was unbelievably mild with temperatures that didn't drop below 1.3°C during February

Over first two months of this year, January- February, we recorded 292 mm of rain, this was 263% of the last 6 years' average. Taking that average figure in a normal year we would not have reached 292mm of rain until the third week in June, that's how extraordinary this winter has been.

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

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	12.1°C	20 Feb 15.00	1.3°C	14 Feb 04.00
Mean Temperature	6.3°C			
Dewpoint:	9.7°C	20 Feb 11.00	- 0.1°C	16 Feb 19.30
Humidity:	97%	Feb on 7 days	55%	16 Feb 15.00
Barometer:	1014.6 mb	26 Feb 19.30	972.6 mb	14 Feb 22.30
Wind Speed	56 mph ssw	14 Feb 22.30	Months avg.	9.8 mph
Wind Chill:	10.9°C	20 Feb 13.30	-2.6°C	7 Feb 07.30
Dominant Wind:	S			
Rainfall *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 22 (T), 22(R)	Wettest Day 7 Feb		18.59 mm	0.732 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	February 2012	131.4 mm	5.173 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	1 Month	292.0 mm	11.496 ins

Hi Wind & Rain February 2014



For weather data 24 hours a day, updated every 15 mins, visit: www.dagnallweather.co.uk and http://bit.ly/weather_dagnall

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

Deirdrea welcomed the members, two new visitors and Rev Coralie and her husband Ralph McClusky to the March meeting. There were no minutes from the previous meeting to be read.

The members were very appreciative of last month's speaker Sheila Beal, who showed her pictures of the family holiday in Namibia. Both the photography and the commentary were excellent, and were enjoyed by all.

After discussion, it was decided that the outing would not be to Stamford and Burghley but that another area would be chosen, the Committee would arrange this. Various correspondence from WI Federation and National Federation, consisting of notices of future events, were read out. A new tea rota had been drawn up by Deirdrea and a notice of all future events were given to members.

Deirdrea introduced Rev Coralie as the speaker (with her personal technician Ralph at hand).

Coralie is the Rural Chaplain of Bedfordshire of the Farming Community Network. She showed part of a DVD outlining some of the situations that arise within the farming community. Farming is a lonely business, many hours are spent working alone, giving rise to isolation and without an opportunity to discuss any difficulties they are encountering. Left unchecked, these can cause personal distress, as one set of problems causes another. Coralie then went on to explain the work that she does, coming from a farming background, she is able to provide practical support and pastoral care as well as a listening ear to those with problems. She unloaded her FCN bag that she takes everywhere, wellingtons, fleece, waterproofs, bible, small cross, mobile

phone and water.

FCN is a Christian organisation and registered charity and there is a national telephone helpline available every day of the year. A quarter of all farming families are living on or below the poverty line. Many farmers have their health, their families and their future because of the care and support and friendship they have received from an FCN volunteer. Farming has a high incidence of suicide, so this work is vital as the volunteers 'walk beside them', until they are able to cope. With Coralie's caring and concerned nature, it was easy to see that she was perfect for the job that she did. It was a very sensitive and touching talk and the members had many questions to be answered. Deirdrea thanked Coralie for a very enlightening talk on a subject of which so little seemed to be known. A cheque was given to her for the FCN fund.

The next meeting is on 7th April at 7.30pm, when the demonstrator will be Carol Jones with her Easter cooking of hot X buns and other goodies. Teas by Marion and Anne Salmon.

Suggestions of a canal cruise with a cream tea and a visit to St Alban's Cathedral for the Flower Festival in September, were suggested. Social time followed with the teas and refreshments provided by Joan Horne and Joan Thorne. The raffle followed.

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Music that gentler on the spirit lies
Than tired eyelids upon tired eyes.”

Lord Tennyson.

Music: it brings you the gift of tranquility and relaxation; a calm inner stillness that refreshes the mind and finds a home in your heart and promotes your dreams. It brings healing, and peaceful enjoyment; a place where you can escape from the stresses and strains of modern living.

One of the delights of spring is listening to the sound of the birds as they sing the dawn chorus; especially if you get up really early and go to the middle of a wood, well away from the sounds of traffic in the morning rush hour. Another is the sound of church bells calling people to worship on Sunday morning. A large orchestra, or the gentle soft sound of a single cello. Choir boys, singing praise, or a Welsh male voice choir. The chant of monks in an abbey, or the nuns singing “surrexit christus” (give thanks to the Lord). Brass bands, the sound of a grand piano, well played. We are surrounded by music. Each time we turn on our radio or television set we have music. No matter what the programme is, there is always music in the background. We have to be in tune with our surroundings as well as in step with each other if we are to keep up with the rhythm of life.

Do you watch “dancing on ice”? Dancing is a marvellous discipline, it gives certain freedoms to the individual, but also it does have limitations. You are dependent on the music and the beat to which you are moving. The concept of dance was very much part of early Christian worship. The

hymn “Lord of the Dance” sees the life and death of Jesus as dance.

The bible speaks often of music, in Judges Ch.5 v3 it says “I will sing, I will play music to the Lord”. The psalms speak to us of David’s songs (Psalm 59 v16); singing encouraged him: the lyrics in them can lift our spirits.

Whatever sort of day we may face, someone, somewhere has written a song or music that will match our mood. The power of music is a gift from God. As Paul said in his letter to the Ephesians, “sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord, give thanks to God for everything”. Good advice - think you can’t sing? Remember God made crows as well as nightingales!

✍Maureen



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Music practices (all welcome)	7.30-9.00pm

Wednesday

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Champions Challenge Club (term time) (Ages 5-10 years)	5.45-6.45pm

Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group (Term time)	9.30-11.30am
Haberdashers’ night 2nd Thursday of month	7.45 pm
Ladies Fellowship (Last week of month)	7.45pm

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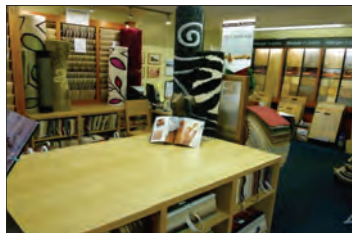
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