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October 2006

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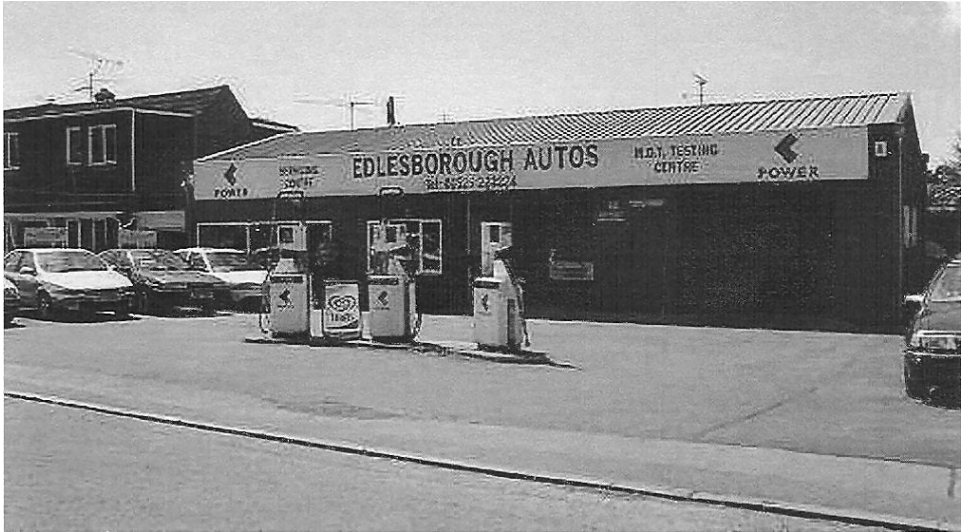
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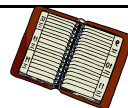
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## Village Diaries



### October 2006

#### Weekly

Mon-Fri (term time)	Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Cindy 07773 095624
Mon-Fri (term time)	Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15-12 noon
Mon-Fri (term time)	Edlesborough Under 5's Pre-School, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Sue Connor 01525 222739
Tuesdays	Yoga Classes, Northall Village Hall, 1.45-3.15pm
Tuesdays	Keep Fit/Body Conditioning, Dagnall Village Hall, 7.30pm
Tuesdays	Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731
Tuesdays	Baby Cafe, 10.15 - 11.45 am, Pitstone Memorial Hall
Wednesdays (term time)	Eaton Bray Under 5's, 1.15-3pm Eaton Bray Village, Hall Cindy 01582 477568
Wednesdays	Chi Kung & Wu Chi classes, Coffee Tavern 11am - noon
Wednesdays	Keep fit, 7:30-8:30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Mrs Roch 220669
Thursdays (term time)	Mums & Toddlers session, Dagnall Village Hall, 1-3pm
Thursdays	Yoga Classes, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm
Thursdays	Eaton Bray Badminton Club, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 8.15-10pm.
Thursdays	Keep fit, 2pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Mrs Johnson 220304
Fridays	SOCATOTS, 12:45, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Daniel Walker 07968 778681
Saturdays	Jazzercise, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Mrs Angela Veryard, 715208

#### Monthly

1st Monday	Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
1st Monday	Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Salvation Army Hall, Dunstable
1st Monday	Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Contact Sheila Beals on 01525 221185
1st & 3rd Tuesday	Dunstable & District Orbit Club meet in central Dunstable at 8pm. For more details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
2nd Tuesday	Toddlers' Church, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2.00pm

# Village Diaries



## October 2006 Cont'd

### Monthly Cont'd

- 2nd Tuesday Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall  
 2nd Wednesday 8.15pm Healing Service in St Mary's Church  
 3rd Thursday Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

### Other Regular Events

- 4th & 18th Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall, 8pm  
 13th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, 10.30 am,  
 14th Eaton Bray Methodist Church lunches resume at 12.00 noon  
 17th Over 60's 60's Bangers & Mash Lunch 1.30 pm in Dagnall Village Hall

### One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 4th Edlesborough Under 5's Autumn Bazaar, 2-4, Edlesborough Memorial Hall  
 6th Quiz Night, 7.30 for 8pm start, Eaton Bray Village Hall, £8  
 7th Raising the Roof Concert, 7.30pm St Marys Church Eaton Bray  
 9th Tea with Mussolini, Eaton Bray Village Hall Cinema, 2pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall  
 11th Age Concern Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, Northall Village Hall  
 14th The Soulmates Live Band, dance the night away, 8-11.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Tickets £7.50, call 01296 631990  
 14th Beetle Drive in Dagnall Village Hall at 7.30pm  
 27th Dagnall Under 5's present a Halloween Party in Dagnall Village Hall, 6-8pm.

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**Monday**  
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**Wednesday**  
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**Thursday**  
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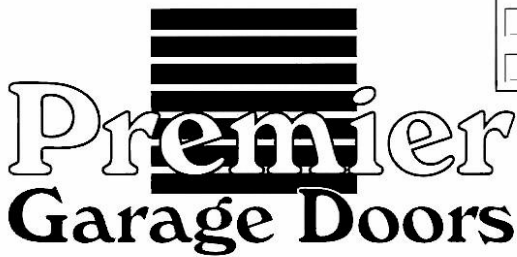
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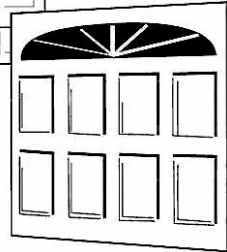
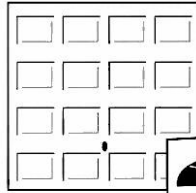
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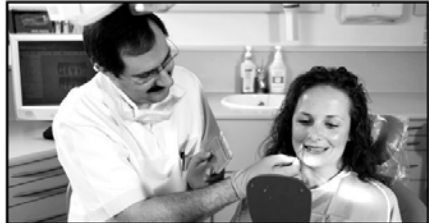
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# Highlights from the Minutes of the Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting - Held on 4<sup>th</sup>. September 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

## **Chairman's correspondence:**

A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr. L. Tribbick. The Council expressed sadness at the news and commended the hard work and support that Cllr. Tribbick has offered in the past.

## **Crime Statistics:**

There were 22 reported offences in August; 12 vehicles damaged, 5 Thefts from motor vehicles, 1 Other theft, 4 Other burglaries.

There is currently a dispersal order in force on the village, in an attempt to control nuisance and antisocial behaviour.

The forthcoming alcohol ban covering the High Street was also noted, signs are already in place.

## **Allotments:**

Following comments about the state of the allotment sites, it is proposed to review policy concerning their upkeep and the rules and conditions governing their use.

N.B. Rents for 2006/07 are due on 1<sup>st</sup>.October.

## **School Governor:**

A unanimous vote confirmed that Cllr. M.Heyland would continue as Community School Governor of Eaton Bray Lower School.

## **Chilterns AONB Grant – Village Signpost:**

The Council has received confirmation of a grant towards this project from The Chilterns AONB, further support is to be sought locally.

## **Traffic Calming:**

It was decided that the General Purposes Committee would organise the Council's response to this ongoing item to try and make some progress. A proposal to gather up to date statistics using automatic sensors was welcomed and the G.P. committee was asked to obtain details and quotes for this.

## **New Byelaws:**

Changes to existing byelaws must be advertised for 12 weeks. It was decided to use "Focus" for this, and also to display notices around the village.

## **Coffee Tavern:**

There was a unanimous decision to go ahead with the exterior redecoration and repairs to the chimney flashing. Interior work will now be postponed until next year due to costs.

After consulting with local letting agents, the Clerk is to prepare a detailed report and schedule for refurbishing the cottage adjacent to the Coffee Tavern with a view to re-letting it.

## **Cemetery:**

It was reported that ground maintenance work was now up to date, and the new area has been cleared and fenced.

All cemetery management matters are to be reviewed for discussion at the October meeting to establish policy for the future.

## **Vacancy:**

There are two vacancies for Parish Councillors in Eaton Bray. Anyone over the age of 21, who has lived or worked in the village for a year or more is welcomed to apply to be co-opted onto the Council. If you are interested please write to **The Parish Clerk, 8 Gardners Close, Dunstable, Beds. LU6 2AJ.**

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Any representation regarding these proposals should be addressed to: The Parish Clerk, 8 Gardners Close, Dunstable, Beds. LU6 2AJ

## Fires

### This currently reads

19(1) No person shall in the ground intentionally light a fire, or place, throw or let fall a lighted match or any other thing so as to be likely to cause a fire.

19(2) This byelaw shall not prevent the lighting of a properly constructed camping stove or cooker in any area set aside for the purpose, in such a manner as not to cause danger or damage by fire.

The changes are to delete the original para 19.2 and add words from the model byelaws 12(2)(a) and is now to read:

“Byelaws shall not apply to the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit.”

## Golf

This is a new rule reading from the model byelaws para 35 and reads “Golf prohibited. No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.”

## Skateboards

This is a new rule from the model byelaws para 26 and reads “Skateboarding permitted but must not cause danger or annoyance. No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.”

## Horses

This is new rule recommended by the GP committee to be inserted after the vehicles section (para 2) the following words to read “There is no bridleway on this land and the riding of horses or ponies is prohibited”

## Wildlife

This is a new rule from the model bye laws Para 9 “No person shall without the consent of the Council, turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze on the ground” followed by the words recommended by the GP committee “unless by licence of the Council”

**Dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

**Clerk to the Parish Council**

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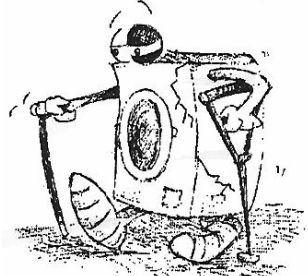
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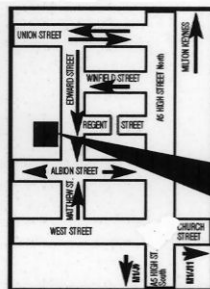
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## Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

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**Hon. Assistant Priest: The Revd John Heffer, 35 Pebblemoor, Edlesborough - Tel: 01525 220618**

In some places the Christian doctrine of creation is a matter of serious controversy. Some people maintain that the opening chapter of the Bible has to be treated as a literal (almost “eye-witness”) account of how things began. But the ancient writers would not understand such questions. The evidence of their eyes showed them this marvellous world, and one (or perhaps several) of them wrote a great poem to celebrate God’s wonderful work. Their concern was to establish that everything that exists came from God – the “how” of it was of no interest to them – and then to teach us our human responsibility to care in God’s name for what He has entrusted to us. I find it curious that many of those who are adamant that we must accept the Bible-story as literal truth seem often to deny global warming and show little concern for the limited nature of earth’s resources.

But that is a concern for all of us. We might argue about the exact nature of “global warming”, but almost all scientists agree that there are observable changes in our climate which raise serious questions about the future of our planet and our way of life. Our use of fossil fuels and our greed for energy play a part in what is happening, and while the pundits argue, serious damage is being done to our environment – unless we take positive action to change our habits.

Energy use is an issue which involves us all. What can we do to limit the damage we are doing to our world? It is a huge problem, but solving most huge problems usually involves lots of individuals doing little things, and then pressurizing people in power to take what might seem unpopular decisions. How could we use less electricity or gas? New light bulbs, turning off lights we don’t need, turning the heating down a couple of degrees, not leaving appliances on stand-by – there are many, many little ways in which we can become more sparing in our contribution to pollution. Then there is our oil/petrol use – smaller and more efficient cars, more economical driving, car-sharing, getting the bike out for short journeys, and thinking carefully about air travel (“was your journey really necessary?”). We can all start to make a difference. Then we can call on our politicians to face up to the real issues.

The same is true of recycling. Ours is the most wasteful society in Europe – just look at all the things we throw away, which could be recycled or composted, or which we simply never needed in the first place. All this waste uses up valuable resources, which should be there for our grandchildren to use. Do you make full use of the recycling service of the Council – and why don’t we urge the Council to do more to recycle things that can be re-used? In the long run it does make economic sense.

There is an old story of old Joe leaning on his garden fence as the Vicar went by. “What a splendid garden you have, Joe”, the Vicar said. “What a wonderful job you and the good Lord have done to make it so beautiful.” “That’s as may be, parson,” said Joe, sucking on his pipe – “but you should have seen it when ‘E ‘ad it on ‘Is own”.

Christians believe that God has entrusted this wonderful world to us to care for it – we have a God-given responsibility to use our planet and its richness wisely. *That* is the most important reason why we should take these issues to heart, and change the way we abuse God’s creation, before it is too late.

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### From the Parish Registers

#### Baptisms – “*Brought to new birth in the family of the Church*”

30 July	Jacob John Horne
27 August	Georgia Elizabeth Bideau
	Oscar Ethan Buss

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

15 July	John Pueschel and Joanna Rachael Pell
2 September	Adrian John Dent and Claire Joanne White



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

7 August	Bessie Dixon of Kilburn, Derbys.
9 August	Sarah Tompkins of Moor End, Eaton Bray
10 August	Kathleen Florence Mary James of Hockliffe Street, Leighton Buzzard
15 August	William George Thompson of Chiltern Avenue, Edlesborough
7 September	Joy Eleanor Cuss of Dagnall Road, Dunstable
	Victor Douglas Hawkes of Cantilupe Close, Eaton Bray
	William Edward Goodyer of Cantilupe Close, Eaton Bray

## Services at St Mary’s Church

<b>SUNDAYS :</b>	<b>8.00am</b> – The Eucharist
	<b>10.00am</b> – <b>PARISH SUNG EUCHARIST</b> (with Sunday School). On Second Sunday of each month
	<b>10.00am</b> – <b>WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE</b> – a less formal service with Holy Communion
<b>WEEK-DAYS :</b>	<b>Tuesday: 7.30am</b> - Eucharist <b>2.00pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)</b> - Toddlers’ Church
	<b>Wednesday: 9.30am</b> - Eucharist <b>8.15pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)</b> - Healing Service
	<b>Thursday: 7.30pm</b> - Eucharist ( <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday only</b> )
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## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Services will be held at St Mary’s on Sunday morning, 1 October, at 8.00 and 10.00. There will also be an Evening Service at 6.00 on that day in St Mary’s, Edlesborough (one of the occasional services in the closed church). All are welcome to share in these services. After the 10 o’clock service, the gifts of harvest produce will be auctioned for the Bishop’s Harvest Appeal.

**ALL SOULS’ DAY** (Thursday, 2 November) is the Church’s special day for remembering our loved ones who have died. There will be a special Service of Remembrance at 8.00pm, to which the families of all those whose funerals have taken place in the parish during the past year will be invited personally. Anyone else who wants to remember prayerfully someone special to them is invited to join us. There will be a list in church during the previous couple of weeks on which the names can be written of anyone whom you would like to have remembered in the prayers at that service – please feel free to add names if you wish to (whether or not you are able to attend the service)..

## St Mary’s Roof News

Our efforts to raise funds to help meet the cost of restoring the roof of St Mary’s church have recently been assisted by the award of a grant by a little-known – but locally connected trust - the Francis Coales Charitable Foundation. As this may not be an immediately familiar name, or one with an obvious local connection, we thought that a word of explanation might be appropriate ...

Francis Coales farmed at Chicheley near Milton Keynes until 1885 when he retired and with his son purchased an established corn merchant’s business – Hives & Sons – in Newport Pagnell. The name of the business was changed to Francis Coales & Son and over the years expanded through the purchase of similar businesses trading around this area, at Bedford, at Olney & at Tring.

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**Sunday, 15 October 2006**

### **THE BOXMOOR TRUST CONKER FESTIVAL Blackbirds Moor, St John's Road, Hemel Hempstead**

A knock-out conker tournament for all ages. Traditional old-fashioned fun on an Autumn afternoon with plenty of stalls and activities. There will be a marquee to ensure the weather does not defeat our champions. Come and visit our IRHH stall. Registration at 12 noon. For more details please call The Boxmoor Trust on 01442 253300.

**Thursday, 19 October 2006 7pm**

### **CHARITY WINE TASTING EVENING**

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## Letter To The Editors



*To whom it may concern,*

*I am writing regarding the basketball net on the Edlesborough village green. This basketball net is a great idea and has been a long time coming so i was just wondering why it has been placed in the corner of a large village green, facing a car park and allowing little playing area around it. Having a basketball net so close to a car park is a very dangerous idea as children will run after a straying ball straight onto it. I have spoken to quite a few people and children now who also feel that this is a problem.*

*Also it has come to my attention that there has been a car parked (Mondeo estate) dangerously on the bend of Brook Street. It is quite often parked there and as the High Street is becoming very busy now it is going to cause an accident as it very nearly did for me.*

*Thank you for your time and I'm sorry the nature of this email is negative but I feel these issues needed to be raised.*

# Dagnall News

## *Over 60's*

On August 15<sup>th</sup> we were again invited to the home of John and Chris Yorke for our Annual Garden Party. A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all and we are very grateful for the invitation received each year.

As these notes are being written we are looking forward to our next meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> which will be lunch at the Cross Keys at Pulloxhill, followed by an afternoon coach tour. This will be our last trip out for the current year as our meetings for October, November and December will be in the Village Hall.

In October we will be treated to a free Sausage and Mash lunch, and in November the speaker will be a comedienne! December will of course be our usual Christmas lunch with carols, etc.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all the members for their good wishes during my recent stay in hospital. I am looking forward to returning to the fold on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Many Thanks.

Roy Castledine

## *Dagnall Gardeners' Society Show*

A well supported show was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2006 in Dagnall Village Hall. Many thanks go to all the helpers, exhibitors and visitors for making the event a big success. Entries were a few down on last year, the weather having to take a large part of the blame.

Main Prizewinners were as follows:

- Founders Cup for most points in Residents Vegetable – E. Killick
- Nash Cup for most points in Residents Flower – B. Thorne
- The A.M. Fehr Rose Bowl for most points in the Pot Plants – E. Killick
- The Society Cup for most points in Open Vegetables – A Bunting
- The Society Cup for most points in Open Flowers – A Bunting
- The Wells Cup for most points in show by Resident – E. Killick
- The Clark Cup for most points in Domestic – W. Patterson
- The Society Cup for most points in Childrens' classes – M. Royal
- The James Mead Trophy for most points in Floral Art – L Bunting
- The Society Bowl for Best Exhibit in Floral Art - V. Barrow.
- The Society Cup for Best Exhibit in Domestic Classes – J. Castledine
- £5 Hut Voucher for Best Exhibit Open Veg – A Bunting
- £5 Hut Voucher for Best Exhibit Open Flowers – A. Bunting
- £5 Hut Voucher for Best Vegetable Exhibit Res Veg – V. Barrow
- Special Award for Most Points in Photos – B. Westwood
- D. Johnson Shield for Prettiest Front Garden in Village – Mr & Mrs D Hignall



The show ended with a grand auction, thanks to Alan Bunting.

## *Dagnall School*

### A big Thankyou to Dagnall School.

Sheila Thorne would like to thank staff, parents and children for the most enjoyable surprise party (it really was a surprise!). Thank you all for the memory books, cake, flowers and cards.

I have enjoyed my 19 years at Dagnall school and now look forward to my retirement.

*Thank You*

## **Eaton Bray Village Hall 100 Club Winners - August 2006**

Number	Name	Winnings
145	Alan Trantum	£100
136	Jane Hossey	£25
27	Neil Cartwright	£25
81	Ann Worley	£25
161	Jayne Bradbury	£25

Drawn on 24th August 2006 at D&E Hines The Butchers. Please direct any correspondence to Ross Bagni, 71 Bower Lane, Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, LU6 1RB, Telephone: 01525 221411.



Welcome to the new Reception Children at *Madaleine Sagnall School!*



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Alexander



Emily



Molly



Aiden



Marcus

Morgan



Samuel



Brandon



Sulaymaan



India



Annie



Thea

## Age Concern...

are looking for a driver to help on a Wednesday (about once a month). It is a very rewarding and friendly atmosphere. Please contact John Plater on 01525 221095 if you are interested.

## Enjoy wine?

Want to learn more about it, meet new people and help form a local wine group? Please contact me either by letter or email and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sue Moorhouse, 100A High Street, Eaton Bray. LU6 2DP  
[sue.moorhouse1@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.moorhouse1@btinternet.com)

## Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings

3rd Thursday of every month  
 7.30pm Memorial Hall  
 Next meeting: Thurs 19th Oct 2006

## Eaton Bray Parish Council Meetings

1st Monday of every month  
 7.30pm The Coffee Tavern  
 Next Meeting: Mon 2nd Oct 2006



**Volunteer Centre**  
 Aylesbury Vale

The long summer holidays are over and the children are back in school. There will be many mums (dads and grandparents!) who have a somewhat empty feeling - is the house just too quiet. Vale volunteers can help you fill your spare time, with over 350 charities and not for profit organisations with 600 plus voluntary opportunities there is something for everyone, if you have one hour to a whole day to fill we can find something for you. For a free copy of our 'Time Givers Guide' contact Vale Volunteers on **01296 337456** or look on our website:

[www.valevolunteers.org.uk](http://www.valevolunteers.org.uk)

## Are you a dab hand with a roller and brush?



**Volunteer Decorators** needed to help with a brand new project!

The Vale Volunteers Decorating Project aims to provide a basic interior decorating service to older and disabled people across Aylesbury Vale. A fresh lick of paint can really lift someone's spirits. If you have time to spare - one day a week we would like to hear from

**Contact:**  
 The Project Co-ordinator  
 Vale Volunteers  
 Tel: 01296 337456  
 Email: [gardening@valevolunteers.org.uk](mailto:gardening@valevolunteers.org.uk)



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**ALL WELCOME**

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**or Katrina 222503**

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**This is a joint fundraising event for  
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and Eaton Bray Tennis Club 221411**

**Dagnall Under Fives**

**Presents...**

**Halloween  
Halloween**

**PARTY** 

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 6-8pm  
Dagnall Village Hall**

**Prizes for the best fancy dress, apple  
bobbing, disco and much more ...**

**Family ticket £5, entry includes a  
drink and a burger/sausage in a bun.**

**Tickets available at Dagnall Playgroup,  
weekdays, 9.30 – 12pm.**

**All ticket proceeds to Dagnall Under Fives  
Playgroup**

**EDLESBOROUGH UNDER 5'S**

**AUTUMN BAZAAR**

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

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## *Raising the Roof!*

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2006  
at 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray

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In aid of the Roof Repair Fund

Tickets : £7.50

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# YOU HAVE UP TO 2 YEARS TO DO IT!

**A person's WILL can be altered or replaced after they have died!**

**WIDOWS & WIDOWERS:** This month I focus on your right to have the distribution of your late partner's estate rearranged to better match the wishes of the beneficiary(ies) – the primary beneficiary is probably you - whether that involves replacing all or part of your partner's Will or drawing up a first Will if they died without leaving one.

This rearrangement is called a **Deed of Variation**. There are 3 general provisos.

- All beneficiaries affected by a change must agree.
- It has to be completed within 2 years of the partner's death.
- It can only be done once, including after probate has been settled.

The motive that initiates the majority of **Deeds of Variation** is **avoidance of inheritance tax**, whether it is the tax liability on the deceased's estate or, more often, to double the surviving partner's own inheritance tax free entitlement, or both.

**INHERITANCE TAX:** Anyone widowed who owned their house jointly with their late partner will inherit the house, 100%. This would seem to be OK. However, the survivor's estate will be increased considerably by the assets inherited from the late partner and so will their future inheritance tax liability. Also the late partner's inheritance tax free entitlement will also have been lost.

You will be aware from previous FOCUS articles that Wills can **double the inheritance tax free entitlement** of couples who own their homes in joint names, i.e. £570,000 today. This means a potential saving of over £100,000 tax. A **Deed of Variation** allows those widowed and their deceased partner to still be considered as a legal partnership and so enjoy the same rights as a living married couple.

By having new Wills for the late partner (notional Will) and for the survivor, together with changing ownership to tenancy in common, the widow or widower's estate can benefit from both their own and their late partner's inheritance tax free entitlement. Importantly, the survivor retains life possession of the house.

**DOWNSIZING:** Any plans to 'downsize' need to be delayed until the **Deed of Variation** is completed. The interest of the deceased, as recorded by the Land Registry, must remain, i.e. the Land Registry MUST NOT have been advised to change ownership from joint to sole ownership nor must the house have been sold.

**NOTE:** *Ownership in **tenancy in common** also provides the best provision for children and minimises the risk of having to sell the house to meet care costs.*

Arranging a **Deed of Variation** is complex, so it is essential Law Society regulated solicitors are used, as are available through my practice.

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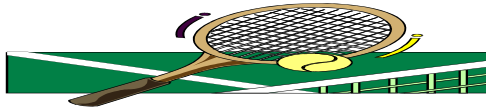
## National Trust South Bedfordshire Association Talk

Wednesday 4 October, 2006  
Me and My Hats - Juliet Rinkel  
*Bring along any unusual or old hats*

*7.45pm, Salvation Army Centre,  
Bull Pond Lane, Dunstable.*

*Visitors are welcome at £1.00*

*For further information phone 01582 527790*



## Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

It has been a truly remarkable summer at our Tennis Club. Bearing in mind our size – we have just over 100 members around half of whom are regular players – we have achieved fantastic success in the South Bedfordshire summer league by winning definitely 3 and possibly 4 league titles! I say possibly 4 as there are some ‘irregularities’ to be clarified in the Men’s division 3 league which I can’t discuss or the authorities will have to shoot me (they make the recent Italian football scandal look like a tea party, however I can confirm that our club is totally ‘clean’ ...) but we may well take that title too for our Men’s B team, so for the record those that we have certainly won include:

Men’s division 1 with our Men’s ‘A’ team of Nick Boys, Darren Kerins, Michael Tatham and Kevin Todd.

Men’s division 4 with our Men’s ‘C’ team squad of David Arnold, Ross Bagni, Roy Cook, Simon Mitchener, Alan Painter, Danny Sunderland, David Hillman and Keith Hillman

Ladies Division 2 with our Ladies team squad of Val Abercrombie, Jenny Baines, Jane Cross, Olga Davison, Lynn Dorman and Carol Karnon.

Bearing in mind the quality of some of the opposition in the big clubs like Luton & Vauxhall, Dunstable, and Leighton Buzzard, this is a tremendous achievement for our village club and we are justifiably very proud. Congratulations to all who organised, participated, prepared the teas and supported the teams. There’s not many tennis clubs around who can claim such a record AND have the social appetite that we do. And you can still join us for the rest of this season at some amazingly good prices, just call one of us for more information or pop round to my house with a brown envelope stuffed full of fivers and I’ll do the rest. Trust me I’m a salesman.

By the time you read this, work on our new courts will be well underway by local company Complete Tennis Service, and we’re very grateful to all those who have contributed towards this £35,000 project, to include new fencing; we’re saving up to get it electrified to keep out the rif-raf. Thanks to Ross and Judy on the committee who single-handedly (or double backhandedly) provoked various organisations into giving us grants of over £5,000, to the South Bedfordshire District Council ‘More Active’ Grant Scheme who donated £270, to Roger Bowden for donating his Wimbledon ticket, and to all members who took out extended memberships at inflation busting rates, all of whom have enabled this project to happen. Floodlights, new courts, winning leagues, barbeques at any excuse, quiznights, dances ... can any other organisation offer so much to so many for so little? Hold on I missed out the ‘so few’. Oh I’m too tired now, you’ll have to add that in for yourselves at an appropriate point.

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, please call either Chairman Ross Bagni on 01525 221411, Coach Nick Boys on 07810 832774, or if they’re all out and I’m not doing a barbeque, me, Andy Cross on 01582 477114.

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## Pottering The North Sea Cycle Route, Denmark and Norway

Yes, we ventured forth to foreign parts! Margaret, a friend and fellow National Cycle Network Ranger from Devizes, and I met up at Liverpool Street Station with our bikes and took the train to Harwich, where we caught the DFDS ferry, the Dana Sirena, for Esbjerg. The Dana Sirena can carry over 600 passengers and 435 cars, and cruises at 22.5 knots. I always think it is exciting driving a car onto a ferry but cycling onto a ferry this size is quite a thrill I can tell you. After a very relaxed crossing, we awoke refreshed and after a hearty breakfast we were keen to get going. That was after we managed to disentangle helmets, loaded panniers and ourselves from a lift full of Polish lorry drivers who were going to the lorry deck!

The North Sea Cycle Route is an unbroken, signposted route that follows the entire coastline of the North Sea. That is the coast of England and Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands – a total distance of 6,000km. It is especially for cyclists. You are free to choose where to start and finish your trip – whatever you do not manage to see one year, you can always see the next, because the North Sea Cycle Route is here to stay.

Each country issues a map and guide notes for its section of the route. On departing Esbjerg the notes said “passing a swimming pool on the left” and as it was on our right we very quickly realised we were going the wrong way! (Margaret had also taken care to bring along her compass!). Our accommodation was in the excellent DanHostels. After two days cycling we got the train to Frederikshavn to cycle around the most northerly tip of Denmark. I had booked the train, a journey where we changed once. Whilst cycle facilities on trains are very good in Denmark getting the bikes into the carriage proved somewhat problematic as there were two/three steps up into the carriage, however we managed. Later on in Norway we put our bikes onto a bus, not a problem once on the bus but again two/three steps. After an overnight ferry to Larvik we spent two nights with Margaret’s brother near Tonsberg. During the following days we cycled through Sandefjord, Larvik, Kragero, Risør, Tvedestrand, Arendal, Grimstad, Lillesand and finally Kristiansand, a mixture of historic towns and pretty fishing villages with their white painted wooden houses in narrow streets. We cycled around fjords, caught the ferry across them, and a couple of times telephoned for a water taxi.

In both countries the food was good. Norway is expensive, everything is double the price that we pay at home. Fairly well signed throughout, the route is mostly tarmac paths alongside roads and tracks through woods and forests etc. Everyone we met was very friendly and all spoke English. We returned from Kristiansand on a glorious sunny afternoon on the ferry Princess of Scandinavia. Margaret and I were instructed to go to the front of Row 12. This we did and found over 20 motorcyclists there (and more on board). They look a bit scary but they are really big softies! Our return was marked by sitting on the sun deck drinking beer, eating in the posh restaurant, a drink in the bar and after a comfortable night in a cabin, a good breakfast. On arrival in Newcastle we followed route 72 (Hadrians Wall Route) receiving lots of toots and waves from the motorcyclists departing for various parts of the British Isles. Route 72 takes you to the main line station in Newcastle. I always enjoy getting a train home because I can cycle home from Tring station, therefore contributing to a sense of having had an adventure and been on a proper journey.

I would urge anyone to have a go at this splendid route which links seven countries together. One result of the work done internationally on the North Sea Cycle Route is that conditions for cyclists have been given higher priority by planners. You will find information boards at strategic points along the route and you should have no problem finding practical information.

Maps and information on accommodation, ferries, trains, route planning is available through the website . [www.northsea-cycle.com](http://www.northsea-cycle.com)

The route in the UK is: NCN Harwich/Fakenham, NCN Fakenham/Hull, NCN White Rose Route, NCN Three Rivers Route, NCN Coast and Castles Cycle Route, NCN Edinburgh/Aberdeen, NCN Aberdeen to John O’Groats, NCN Orkneys and Shetlands.

Angela Feaviour, July 2006

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# **Edlesborough Parish Council (including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall) News**

## **Reports from the July 2006 General Purpose Committee Meeting and full Parish Council Meeting**

Various issues had arisen from recent Health & Safety reports received by the Parish Council and Edlesborough Under 5's and a joint amicable meeting was held to discuss same. The Parish Council agreed to investigate the possibility of fencing off the grass area between the Memorial Hall and the Scout Hut to allow the Under 5's to use this space for outdoor activities.

Difficulty was arising in obtaining sufficient quotations for various works to be carried out and the Parish Council agreed to revert to the Standing Orders regarding the amount of quotations required.

In an attempt to improve Traffic Calming an agreement was reached by the Parish Council on the number of yellow backed signs and roundels to be installed throughout the villages and an order has been placed with Bucks. CC.

Regrettably a long established Horse Chestnut tree on The Green had become diseased resulting in it being a danger to the public and would be felled, the Parish Council intend to plant a replacement tree at an appropriate time.

The order has been placed for the installation of a Basketball Goal on Edlesborough Green and for a smaller second Junior Football pitch. The existing practice goal will be removed and a removeable, lockable replacement positioned on the smaller pitch in due course. A request for 'The Bell' Football team to play matches on The Green alternating with Edlesborough 94FC has been approved.

The Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 has been agreed by the Internal Auditors and is currently awaiting agreement by the External Auditors.

A slight diversion of footpath No. 18 has been approved.

Councillors will be attending a meeting with Bucks CC to discuss outstanding issues within the Parish.

Amendments to two Section 106 agreements at Beacon View and Knolls View, Northall are being discussed with the relevant authorities and developers.

Edlesborough School in conjunction with Safer Routes to School are endeavouring to establish 'crocodile routes' to get children to and from School safely and the Parish Council will be investigating the road parking problems outside the school.

The new Edlesborough sign has been erected on the boundary between Eaton Bray and Edlesborough.

Archaeological tests are being carried out at Edlesborough Churchyard as the basis of a full report and costs involved to be made available for improving the access to the Cemetery.

A Parish Plan meeting will be held in September and those who wished to attend will be written to as soon as a definite date has been agreed with Bucks Community Action.

PCSO Jackie Dodson is now on duty throughout the Parish and parishioners are asked to report anything suspicious or are welcome to 'have a chat'. The Parish Council were sorry to be informed that PC Robert Barker will be retiring in September, his patrolling of the Parish over the past 12 months has been invaluable in reducing the problems that were occurring.

### The Parish Nurse Charity/Burghope Trust

The purpose of these charities is to help the 'sick and infirm' of parishioners residing in the Parish of Edlesborough. Any parishioner seeking help from either of these charities can telephone the Clerk for further details.

Requests for allotments are becoming popular and all allotment holders in the Parish are asked to please inform the Clerk if you intend giving up your allotment, an allotment should not be passed over to someone else without prior permission of the Parish Council.



The Parish Council would apologise to all Parishioners who visit the Parish website. Unfortunately since February problems have occurred with the Server which hopefully has now been rectified and all up to date information is now available.

Following requests for information from bus pass users in Dagnall, details of buses picking up at Nelson Road are:

No. 171 Tuesday and Saturday to Leighton Buzzard – Leaves Dagnall 10.20 leaves Leighton Buzzard 13.10

No. 172 Wednesday to Dunstable – Leaves Dagnall 9.23 leaves West Street, Dunstable 11.55

No. 175 Thursday to Hemel Hempstead – leaves Dagnall 09.50 leaves Hemel Hempstead 1.20pm

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

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

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## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Bill Farmer –At rest in the Lord. 30 th August 2006.

When Bill suffered his stroke we all hoped that his setback would be temporary, and indeed we rejoiced when later he felt well enough to come to the occasional service or Saturday Lunch, but sadly his recovery was not to continue. Over the years Bill had played such an important and active role in our Chapel's life and having a stroke must have been both devastating and frustrating in the extreme.

Bill was a splendid and inspiring preacher and many will remember his Sermons and “ After Supper” speeches for their down to earth approach to life and wry humour. Although Bill was always laughing and joking, making merry quips, the life and soul of the party, he was solid as a rock in his faith and a fount of good and wise advice when needed. He was utterly reliable, an ideal Senior Steward and a very good friend to everyone at Chapel. We know that Jean and the family have had a most worrying time and pray that knowing her Church Family at Eaton Bray offer our love and support will comfort and help her.

*A reminder that our Lunches will resume on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00 noon and that we extend a warm welcome to you to join us.*



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### Hedley William Gadsden

Hedley died peacefully in his sleep on 8<sup>th</sup> August aged 84.

He was born in Eaton Bray on 4 November 1921 and apart from the war he never strayed far from this area, which he loved.

He was a WW II Veteran who was awarded the Burma Star, a great amateur radio enthusiast and held a keen interest in the workings of the solar system.

A kind and compassionate man who would readily help friends or neighbours whenever he could. Hedley was twice widowed and is survived by his daughter and two stepsons.

### Dodwell Kitty Elizabeth

Ruth, John and family would like to express their gratitude and sincere thanks to all those who have so kindly supported them in their recent loss of their much loved mother.

Ruth Brooks

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## Eaton Bray W.I. Report

Our president welcomed members to the September meeting.

Included in our business was a request for members to help in promoting our local WIs on special promotion days at local garden centres. This is part of a national WI scheme that is taking place throughout September.

We sadly heard of the death of Joy Cuss after a long illness, Joy had been an active Eaton Bray WI member and supporter for many years, our sympathies go out to her family.

Several enjoyable outings took place during August, and plans are in hand for our autumn event in October. Our guest speaker Mr Vic Botterill spoke to us about "Body Language". As an ex police inspector his work gave him many years of observing other people's body language. He gave a most interesting and humorous talk explaining that only 30% of our communication to others is verbal.

He then demonstrated some of the various signals that we all use in different ways when communicating with other people, and the reactions to these depending on the relationship with the person we are communicating with. Animals have the ability to instantly recognise our human body language and know if they are to be fed or go out.

Mr Botterill highlighted the signals our body language conveys to others when our personal space is invaded, by demonstrating with members. This caused a great deal of laughter.

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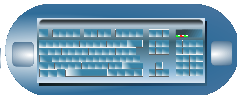
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Sun. 1st Oct.	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
Wed. 4th Oct	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting led by Revd Lucille Kaye
Sun. 8th Oct.	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Sung Eucharist
Wed. 11th Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting with a speaker from the Toy Box Charity
Sun. 15th Oct.	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Sun. 22nd Oct.	10.30 am	Family Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Wed. 25th Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting led by Revd John Heffer
Sun. 29th Oct.	4.00 pm	Special Service for the Festival of All Saints

**Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am.**



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## Rent Arrears Protocol



From 2 October, a new pre-action protocol sets out the steps a local authority or registered social landlord should take before applying for a possession order based on rent arrears. Landlords need to adopt its principles now in their pre-court rent arrears procedures.

The steps include: trying to agree affordable sums for the tenants to pay towards the arrears, providing rent statements on a quarterly basis, assisting the tenant in claiming housing benefit and advising the tenant to seek help from a bureau or a debt advice agency. The protocol will also mean that generally a landlord cannot start possession proceedings if there are outstanding housing benefit issues.

If the landlord fails to comply with the protocol, a tenant will be able to use this as an argument to have a possession claim made on discretionary grounds adjourned, struck out or dismissed. If a landlord makes a possession claim on mandatory grounds and has failed to comply with the protocol, the court will only be able to impose an order for costs.

## Here to Stay

From 10 July 2006, fixed-term employees become permanent employees when they have been employed on a fixed-term contract (or renewals of it) for four years or more, unless the employer can objectively justify continuing to employ them on a fixed-term contract.

If an employee has been employed on a series of fixed-term contracts, the four years will only count as continuous employment if any breaks between the contracts were either for less than one week or for a specific reason, such as sick leave, maternity leave or a temporary cessation of work.

The employer should give the employee a statement of change to their terms and conditions within one month of the fourth anniversary. This should specify the notice period the employee is entitled to, rather than the date the fixed-term expires. Failure to do this can result in an award of between two and four weeks pay.

***For more information contact the Citizens Advice Bureau, Grove House, High Street North, Dunstable. Tel: 01582 661384***

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## Hypermobility Syndrome

What is hypermobility syndrome?

Hypermobility means “more movement”, so basically the joints move more! This is due to connective tissue being more stretchy than normal, which allows your joints to move into funny positions.

Hypermobility is something that you are born with and many people with hypermobile joints have no problems – they may even use it to their advantage such as ballet dancers or violinists.

People with hypermobile joints who have pain are said to have “Hypermobility Syndrome”.

The pain can be present for several reasons – it could be due to injury, as it is easier to injure joints that move more or muscle spasm or pain can develop as a result of the muscles working harder to keep the joints in the right position due to the stretchy ligaments.

What can I do?

If you have pain from an injury following the R.I.C.E. principle (Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation). If the pain is generalised not due to injury or chronic, try using heat or painkillers.

Physiotherapy can help by treating any problematic joints and also teaching exercise programmes to help manage the problem.

Other points to try to help avoid problems include:-

- Regular exercise programme because building up the muscles helps to keep the joints in the right place, so you are less likely to hurt or injure yourself.
- Pilates and swimming are good and avoiding sudden twisting movements in sport.
- Maintaining good posture.
- Keeping a healthy weight.
- Wearing supportive shoes and avoiding heels.
- Avoiding static positions for any length of time.

If you feel you may benefit from physiotherapy for this or other complaints, then please telephone

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‘East of Nowhere’ by Robert Chalmers

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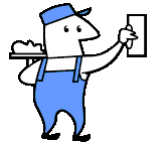
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"This is the field, the world below,  
In which the sower, came to sow;  
Jesus, the wheat, Satan, the tares;  
For so the word of God declares.'



So the year rolls on and Autumn is come upon us - whether you are seventeen or seventy, you do not grow old by living a number of years. People grow old because they desert their ideals. Years give you wrinkles but to give up the enthusiasm for life wrinkles your soul.

"You are as young as your faith,  
As old as your doubt,  
As young as, your self-confidence,  
As old as your fear;  
As young as your hope,  
As old as your despair."



Whatever the season is that you reader are in - try to see the beauty of each day around you - and if like me you like to look back on the old characters and the old village scenes, just remember that we each have our part to play in making today's history.

"Is anybody happier because you passed his way?  
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?  
The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;  
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word to you?  
Can you say tonight, in parting  
With the day that's slipping fast,  
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed.?  
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;  
Does the man whose hopes were fading  
Now with courage look ahead.?  
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We extend a warm welcome to the new officers Lt.Cols. Brian and Dorothy Knightley who will be over-seeing the Corps in Eaton Bray. They have a wealth of experience at their fingertips, Brian holds the Order of the Founder, which is a high accolade in the Salvation Army.

We trust that their stay here will be rewarding, and that the Lord will bless their ministry to us, as we recognise that we are all members of His family. May we also be supportive of them in whatever way we can as they take on this responsibility.



### Eaton Bray Lions AFC

EB Lions AFC is currently looking to promote the growth of girls' football within the club. We are a Charter Standard club with strong links with the local community. For this season we have 9 different sides playing in various local Leagues.

At the moment, we are specifically looking for a few more girls to join our U14 side (you need to be in school years 8 or 9). If you are interested please contact me and we can arrange for you to come along to some of our training sessions on a Thursday evening to get a taste of what goes on. For more information please contact Julie Fox, Girls U14 Team Manager on 01525 222581 or e-mail at [juliafox@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:juliafox@yahoo.co.uk)

### Tesco Sport for Schools and Clubs Vouchers

Last year many Focus readers were kind enough to collect these vouchers for us. We were able to obtain a lot of equipment for our football teams and your help was much appreciated. This season the club has nine teams for boys and girls between 6 and 15 years old and the vast majority of the children are from the local villages. Tesco are repeating the voucher promotion this year and you will be able to collect vouchers between 11<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> November. We would be grateful if you would collect vouchers again for us this year and we will provide information on where to take your vouchers for collection in the November issue of Focus.

Thank you for your help.

Liz Coates, Press Officer, EB Lions AFC (01442 842550) [lizcoates@btinternet.com](mailto:lizcoates@btinternet.com)

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### Book review - Walking with Wheels in Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes

**Lynda Kynnersley** (*Price £7.99, available through all good bookshops*)

The walks in this new publication have all been chosen for their ease of access with as much information as possible about the physical features of the route, to enable people with limited mobility to decide for themselves whether a particular walk is within their ability. Some walks are on trails that have been specially adapted to make them more accessible but others are on country paths, which have reasonably flat, smooth and hard surfaces.

The walks vary in length from a mile and a half up to seven miles, with the possibility of extending them to up to fourteen miles. The majority of the walks are designed to be circular with different outward and return routes, but in a few cases there are no suitable return routes and the directions will say to retrace your steps to the start point. A few walks are described as linear and on these routes, you can either do the whole walk, arranging transport at each end, or start the walk at any suitable point, go as far as you choose and retrace your route..

Details of how to get to the start point, where to park and where to find refreshments are all included, as well as general information of interest about the area and what wildlife you may see - everything in fact for a good trip out.

The author, Lynda Kynnersley has enjoyed walking in Bedfordshire and its surrounding counties for more than twenty years and recently came to realise the difficulties faced by less able-bodied people visiting the countryside when a friend, also a keen walker, became dependent on a mobility scooter for getting around. She works in Information Technology but gets out into the countryside at every possible opportunity and leads walks for her local Ramblers' Association group.

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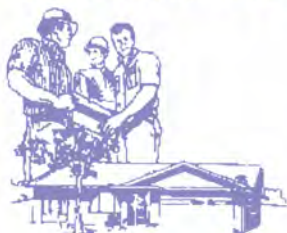
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## Becca's letter from Uganda

Well I've been away from home for just over a year now and a lot has happened. It's been quite a challenging year in many ways and amazing too. I've learnt so much about God, and about myself.

People say that when you are out here things are either really great or really hard, and to a certain extent I'd have to agree with that. I've struggled with some things over the last few months but God has been really amazing in helping me through them and looking at things in a different way. God truly doesn't put you in a situation where he won't give you the strength and change of heart to cope with it even when personally you don't have it.

There are some really special things here, like the community that Kagando is – the care and love that's here, the family feel. When someone's ill, or going through a hard time everyone's there trying to bring help and comfort. Then there's the fun that we have all together celebrating a joyful event. It's really special and really feels like the way we are meant to be as Gods church caring for and supporting one another.

Over the last two months I've had two Physios come and stay which has been great. One was from Germany and about to start working for a year in another hospital where she will be the only physio; she wanted to get some ideas about how to treat conditions you find over here and how things run. The other was a medical student. It was good fun, I enjoyed learning from them as well as teaching, and was quite surprised by how much I'd learnt over this year.

It's taken me a year to try and make any comment on the church here, but here's an attempt at explaining what I've found. In January at my Mission's Conference an African pastor made a comment on the Christianity out here. I've found that this comment explains quite well the church in this country. He told me that one of the worst insults you can say to someone here is to call them a pagan. To avoid being given this title people want to be baptised and be given a "Christian name" – i.e. a name from the bible. Many people therefore get baptised not because they believe, but so that if anyone calls them a pagan they can deny it by reporting they are baptised and giving their name.

I found it very interesting going to one of the nursing students fellowship meetings. The first year students had just started and they were asked to stand up and introduce themselves. As they did so they would say their name, then came the distinction. Some of these people would report the name of the church they go to, others would declare that Jesus was their personal Lord and Saviour and talk about being saved. I've never liked the question "when were you saved" – as I feel that Christianity is a journey – for some the discovery of Jesus and the decision to become a Christian will happen very quickly – for others like myself it was a long journey, and it's still a continuing journey which makes it so exciting. But the question here is quite apt, as it helps you to understand where people are in their faith and what they know and believe. You therefore have the difficulty that many people will call themselves Christians but still go and consult the witch doctor and carry out all their strange practices. A lot of evangelism goes on here, and we can learn much from it. But unfortunately it is not always followed up. You therefore have many people who've made a commitment, but never had anyone to help them afterwards discover the bible, and help them develop in their faith. To use a metaphor, the river is wide, but not very deep.

Many people at Kagando come to church and have heard the gospel many times. There are also some really strong Christians here who are great witnesses. From discussing with a friend whose been here much longer than me, the two major prayer needs are for good discipleship, and for God to be working in peoples hearts who've heard, but don't know him yet.

Kagando is not just a hospital, it has many other community projects and things it's involved with. I've asked if I can start seeing these, so will write about these in the future. But please if there's anything in particular that you'd like to know about, I'm sure you're not the only one so please ask via Gordon Gray on 220136, and I'll try and write about it.

Love Becca



## Prayer points

- Please pray for the people of this area. We had a lack of rain during the rainy season causing most peoples' crops to fail. There's also been an outbreak of foot and mouth in our area and in other areas on the west of Uganda. So not only do people not have enough food, or money to purchase food, their cattle are not well either.
- But please thank God too as we've had rain for the last couple of days which is a huge blessing so pray that we get some more. (It's not just the English who talk about weather)
- Thank God for the growing signs of peace in Uganda, especially that the Lord's Resistance Army are at the peace talks.
- We get a lot of people pass through this place and a really exciting thing that I often see happening, is that the non-Christians are so challenged by the frequent mention of God and the acceptance here that God exists that they often start questioning and exploring about God. They also develop much deeper friendships with the Christian medical students who are also here from the same university. So please also pray for this group of people.
- Please also thank God so much for this year and his protection and provision towards me.



## Eaton Bray Taverners Bridge Club

### Bridge Players

Why not bring a partner and play duplicate bridge on Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. If you need a partner, please phone the club secretary on **01525 221779**. Lesson and practise duplicate play 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. restarts on Friday 22nd September (no partner required).

### Bridge Problem

Here is a bridge problem for you to solve:

♠ 6 4  
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♦ A Q 10 5  
♣ A 9 7 6  
♠ A J 3  
♥ A K 4  
♦ J 7 4 3  
♣ K 8 2

You are South, the dealer, arriving in the game contract of 3NT. West leads 5♠ on which you play 6♠ from dummy with Q♠ from East. Which card do you play? If you swapped the diamond holdings between North and South would it make any difference to your choice? Answer on website:

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### Bridge news and courses

In January 2007, the club will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> year. Starting Sept 21<sup>st</sup> there are courses scheduled for beginners, improvers and advanced players and also two fast-track courses for bridge on the Internet using SAYC and computer-assisted learning. Please phone the club secretary on **01525 221779** for details or visit the website. Enrolment: **01582 818737**



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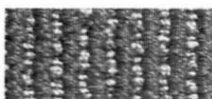
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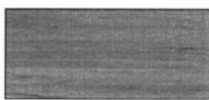
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