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June 2015

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If the event you wish to advertise falls in the first week of the month, it is advisable to get the details into Focus a month earlier. The magazines are not delivered from the printers until the first of the month, therefore it takes a few days for them all to be circulated throughout the village.

✉ Editors

Village Hall Bookings

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

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Dagnall: Elizabeth Coates Tel: 01442 842550

Edlesborough Memorial Hall: Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358

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Thames Valley Police (Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)

PCSO Jackie Dodson Mobile: 07800 703 524

Email: NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Village Diary June 2015



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, Michelle Urbanowicz on 01582 668841
- 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 Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525
- Mondays Curtain Call Theatre Group - 7:30-10:30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, Sheila -
sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk
- Mondays KFFA ISTD Classical Ballet classes, 3+yrs, 4.15pm, Edlesbrough Memorial Hall,
www.kfpa.co.uk
- 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 Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's playtime, 1pm - 2.45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, contact
Rachel on 07789 760007
- Weds (term time) 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 on 07854 230243
- 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 KFFA Street dance classes 4+yrs 4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk
- Thursdays Central Bedfordshire Children's Centres' Toy Library, 9-9.45am, Eaton Bray (School
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- Fortnightly Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 10 - 11am
- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall,
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- Fridays "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma Whittemore on
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Fridays (term time)	Kids Club 6:00pm to 7:00pm Grace Baptist Church, Edlesborough (across from the post office)
Fridays	Crazy Abs abdominal workout - 6-6:30pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall - www.simplesfitness.com
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
Saturdays	KFPA Musical Theatre classes 4+yrs www.kfpa.co.uk, 10am, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
Sundays	Sundays Worship at 11:00am and 6:30 pm Grace Baptist Church, Edlesborough (across from the post office) 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 Tuesday	Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
1st Saturday	St. Mary's church, Eaton Bray Coffee Morning & Plant Sale, 10am - 12 noon
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
Last Saturday	Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church

Other Regular Events

7th	Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
12th	Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am. All welcome.
16th	Dagnall Over Sixties, Garden Party in the garden of Rosemary and Brian Holt, at 6, Dunstable road Dagnall.
22nd	ELF walk from Eaton Bray church 9:30am

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

4th	Northall & District Age Concern (Wednesday Club) A.G.M., 7:30pm, The Coffee Tavern, Eaton Bray
5-6th	12th Eaton Bray Village Hall Beer & Cider Festival
6th	Eaton Bray Methodist Church, Lunch in the Garden, midday onwards, Chestnut Lodge, Leighton Road, Billington
11th	Eaton Bray W.I. Coffee Morning, 10-12, Eaton Bray Methodist Hall, £1
13th	Curtain Call Theatre Group Quiz Night, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, £10 per head, 01525 220525
20th	Luton Symphony Orchestra, 7:30pm, St Andrew's Church, Blenheim Road, Luton
20th-21st	Edlesborough Festival, St Mary's Church Edlesborough
21st	Marsworth Steam & Classic Vehicle Rally, 11am - 5pm, Startop Farm, Marsworth, Adults £4, Children £2

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One Off/Annual/Irregular Events Cont'd

- 21st Midsummer Melodies, The Grove Theatre, Dunstable, 6pm, Box Office: 01582 602080
- 25th ELF Canal boat trip
- 27th Friends of Edlesborough School Sponsored Walk & BBQ, 3pm - 8:30pm £2.50
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Letter to the Editor...



Dear Editor,

I note from the May Focus that the 61 bus now goes no further than Dunstable Focus readers should also be aware that the 31 service no longer runs on Sundays, so that not only can the villagers of Eaton Bray and Edlesborough not get a bus to Leighton Buzzard on a Sunday they now cannot get to Dunstable either.

✍ Euan Wallace

Distributors Wanted

We shall soon require two more volunteers to join the Focus distribution team. Both rounds are in Edlesborough and are fairly compact. One covers the High St between Summerleys to just beyond the Methodist Chapel and is all on the level.

The other is Tring Road from the Travellers Rest towards the beacon. The houses (which have long front drives), are reached from the rear via a service road. Car needed unless you are a resident.

If you can help please contact me, John Plater on 221095.

Thank you.



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If yes, please contact the Parish Clerk

You can also view our website for more details



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

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On Third Sunday of each month:

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WEEK-DAYS:

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

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

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All Saints' Church, Dagnall

Services in June 2015

Sun. 7th June	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 14th June	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 21st June	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sun. 28th June	10.30 am	Family Service
Sun. 5th July	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service



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

**NORTHALL & DISTRICT
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June marks the beginning of summer in the northern hemisphere with warmer temperatures, longer days and Wimbledon. This year the tournament begins on June 29th, a week later to allow players a three week rest period after the French Open. It is amazing how many people pick up a racquet during or after Wimbledon. I did for a while but my coordination leaves much to be desired when it comes to hitting a ball.

In the Diocese of St Albans covering Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and a bit of Buckinghamshire we celebrate St Alban, the first Christian martyr, on June 22nd although the street celebration in St Albans this year will be on the 20th. This coincides with a 3 day visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Looking at the programme for his visit he'll not have much time to rest. I will get to meet him having arranged his visit to Shuttleworth College where he will meet a number of people involved in rural life from all over the Diocese.

Talking of rural life I've decided this year to turn the large grassy area, more moss than grass, in the vicarage garden into a meadow. Intensive farming, the use of land for building, a desire to grow exotic plants and treat nature's own as weeds has seen a decline in wildflowers and other plants we might at one time have called weeds. Looking out of my office window the meadow looks beautiful. Cowslips, cow parsley, bluebells, daisies, daffodils, dandelions, cuckoo flower and the beautiful pale blue rosemary flowers that edge the drive are all glorious. There are others I have not yet identified along with a few primroses still in flower and lots of different types of grass. The late winter early spring snowdrops were also amazing.

One of the benefits of my new approach to the vicarage garden is the increased bird life. Putting aside the wood pigeons I have also seen, robins, sparrows, wrens, thrush, blackbirds, blue tits, woodpecker (not green) and a chaffinch. There are others I'm sure and I do hear an owl somewhere in the surrounding area.

If you like meadows and are passing do drop in and have a look. The meadow will have to be maintained and I am currently researching ways and means. For me it's all about the glory of creation and giving nature a chance to thrive.

Coralie

St Mary's Village Carnival 2015



The Sea

4th July 2015

Carnival is now only one month away!
What the carnival needs is:

Helpers, Helpers, Helpers, Helpers!

If you would like to be involved in the organisation, beforehand or on the day, now is the time to act. Helpers are needed in the weeks before carnival and particularly on the evening of Friday 3rd July and during the event itself. Can you spare a few hours to help with transport the evening before the carnival when lorries are crisscrossing the villages delivering tables, chairs, fridges and all that is needed for carnival?

Edlesborough green starts being prepared from about 7am on the Saturday morning and a free egg and bacon roll is available for all helpers on the green from about 7:30.

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 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.

Please be aware of possible disruption to traffic and bus services on the day as the carnival procession makes its way from The Orchards in Eaton Bray to Edlesborough green. Road closure requests have been placed with both Aylesbury Vale District Council and Central Bedfordshire Council. As a result

roads on the procession route will be closed for a short time while the procession goes past. All the relevant authorities have been duly notified, including local bus companies. Bus services may not run to time, and may not follow their usual routes.

All details of Carnival 2015 including how to book a stall, arrange advertising, offer prizes and much more can be found on the Carnival website:

www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com

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 run-up to July contact:

Gordon Gray 01525 220136

Don't forget that there will be prizes for the best decorated floats when judged in The Orchards and for the best presented house on the procession route. Get your house decorated to the theme of THE SEA for a memorable procession!

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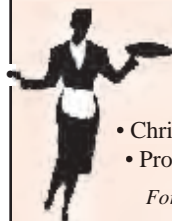
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Dunstable & District Orbit Club

Dunstable & District Orbit Club held its quiz night on 18th April at Dunstable Rugby Club. Nine teams took part and £532 was raised on the night which will be added to throughout the Orbit year.

The money will be split between three charities; The Cinnamon Trust, Paul Stricland Scanner Appeal and Autism Bedfordshire.

Orbit meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8pm at the Rugby Club, so if you would like to meet new people, support the community and have fun, come and see us. You'll receive a warm welcome.

Contact our website www.orbitclub.org.uk/dunstable or phone 01525 222441.

✉ Jill Richards, Publicity Team



Your Latest EB Lions News...

Vacant Committee Roles

We will very soon have two vacant positions on the EB Lions Committee; Club Treasurer and Club Secretary.

Without the committee the club would not be able to function and filling these positions is key to the continued effective running of the club. We are looking for people who can fill these positions and spare a few hours a week. It is a very rewarding role as you see the club continue to grow from strength to strength and see the kids and their teams excel in what they do, learn new skills, work as a team, support each other and every now and again win a cup or their league.

We also continue to look for part time volunteers to assist committee members with specific tasks or to support the club in events and projects. So if you would like to contribute to this local village based club then please contact either the Chair or Vice Chair (chair@eblions.co.uk or vicechair@eblions.co.uk). So if you want to help shape the next generation's enjoyment of local youth football, we would love to hear from you. Knowledge of football is not a prerequisite.

New Players

We are always on the lookout for new players. At the end of the summer we will be looking to start our U5 & U6 squads so if you have budding football players or just want your kids to have some fun and enjoy outdoor activity, then look out for our leaflets which will be appearing in the local village schools soon or go to our website.

New Sponsors

We are always on the lookout for team or even club sponsors, so if you would like to see your name on the shirt of an active young football player then again visit our website for more details.

Club Annual General Meeting

The club will be holding its AGM on Thursday 9th July at 8pm at Edlesborough School. Parents of players, coaches and those interested in helping the club are welcome.

Visit our website eblions.co.uk to find out more about the club, our training and playing ethos and football development programme. If you like what you see, just email enquiries@eblions.co.uk with your details and our football development team will be in touch.

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Edlesborough Parish Council News

Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

John Parker

The Parish Council is very saddened at the loss of John Parker. He will be sorely missed by the Parish. He provided invaluable support to the Parish Council through all the years that Sue was the Clerk and for many years afterwards. His knowledge and recall were extensive. Even in the last year or two we've had to call on John for advice on such things as where to find the stopcock for the water supply to the allotments etc. He could always be relied upon to help and the village will be a much poorer place without him.

New Pavilion

Edlesborough Parish Council is pleased to announce that AVDC have granted permission for the demolition of the existing sports pavilion and construction of a new two storey community sports pavilion and extension to parking area.

The Parish Council thanks the Edlesborough Community Sports Club for all their hard work and dedication to the project so far.

Thames Valley Police Report 2014/15

PC Joanne Newton forwarded the following information which was shared at the Annual Parish Council meeting:

Edlesborough

2 x Burglary dwelling.

1. November 2014 where the rear French doors were smashed, cash was stolen (Filed no suspects)
2. March 2015 a downstairs window was forced and Cash and Jewellery was stolen (This is still being investigated)

Burglary Non Dwelling

1. Garden broken into – many items disturbed
2. Garage broken into – Drill stolen

3. McCann Homes site hut broken into – Possibly tools taken.

Theft from Motor Vehicles

1. June 2014 – Spare Wheel cut from vehicle over night
2. August 2014 – Rear lock on van damaged
3. December 2014 – Number plates were stolen from a vehicle

Violence against the person

0 offences

Dagnall

Burglary Dwelling

1. July 2014 – Window Forced, jewellery taken and was later recovered leading to the arrest and charge of suspects.
2. December 2014 – Front door forced and cash was taken – no suspects so filed.

Burglary non dwelling

1. May 2014 – Sewage works – Machinery stolen
2. October 2014 – Sewage works Machinery stolen
3. Feb 2015 – Garage door taken from hinges – nothing taken.

No suspects for any of the above.

Violence against the person

There is one offence which is currently ongoing in its investigation.

Theft from Motor Vehicles

0 theft from motor vehicle offences

Theft of Motor Vehicles

- 1 x Dec 2014 Van stolen without keys
- 1 x May 2014 Audi stolen from outside its house

Northall

Burglary Dwelling

No offences

Burglary Non Dwelling

1. Farm Building – Machinery taken
2. Shed Break – Tools taken
3. Shed Break – Tools taken

Violence against the person



2 offences have been reported

Theft from motor vehicles

0 offences reported

Theft

1 x July 2014 - Car stolen without keys.

Chairman's Report for the Annual Meeting

The Chairman gave a 'PowerPoint' presentation of the Council's various activities during the year.

This included:

- Major Projects – Streetlights, New Pavilion, BCC Services Devolution and Neighbourhood Planning
- EDaN - Church Floodlighting, A4146 downgrading, Community Car Scheme, Tree Planting proposal
- New Housing developments

A copy of the presentation will be posted on www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Edlesborough Parish Council Cemetery

Work has commenced on the levelling and seeding of the graves in the Cemetery. Parishioners are reminded that Edlesborough Cemetery is a lawn cemetery and the planting of graves is not permitted. Any items contravening these rules will be removed. A full copy of the rules and regulations of the cemetery can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council Elections

All councillors with the exception of Cllr Holt (Dagnall Ward) stood again for the elections and were unopposed. There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council one for the Ward of Edlesborough and one for the Ward of Dagnall. Any person wishing to be considered for the role of Councillor should contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Cllr Holt will formally resign from his position on the Council at the May meeting. He was thanked by the Chairman and District Cllr Chris Poll for his years of dedication and hard work to the role.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council are currently looking into the option of developing a neighbourhood plan.

Parish Council Website

The Parish Council are currently experiencing technical issues with their website. It is hoped that these issues will be rectified before this report is published. If however the issues continue and any persons wishes to see a full copy of the minutes for the Parish Council meetings please contact the Clerk who will be happy to assist.

Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting will take in All Saints Church, Dagnall on Thursday 18th June 2015. The meeting will commence at 7:30pm.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend and may ask questions, raise issues and give suggestions during the Open Forum.

The full minutes of the Parish Council meetings are available to view on the website.

Contact Information

Clerk to Edlesborough Parish Council:

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Website: www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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St Mary's 100 Club

Congratulations to the following winners:

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1st Prize – Brian Chapman

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Eaton Bray Parish Council

Highlights of the Meeting Minutes of Eaton Bray Parish Council Held on Monday 13th April 2015 from 7:30pm at the Coffee Tavern

Central Beds Council (CBC)

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- Land Off Totternhoe Road, Eaton Bray: The application has been refused.
- The Parish Council gave their thanks to Cllr. Mustoe for all her hard work/commitment to the parish over her time in office. They wished her a happy retirement.

Bedfordshire Police:

REPORTED CRIME – YEAR TO DATE		
RECORDED CRIME		
Crime Type	01/03/14 to 31/03/14	01/03/15 to 31/03/15
Violence against the Person	2	1
Sexual Offences	0	1
Domestic Burglary	0	0
Burglary Other	0	0
Vehicle Crime	0	1
Other Theft	0	0
Criminal Damage	1	0
Drugs	0	0
Other Notifiable Offences	0	0
Total	3	3

ASB INCIDENTS		
Anti-Social Behaviour	01/03/14 to 31/03/14	01/03/15 to 31/03/15
Total	6	8

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Ban On Hgv Vehicles Over 7.5 Tonnes Through Parish

The HGV application has gone through/ been approved by CBC; however still awaiting reply from Bucks County Council.

Speedwatch

There have been 4 speedwatch sessions in March and April. A total of 8 hours. Across

those 8 hours 72 vehicles were recorded travelling in excess of 36mph, the highest recorded being 45mph, however may have been higher as the camera device (for a 30 mph zone) can only record up to a maximum of 45 mph. The average speed of those breaking the limit was 38.5 mph in a 30mph zone. Speedwatch are to be carrying out more sessions in the near future.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council are looking into putting together a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish, for more details about what a neighbourhood plan is please see the information page in this month's FOCUS.

Next Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting:

Monday 1st June 2015 from 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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Would you Like to Have a Say in the Future of our Village?

Eaton Bray Neighbourhood Plan

Eaton Bray Parish Council are considering the need to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan document to set out the Village's wishes in terms of infrastructure, facilities and future development.

The Government and Central Bedfordshire are encouraging parishes to set out Neighbourhood Plans that demonstrate how communities would like to improve the villages and their surroundings in the future. It will also help provide some protection to this village when it comes to unwanted over-development and support the need for infrastructure improvements. What is a Neighbourhood Plan? Put simply, it is a document that describes the desired plans for a village over a 5-10 year period and contains the areas that village residents feel are important and specifies what the majority wants.

It covers topics such as housing and development, schooling and amenities, environmental protection, transport and highways, to name but a few.

The document is something that would require a great deal of consultation with everyone in the village, planning and work to bring it all together. The challenge, once the village has agreed its content, is then to have CBC approve it. Once approved, it means that it provides some protection against the things we don't want in the village and support towards getting the things we do.

It is worth noting that the Plan is not something that is a clandestine way to get property building through and over-develop the village or to try and pass unwanted schemes in the village without consultation. Quite the opposite.

We think the best approach is to first see if having a plan for the village is something that we, as a village, all want. There are a lot of positive reasons for having a Plan, most notably protection from Government schemes being imposed upon us without our consent, along with finding out what ideas residents have for the village.

What happens now? We would like to hear from everyone in the village to see if everyone thinks it's a good idea to have a Neighbourhood Plan. Once we have consulted the village, it will indicate whether this is something that we should then action, setting up a working group to manage the project and starting the next stage of actual consultation.

Should you feel that, like our other neighbouring villages, we too should have a Neighbourhood Plan, we'd like to hear from you. Equally, we'd also like to know why you think we should not have one.

If you would like to know more about what a Neighbourhood Plan is, you can find out more on the website set up for parishes and town councils to: <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/what-is-neighbourhood-planning/>

Please visit our website, email or write to us with your views.

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John Parker

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Thank you all so very much for all your support throughout John's illness. You gave me the courage to keep going. Thank you, too, for your many beautiful cards and touching tributes and sentiments, about John, contained therein. They were, and still remain a great comfort to Phil and I, and they'll be treasures always.

So many of you came to the funeral at the chapel and it helped us enormously knowing that we were among good friends at a difficult time in our lives. It was a wonderful goodbye and send-off for John and we'll always be grateful to you all.

Special thanks to all the ladies that supplied all the food and especially Edna and Diane for all their hard work getting everything ready at home, and keeping us fed and watered, afterwards. The teapot never stopped pouring.

Despite it being John's funeral, it was a lovely, sunny spring day amongst friends.

Thank you,

Sue and Phil Parker

Junior Cricket Coaching for Boys and Girls



From mid-June Edlesborough Cricket Club is reintroducing its Junior Section that had been very successful (and popular) in previous years.

Practice sessions on the Green will be between 6pm and 7.30pm on a Friday evenings for boys and girls aged 10 to 13, with qualified members of the club providing England Cricket Board-approved coaching to all-comers.

The emphasis will be on having fun and developing skills, with the possibility of friendly competition against other local sides sometime later in the year.

Any parents whose children are interested in joining in with these sessions are invited to contact Ceri Davies on 221472 so that we can share more information about the programmed activities and new facilities (we will send you some formal details).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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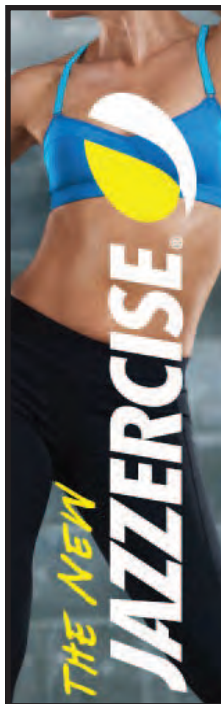
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Knowing Your Consumer Rights



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.

I am becoming increasingly fed up with dealing with retailers right across Beds, Herts, Bucks and beyond who either don't familiarise themselves with consumer law, or who deliberately attempt to pull the wool over their customer's eyes. That makes it so important that we all understand the law as consumers. That way, when a retailer talks rubbish, we spot it straight away.

I thought this month I would take the opportunity to explain 'Statutory Rights'. You may have seen on a receipt or contract 'This does not affect your statutory rights'. This means that anything the retailer has offered you (in terms of returns policy etc) does not change the things you're entitled to by law.

When you purchase any brand new goods or services in the UK you are protected by your 'statutory rights' (sale of goods act 1979).

All goods must be:

1. Fit for purpose
2. Of 'reasonable' quality (based on the cost)
3. Last for a reasonable amount of time (based on the cost)

Therefore, if you buy (for example) a fridge for £300, it should last for a 'reasonable' amount of time. I would suggest a minimum of 5 years' worth of 'reasonable use' before it blows up. If

it develops a manufacturing fault at any time during that period, the retailer IS LIABLE! Any attempt to fob you off, should be met with a firm, but polite explanation of your consumer rights.

Bear in mind, the retailer is at liberty to take into account usage you've had from a product before it breaks though. For example, if your 4 year old fridge blows up, the retailer could offer to replace it, but will ask for a contribution from you for the 4 years use you had from the previous model.

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It is also worth noting that when you first purchase an item, during the first 4 weeks you are entitled to return faulty goods and get a full refund. After this period of time, generally you will have to permit the retailer an opportunity to repair the item if they so wish.

So, remember next time the manager of a shop says 'oh sorry, there's nothing we can do I'm afraid'. Tell them you understand your statutory rights and if they still fail to help, then call my team on 01582 637450 and I'll have a little 'word' for you!



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Bright Eyed and Bushy Tailed

Lemurs born at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

Four new-born ring-tailed lemurs were introduced to the world at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo on Tuesday 28th April.

The four, bright eyed and bushy tailed babies were born to mums Daphne, Hannelies, Pien and Naomi between the 6th and 12th April. The babies share their home, the Zoo's walk-through exhibit 'In With the Lemurs', with their mothers, siblings, and father to all four, Quaker.



The four babies are, as yet, unnamed, as their sex has yet to be determined by keepers.

Senior Keeper Jane Storr said: "The new-borns

are doing really well. They are just at the point where they start to show some signs of curiosity about the world, climbing around onto their mothers' backs and shoulders to get a better look around.

"Daphne, Hannelies, Pien and Naomi, who are experienced mums, are all brilliant with the babies, and Quaker, the



male lemur who fathered all four is also jumping around alongside them, looking like a proud dad."

Native only to Madagascar, ring-tailed lemurs are at risk in the wild from illegal hunting and the effects of widespread habitat loss. ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's young ring-tailed lemurs are welcome additions to the European Endangered Species Programme (EEP).



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Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship (ELF)

Hello Everyone,

The year seems to fly by and already one Bank Holiday has passed. Spring bulbs are dying back to be put to rest until being planted again later in the year.

However, peggles (cowslips), bluebells and primroses are at their best now, together with herbaceous plant blossoms.

Alan led our annual bluebell walk in Ashridge Forest on April 25th. The weather was good and the group enjoyed it ending for refreshments at the café. Thanks go to Alan for arranging the walk.

The meeting at the Coffee Tavern on April 30th was lively. Forthcoming events were discussed. There has been some suggestions for events that needed to be changed. Refreshments were enjoyed. There will be NO MEETING at the Coffee Tavern in June.

Our Lunch Out on April 16th took place at The Plough, Wingfield and, as usual,

the group enjoyed their meal and the company. Thanks go to Val for making the arrangements.

On Thursday June 25th, a canal boat trip is being arranged by Mel and Viv.

It begins from Cosgrove and should be really good. A report will appear in the August edition of Focus. Details will be displayed, when known, in the north porch of Eaton Bray Church.

The report on the visit to Audley End house on May 14th will be in the July edition of Focus.

Everyone is always invited to join in any activities which are planned by the E.L.F. group. Notices regarding activities are usually displayed in the north porch of Eaton Bray Church.

JUNE DATES

Mon 22nd Walk from Eaton Bray Church 9.30a.m.

Thur 25th Canal boat trip.

Dagnall Over Sixties

The Dagnall Over Sixties were joined by 16 members of Kensworth Over Sixties Club, for a tasty Ploughmans lunch in May.

We catered for 50 people with ham and cheese, salad, bread roll, coleslaw etc. a glass of wine, followed by delicious Gateaux!

This was followed by Bingo called by Chrissie Smith, with a break for tea and

the raffle.

Next month on June 16th we will be holding a Garden Party in the garden of Rosemary and Brian Holt, at 6, Dunstable road Dagnall.

On July 21st we have a speaker and tea in the village hall.

We are always delighted to welcome new members. Just call Rosemary on 01442 843202.

Wednesday Club

The WEDNESDAY CLUB, NORTHALL raised over £240 at their recent COFFEE MORNING and would like to thank all their friends who attended. The funds will be put towards our summer coach trip to Billing Aquadrome.

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coffee and meet us all with no obligation to join, please contact Anna on 07854 230243 to arrange. You will be made very welcome.

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Eight Little Piggies Went A-Marching

Wild boar piglets are marched into their enclosure at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo by their mum

Wild boar piglets are marched into their enclosure at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo by their mum

The mum of eight new-born wild boar piglets decided it was time for the family to get out and about, one week after they were born at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

Since being born on Wednesday 8 April, the stripy piglets had seemed unsure about leaving the pigsty, but their mum marched them outside one week later, nudging the eight little wild boar around their woodland enclosure with her nose.

Mum Hinge is one of two female wild boar at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, named after the famous female-impersonation act Hinge and Bracket.

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo Team Leader, Donovan Glyn, said: "Hinge has clearly decided she doesn't fancy staying in the sty anymore and given the piglets their marching orders. With some gentle nose-nudging she actually managed to walk them around the entire paddock, which is great because now they've explored a bit they'll settle in really quickly.

"The wild boar piglets aren't terribly active so they probably needed the push from their mum to get out and about. They will continue to sleep a lot and drink milk, gradually weaning onto fruit

and vegetables over the next few months."

Wild boar weigh just 0.4 – 0.8kg at birth, but a male can grow to

weigh up to 175kg in adulthood.

"Eight isn't actually that many for a litter of wild boar. Last year, Hinge had 13 piglets, but boar tend to have less piglets the older they get. Our other female, Bracket, has also just given birth, so we now have quite a number of stripy piglets running around."



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Community Choir

Onward and Upward



Over the last 6 months our Choir has seen many changes with a new, very well organised Steering Group under the chairmanship of Steven Holder having been installed. Whilst Steven is an accomplished musical and concert director in his own right, we have Michelle Garrard as our leader, supported by James Banville, a first class accompanist. The days of our amateur "Vicar of Dibley" style approach to management are a fondly remembered thing of the past, now replaced by a more "professional" attitude.

All of these changes have provided the opportunity for our Choir to become more ambitious in musical terms and have provided the more musically talented of our members with the chance to shine. Meanwhile those of us with less confidence, struggle to keep up and can only look back nostalgically over the first 5 years, where

eccentricity was valued, with the emphasis being on providing an opportunity for those of a like mind in our communities to gather together once week to make enjoy making music.

It is, of course, natural and inevitable that the quality of our singing should have gradually improved with regular Monday practices and even the less gifted of us can now have a decent "stab" at most of the songs in our repertoire, without worrying too much about making mistakes and without succumbing to the feeling of the need to mime during the difficult bits.

The results of the relentless striving to improve the quality of performance can be seen in our Autumn concerts, the first of which will be at Eaton Bray Village Hall on Saturday 24th. October.

Appledown's Rescue Dog of the Month



This is **Ramsey**, he is a handsome chocolate Labrador who was born in August 2013. Ramsey has a very affectionate nature and is house-

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Treating Injuries with RICE!

With the sun finally shining we are busy enjoying sports and gardening and, with our increased activity levels, accidents can happen. Here is a little reminder of how to treat some common injuries using the RICE principle – Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation.



Injuries involving the lower limb are predominantly soft tissues, i.e. ligaments (joining bone to bone), tendons (joining muscle to bone) and muscles themselves.

A strain is the overstretching of muscle and a sprain is the overstretching of a ligament or tendon. However, the body's reaction is similar in all structures. Initially, when an injury happens, inflammation occurs, small blood vessels are damaged and bleed at the injury site, chemicals are released and cause an increase in blood flow – this results in heat, redness and swelling in the area. The pain is caused by chemicals and extra pressure irritating the nerve endings.

The success of an injury healing is boosted by appropriate, timely and effective action in the first 72 hours – so what can you do to help yourself?

Follow the R.I.C.E. principle:-

R - REST: This helps to decrease the energy requirement of the area by reducing unnecessary blood flow. So avoid aggravating activities but keep the area moving.

I - ICE: This initially constricts the blood vessels, so reduces bleeding and decreases swelling. It also helps reduce pain by numbing the nerve endings.

C - COMPRESSION: This limits the accumulation of inflammatory fluid and the over production of scar tissue. A Tubigrip bandage could be used and the area should be compressed well above and below the sight of injury.

E - ELEVATION: This lowers the blood pressure and helps limit the bleeding into tissues. It also encourages excess fluid to drain to the lymphatic system.

If you are still in pain or have any further questions, contact St Judes Clinic or consult your GP for further assistance.



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Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Our April Cafe Worship was an inspiring one and included a thought-provoking interview with one of our members on the meaning of Easter. Greg Obong-Oshotse visited us on April 19th, bringing a lively message on 'The Great Commission', God's special assignment for all Christians to pass on his message to the next generation. Our April Communion Service was led by Rev Nigel Wright, who talked on the subject of The Good Shepherd, leading his people and ensuring a safe path

for them, as well as reflecting on the harmony and caring commitment of the Christian community in the months and years after Christ's ascension.

The April Saturday Cafe Community continued the success of recent months with a goodly number of customers and a lively atmosphere.

Date for your Diary:

Annual Garden Fete **Saturday 6th June 2015**
at Chestnut Lodge, Great Billington

The Heritage Park Pitstone Green Museum

Your fantastic local centre for history, arts and crafts, is open again this year. For those of you who have never been, you have been missing a gem of an attraction right at the heart of your community. For those of you who are regulars, there will be lots of new things to see.

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1940s room

per year, so take a look at our website www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk to get the full details or look for pitstone museum a great day out on Youtube.

Our loyal team of volunteers has been working hard over the winter months to build three new attractions. We have been lucky to have been given the entire contents of a private museum, comprising artefacts from all aspects of life from the last hundred years or so, collected by Colin Cook in Stopsley and displayed in buildings in his garden. When he died in 2007, his wife Gina kindly offered us the collection and we have converted the loft space of one of our old buildings, to house this fascinating display.

Visiting Traction Engine



The second new room will be a model engineering workshop which will display and demonstrate some beautiful examples of miniature, working engines, many constructed by one of our longest serving volunteers, Peter Keeley, who sadly died last year but left us his workshop where he spent many hours on model engineering.

Finally, a more unusual exhibit will be a bookbinding shop where Roy our retired professional bookbinder will be demonstrating a craft that many of us know very little about. This should fit in well with our recently refurbished print shop, also run by professionals, demonstrating how printing used to be done.

All our usual attractions such as the Lancaster Bomber Cockpit, the 27litre Gas Engine, the huge rack saw and the 1940s room, will be back, along with an updated shop and our usual brilliant refreshment area. Have a go at pottery or lace making or watch demonstrations, bring your children and dogs or come on your own and make some new friends. If you've got a classic car, bring it along and show it off and get in free of charge.



Leg It For Lions

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo Stampede returns

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo is getting set to welcome a different kind of herd when its annual Zoo Stampede returns on Sunday 7 June, 2015.

Roar-some racers taking part in the Zoo's annual fundraising run, will charge around the 10km or 2km circuits, with the pack passing some of the world's most incredible animals, including speedy northern cheetahs and laid-back ring-tailed lemurs.

Celebrating its 10th year, the ZSL Whipsnade Zoo Stampede sees runners sprint, strut and stomp their way around the UK's biggest Zoo, and this year will raise funds for ZSL's Lions400 campaign to protect

endangered Asiatic lions.

By taking part in the 10km run or 2km kids' fun run, runners will be putting their

best foot forward to help international conservation charity the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), carry out its vital work to protect the last 400 Asiatic lions living in the Gir Forest in India.

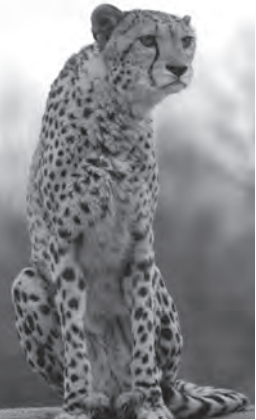
Last year determined challengers raised more than £26,000, and it's hoped



fundraisers can limber up and do even better this time around.

Sponsored by Ballygowan Natural Mineral Water, places in the pack are available now at www.zsl.org/whipsnadestampede but pick up the pace as they are filling up fast.

Entry fees include entrance to the Zoo for the day, car parking for all participants, chip timing, and medals for all finishers. Prizes will also be presented to the first three male and female runners and the first mixed team in the 10km, and first three runners of the 2km.



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Boys Enjoy Reading Too!!

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Male family relatives were invited to come into school to read with their boys on Friday afternoon (17th April). We had a most positive response and all the boys – old and young – thoroughly enjoyed it.

It was lovely to see Dads in the library with their sons, totally engrossed in their shared reading.

We are looking forward to opening our doors to this event again once a month throughout the summer term!

Currently our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils are preparing for their SATs; working very hard to achieve their very best.

Our Year 5 pupils are counting down the "sleeps" to our annual weekly residential trip to Kingswood in West Runton. Further details of all the fun we have will follow in next month's issue!

Edlesborough Book Group

Sweet Tooth by Ian McEwan

Usually when one picks up a work by Ian McEwan, it is with a sense of pleasant anticipation. He is an excellent author and his books on many varying subjects have won him a loyal following of readers.

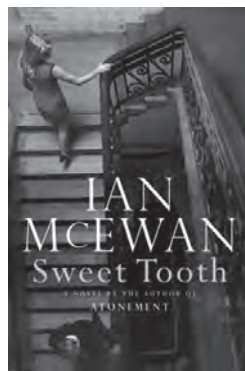
This book, however, is not one of his best and it is hard to pinpoint the reasons. It has a good plot, with two very smart twists. Ian McEwan writes well and the story is very easy to follow, but at the end, one puts down the novel feeling slightly dissatisfied.

The story is told by Serena Frome, who in 1972 has recently graduated from Cambridge with a poor third class maths degree. She is recruited by MI5 and seems a very unlikely candidate, until we learn that she has been secretly promoted by Tony Canning, an ex lover from university days and also an ex MI5 operative. Serena is young, pretty and naive and very soon is having to cope with the misogynistic environment of MI5 and the hierarchy within it. She seems to cope with these difficulties and before long she is offered, and accepts, a role in a 'honey trap'

mission. Code named Sweet Tooth, it purports to establish a 'foundation' which will promote and support young writers who are openly critical of Communism. One such is Tom Haley, and it is Serena's job to offer him

a grant for three years, in order to promote artistic freedom. Tom is a talented writer and many of his stories are reproduced in the novel. Inevitably, Serena and Tom fall in love and they spend happy weekends together in Brighton before the denouement.

As a group, we found the book easy to read, but didn't think that it was up to McEwan's usual standard. Although the book takes many sideswipes of the literary world and its prizes and seems to be a book about writing, we are never quite sure what we are meant to believe until the end. That twist could explain the difference in McEwan's style, but I leave that to the reader to decide.



Buying Safely on eBay



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.

eBay has been around for years now. You would imagine therefore that everyone knows the way to use the site effectively and safely. Sadly, based on the continual number of stories I hear on my show from unhappy buyers and sellers, this is not the case.

It staggers me how trusting some consumers are of people selling goods on eBay. It can be a wonderful site for finding and purchasing rare items and bagging a bargain. However, if you don't know what you're doing, you may just end up crying into your keyboard.

So how can you ensure you don't end up an unhappy eBay customer?

Firstly, ALWAYS look at the feedback for the seller you're purchasing from. Anyone can theoretically sell stuff on eBay whether they're a decent person or an absolute toerag. Avoid buying from sellers that have received negative feedback recently. Also look at similar items they have sold, to see if customers are happy with them.

When you feel comfortable with the seller you're planning to buy from, remember to inspect the product description thoroughly. Watch out for underpriced items and expensive items where the seller offers free delivery. If the deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Be extra cautious when buying presale items (eg music and concert tickets). Check the seller's feedback and selling history before purchasing and don't leave feedback until you've actually received

your tickets.

Be cautious of strange item descriptions – they're often an indicator of a fraudulent listing. For example, if the item description looks like an automatic online translator has translated it chances are you're never going to receive it!

So when you feel happy with the seller, their feedback and the item being listed, how can you pay in the most secure way?

When possible, always choose to pay by paypal. That way you are likely to be protected by their moneyback guarantee (if the transaction is eligible). Be very very wary of any seller who tells you their paypal account is not working, or tries to persuade you to pay without using paypal. What are their motivations? Is it that they're trying to defraud you?

I would never pay by a bank/international money transfer or using money vouchers. The con artists often ask for payment in this way. Once they've got your money, they close their eBay account and vanish into the ether.

Finally where payment is concerned, always complete your transaction via the eBay site. If you suddenly agree to take the sale/purchase offline and deal independently with the seller, you are not protected by the eBay money back guarantee. Be very suspicious of any eBay seller who suggests doing a deal without concluding things via the site.

Where delivery is concerned, my advice is that if the seller is offering a more expensive and secure method of sending, use it. You'll be grateful you opted for this if the item goes missing or gets damaged in transit.

If you follow all of these tips, you'll hopefully ensure your eBay experience is a happy one. Remember though, if you

DO have problems, I'm always at the end of the radio to help you. Just drop me a line at jvsshows@bbc.co.uk and tune into my show – 9 'til 12, Monday to Friday on BBC 3 Counties Radio.



Northall Songwriter

Long-term Northall residents, Gary (Vince) and Susan Young, recently visited Las Vegas and Nashville to celebrate Gary's 70th birthday. Whilst in Las Vegas they met up with friends, Ray and Ulla Daniels, who are also long-term residents of Northall.

Upon returning in January to snowy Northall, Gary decided to write a song about the two exciting cities of Nashville and Vegas. The resulting song has a Country Music feel, as you might expect from the influence of Nashville!

Gary would be delighted if you could find the time to listen to the song and watch the supporting video, which you can do by simply keying the song title 'Honky Tonk and Blackjack' into Google. He hopes you enjoy hearing

and watching it as much as he enjoyed visiting Nashville and Vegas and then writing and recording the song.

The photograph was taken in the recording studio. Gary is on the right, wearing the big hat!



Eaton Bray W.I.

INSPIRING WOMEN

Our May meeting with a theme of VE Day celebrations, was enhanced with table decorations, music and nibbles. After welcoming our members, birthday cards were handed out to Dorothy, Wendy, Deidrea, Ann and Ros.

Business matters followed which included Dorothy and Deidrea offering to attend the Houghton Regis W.I party in June. Members were advised that the speaker for the June meeting will be Zena Herbert, with her talk entitled "Weekend Away with a Carrier Bag".

This was followed by group discussions on the W.I. resolution, followed by a vote.

Deidrea will advise the delegate that Eaton Bray W.I. was a 'no' vote. We finished the evening with an excellent brain stretching quiz run by Susan and finished with social time. The raffle was won by Megan and Susan.

There will be a coffee morning on Thursday 11th June from 10am till 12 noon in the Methodist Church, this is to celebrate 100 years of W.I. We will again celebrate the 100 years in our meeting on 7th September with our speaker telling us the "History of the W.I", followed by a finger buffet at £5 per head.

✍️ Deidrea

Edlesborough W.I.

The April meeting was a completely new experience for our ladies. Originally, the meeting held in April, was known as the 'Members' Evening'. However, our president Jenny came up with a suggestion of how we, the committee, could perhaps ring the changes. First, this would be done by changing the title to, 'An April Evening' and the format of the meeting arranged so that all the ladies attending would be able to participate fully in the activities. The committee was in full agreement and so planning started and the end product was greatly appreciated by all who attended 'An April Evening'.

As the ladies entered the hall there was a general gasp of surprise from them as they noticed the layout of the room was completely different. There were seven large tables bedecked with tablecloths situated around the room and as the ladies went to sit down at the tables they realized the seating arrangement was different from normal and they were encouraged to sit with someone they usually did not sit with.

Jenny welcomed everyone once they were seated and explained the evening was divided into three sections: a) business b) artistic preparation c) intellectual – meaning tea and a chat. Business matters were sorted efficiently with everyone keen to get on with the unknown artistic preparation.

Each table was given a large piece of oasis and hidden away in the kitchen and brought out silently were buckets of flowers consisting of spray carnations (pale yellow and orange), spray chrysanthemums (pale yellow and white), roses (white and yellow) and gerberas (orange and yellow). There was

foliage too, which consisted of rosemary, sarcococca, variegated ivy, euonymus and box; all of which was kindly provided by Elizabeth and was shared among the tables.

The purpose of the flora was explained. Each table had to work as a team in designing and producing a table decoration. In fact it was a floral activity in the form of a Beetle Drive. When one's number was called out it was that person's turn to choose and place the flower in the design, with her team's consent. The ideas rolled and enthusiasm flourished. Co-operation was the key factor, although it was noted some ladies were so involved in the process they forgot to work as part of a team! There was a great hive of activity taking place.

Finally, after much deliberation, the end products were placed in the centre of the tables and what a sight befell upon the eye. The teams' numbers were placed in a bag and a draw took place. If one's number was pulled out of the bag that lucky person was able to take home the magnificent creation.

After completing the masterpieces, the ladies were able to relax with a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and enjoy a marvellous selection of cakes provided by the WI members. There then followed further entertainment in the form of readings based loosely on the theme of, 'Spring' by WI ladies, who had volunteered at earlier meetings. Our president, Jenny got the ball rolling by reading 'Daffy Down Dilly' by A.A. Milne. Other readings included: Christine who read, 'The Earth' and 'Underground' from 'Rhymes For All Seasons' by J. Asher. Christine also read out jokes, which were responded to by loud moans from the audience. Jackie,

who with her husband had written her own very funny material, read out 'Spring is a Lovely Time of Year' and 'What am I?' Diane's renditions of 'Not Quite Jerusalem', 'The Return of Spring' and 'The General Election' were appreciated. Seven birthdays were celebrated by the presentation of plants by Maggie and Happy Birthday was sung to Jane, whose birthday was on that day and being

'Birthday Girl' she drew the raffle tickets. At the end of a very happy and successful evening Jenny thanked Elizabeth for providing the flowers, all the ladies who provided the delicious food, Heather for washing up, the readers and all who came. She also gave a special thank you to the committee. Brenda thanked Jenny and the committee for their hard work.

✍ Jackie Flint

Eaton Bray Cricket Club

When this goes to print the season will be a couple of months old. We've had an exciting season so far, with 2 Saturday league teams in the Four Counties Cricket League and our Sunday Development XI playing in the Bedfordshire Development league, this team consists of 4 adults and 7 U17 players. This has been a great way to develop the next generation of players. We've also entered the Coronation Cup and Bedfordshire T20 Cup, both midweek knock out 20 over aside competitions for the 2015 season.

Junior Section

We are also running 5 junior sides this year, 2 U10s teams, U12s and U14s all playing in the Bedfordshire Youth League and our U8s playing some friendlies. The U10s and U12s play on Sunday morning and most Sundays see a home game for one of these teams.

Details of all fixtures can be found on our website which is quoted below.

Our junior section has training on Wednesday evenings, the 6 to 10 year olds from 6pm to 7pm and the 11 to 14 year olds from 6.30pm to 8pm.

We are actively seeking new players for our junior teams so please let them come and try our junior sessions out. We accept both boys and girls into our junior section.



Contact and Call for New Players

We are always looking for new players from 6 years old to 96 years old and offer a wide range of cricket for all abilities, from competitive cricket to social cricket and junior cricket.

We are in the 21st Century and have several ways we can be followed or contacted.

Junior email address: ebccenquiries@hotmail.com

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Sponsorship

The club has a growing portfolio of sponsors and we are always on the look for new ones. If your company would like to get involved then please contact Josh Peacock at joshapeacock@gmail.com for senior section sponsorship opportunities or Wes Hosking at w_hosking@hotmail.com for junior section sponsorship opportunities.

We would like to thank our current sponsors, listed below.

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Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for April 2015



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

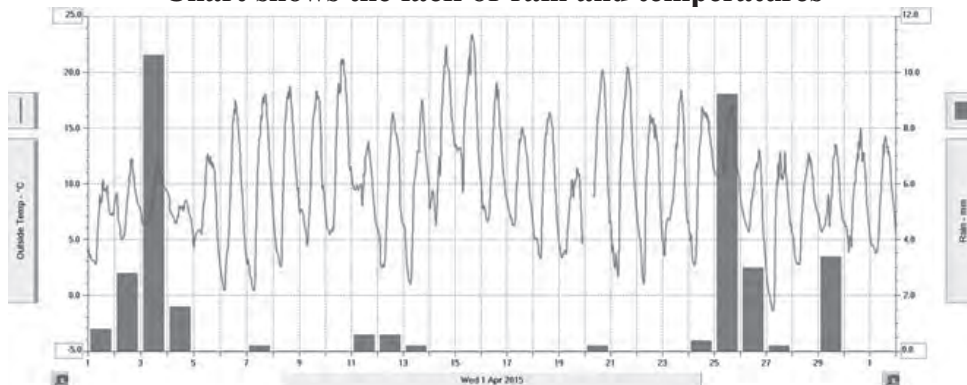
April started with 3-4 days of rain coming from the west and ended the same but this rain was from the north bringing cold arctic air and temperatures of -1.5°C on the 27th. Over all we had only 33.80mm rain for the month. From the 5th to the 23rd it was mainly dry with above average sunshine, during this period a few days that felt like summer was here with the temperature peaking at 23.6°C .

Station Notice – during the 19th-20th the backup power failed but was soon rectified. I am having problems with one of the web sites (www.dagnallweather.co.uk) this stopped working on the 6th and so far I have not been able to fix it. For now please use (http://bit.ly/weather_dagnall) this will give you more information and is updated every minute.

For weather data 24 hours a day, updated every 1 mins, visit: http://bit.ly/weather_dagnall this site forecast and much more. If anyone has a question, comment or wishes to contact me please email: david@dagnallweather.co.uk or telephone: 01442 843883 Dagnall weather now has an app for your ipad & iphone! Just go to the apple store, search for Wunderstation and follow the instructions to Dagnall Weather Station. Now updated every minute.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	23.6°C	15 April 16.00	-1.5°C	27 April 06.30
Mean Temperature	9.9°C			
Dewpoint:	12.1°C	15 April 18.00	-2.7°C	27 April 06.00
Humidity:	97%	3 - 7 April	35%	10 April 16.30
Barometer:	1036.7 mb	7 April 09.00	1003.1 mb	25 April 16.30
Wind Speed	33 mph W	12 April 14.30	Months avg.	5.2 mph
Wind Chill:	23.1°C	15 April 16.00	-1.4°C	27 April 03.00
Dominant Wind:	E			
Rainfall *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 14(T), 11(R)	Wettest Day 3 April		10.59 mm	0.417 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	April 2015	33.80 mm	1.331 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	4 Month	184.90 mm	7.279 ins

Chart shows the lack of rain and temperatures



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Salvation Sound



June – long days – short nights, “summer suns are glowing, over land and sea, happy light is flowing bountiful and free.” “Our years are like the shadows on sunny hills that lie, or grasses in the meadows that blossom but to die. A sleep, a dream, a story by strangers quickly told, an unremaining glory of things that soon are old.”

This is such a busy month – as we have reached half-way through the year there is a frenzy of activity about us. The planting that we did in the springtime seems now to come into its own glory with our efforts rewarded by many coloured blooms in the garden, the lawn beautiful and green, the hanging baskets and the tubs a blaze of colours.

Well maybe, or have the slugs and snails wreaked havoc in the beds, the bugs and beasties helped by the weeds taken control? Never mind good old Mother Nature ensures that there is always something good to look at. For instance a damselfly visited my garden, it hovered over the bird bath, two sets of wings fluttering, its shiny blue body glistening in the sunshine. There were bumble bees collecting nectar as they searched for pollen; butterflies, tortoiseshell, peacock and even cabbage white, and poking about from flower to flower were the honey bees. Into my mind came an old secular song, I believe it was sung by a gentleman named Burl Ives, I can only recall a few words they were something like, “Come on let’s crawl, to the Ugly Bug Ball, And a happy time we’ll have there, one and all.”

A friend of mine, her father used to read his Bible in the morning, but in the evening he turned to his hymn book, and there read the beautiful poetry, written, sung often, but not often studied.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning’s words are in my hymn book.- “The little cares which fretted me, I lost them yesterday among the fields, above the sea, among the winds at play. Among the lowing of the herds, the rustling of the trees, among the singing of the birds, the humming of the bees. The foolish fears of what may come, I cast them all away among the clover scented grass, among the new mown hay; among the hushing of the corn, where drowsing poppies nod. Ill thoughts can die, and good be born, Out in the fields of God.”

Amazing isn’t it what a walk in the garden will do for you. If as we enjoy God’s glory, we can give back just a little of the worship that is due to Him, then those moments have become eternal. Psalm 104 v 13 says “From the sky you send rain on the hills and the earth is filled with your blessings”.

The village surrounded by fields, the knolls and the downs, a backdrop, shrubs and trees, wild flowers, the sights; church bells, cock crows, the sounds, oh! I’m glad that this is where God placed me!! *Maureen*

The Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray Weekly Activities



Sunday

Footprints (Sunday School) 9.45-10.45am
Morning Worship 11am
Songs of Praise 4pm
(3rd Sunday of the month from May to Dec)

Tuesday

Coffee Morning
(alternate weeks) 10-11.30am
Music practices (all welcome) 7.30-9pm

Wednesday

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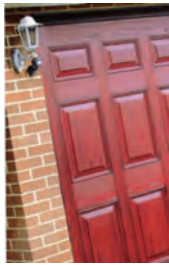


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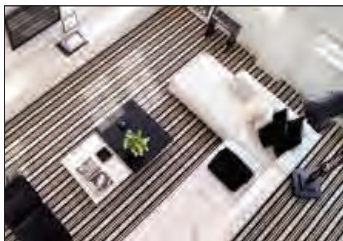
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