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Village Diaries May 2007



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 Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731

Tuesdays Baby Cafe (Support for Breastfeeding mums), 10.15 - 11.45 am, Pitstone Memorial Hall

Weds (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

Thurs (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

Village Diaries May 2007 Cont'd

Fridays SOCATOTS,12:45, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Daniel Walker
07968 778681

Fridays (term time) The Venue for 8-12s @ Grace Community Church, 7.00-8.45 pm, Bruce Moulding 01525 221601

Saturdays Jazzercise, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 715208

Monthly

1st Monday Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern

1st Monday Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall,
Contact Sheila Beal on 01525 221185

1st & 3rd Tuesday Dunstable & District Orbit Club meet in central Dunstable at
8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147

1st Sunday Grace Community Church meeting, 3.30 pm, all welcome,
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2nd Tuesday Toddlers' Church, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2.00pm

2nd Tuesday Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm,
Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable

2nd Tuesday Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial
Hall

2nd Wednesday 8.15pm Healing Service in St Mary's Church

2nd Thursday CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough
Methodist Church

3rd Thursday Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

Other Regular Events

2nd, 16th, 30th Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall, 8pm

11th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, 10.30
am

15th Over 60s visit to Kent. Leave Village Hall at 8.30 - 9am (to be
confirmed)

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

6th Concert by young people from Edlesborough School and St
Mary's Church, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 7.00pm.

12th Dagnall Village Fete on the Recreation Ground 12.30 – 4pm

13th Christian Aid Week - Churches Together service, St Mary's,
Eaton Bray, 4pm

17th Ascension Day Sung Eucharist, 8pm, St. Mary's Eaton Bray

17th -19th Front Row presents "Let's Pretend", 7.30pm, Eaton Bray
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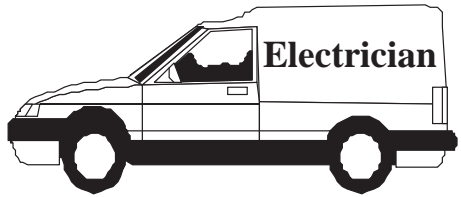
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A bicycle and property marking event will be taking place on the **Village Green in Edlesborough on Wednesday 30th May from 11am until 1pm (half term holiday).**

Crime Reduction Adviser, David Price, together with local Police Community Support Officer, Jackie Dodson and Helen Thomas, one of the Watch Administrators, will be present on the village green to help youngsters mark their property, and to give out advice on bicycle security.

No appointments are necessary, just turn up on the day with your bicycles and mobile phones. Property marking kits will also be available to purchase to be able to mark all your property within your home.

For further information please contact David Price on 01296 396022 or Helen Thomas on 01296 396262.



South Bedfordshire is now recycling over 29 per cent

South Bedfordshire District Council would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all residents as recycling rates continue to rise. The district is now recycling over 29 per cent from the kerbside recycling scheme and the recycling facilities located throughout the District. This is a huge increase from 7 per cent recycling rate in 2002/3. We are sure all residents taking part in the scheme will keep up the good work.

Why do we need to recycle? We cannot go on burying our waste in the ground forever and landfill space is running out. Landfill sites release harmful gasses into the atmosphere, which is a contributing factor to climate change. Through recycling, reducing and reusing we are able to reduce the amount of waste taken to landfill, therefore reducing the potential of polluting your natural environment. Recycling and using recycled products also reduces the amount of natural resources being extracted.

How you can do your bit?

- Use the kerbside orange bag recycling scheme
- Shop smartly – buy products in packaging you can recycle
- Re-use your carrier bags at the supermarket. A plastic bag can take 500 years to break down at a landfill site.
- Use the recycling facilities located throughout the district
- Schools are now also able to join the recycling scheme, so sign up now!

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Edlesborough Junior Tennis Teams (Winter League)

Having a Watford season ticket I have seen some quality football this winter, unfortunately from the visiting teams. But I have enjoyed our four league wins and our fighting spirit. I won't mention Luton Town's season, so swiftly moving on to better sports news.

Edlesborough Junior team members have managed to fit in tennis league matches in between their football commitments with great success. Our under 16 year (A) team finished as South Beds Champions and our (B) team came second. Our teams of under 13 years and under 11 years finished in creditable mid table positions. The youngest and newest team of school year 5 boys (mini tennis green league) also finished mid table in their first year of competition.

Congratulations to all of our five teams above and my thanks go to the following parents for helping with the matches— Carolyn Kight, Alison Morris, Liz Coates, Nicky Sanders and Martin Mercer.

We have entered five junior teams for the summer league campaign.

Terry Carlisle (Coach and Junior Co-ordinator)

Christian Aid Week 13th – 19th May 2007

Last month a kind person reminded me that Christian Aid Week was due soon and doesn't time seem to fly!

To start the week, there will be a Churches Together service, at St Mary's, Eaton Bray on Sunday 13th May, at 4pm and all are welcome.

The new event, this year, will be a concert by young people from Edlesborough School and St Mary's Church. This will take place at St Mary's, Eaton Bray, on Wednesday, 6th June at 7.00pm. More details later!

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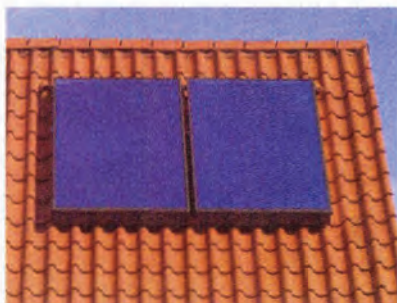
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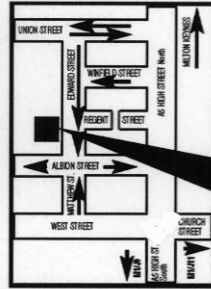


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May brings round the annual Christian Aid Week Appeal, with its public events and house-to-house collections. I have no hesitation in asking all FOCUS readers to be generous in their response. We hope that our collectors will call on every house in our villages during the week 14-19 May, and you will find an envelope for this collection with this magazine. And remember, if you are a UK tax payer, you can make your gift worth 28% more by completing the Gift Aid declaration on the envelope, thus enabling Christian Aid to reclaim the income tax you paid on that gift.

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Christian Aid works with the other relief agencies to bring help to disaster victims, and your gifts can help to ensure that assistance is ready when there is an earthquake, hurricane or devastating flooding in a country whose economy and infra-structure cannot cope with such large scale need. It also works in many Third World countries, mainly in small localized projects, to improve agriculture, create sustainable local industries, and to undertake development projects such as the provision of clean water and hygiene facilities. Such simple provisions can transform people's lives and open up totally new possibilities for those for whom survival is a constant struggle.

There is an old saying among the native peoples of America – “give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for life”. That is a fundamental principle for the work of Christian Aid: it sets out to give people the knowledge, the skills and the basic equipment they need to take charge of their own future survival, and to give them that basic human dignity of being able to care for themselves and for their families. Some years ago, Christian Aid coined a slogan which has stuck ever since – “We believe in life before death”. That's what your response this year can give to some of the world's poorest people.

Jesus told a story (Matthew 25, vv.31-46) about the final judgement, when people were separated, some to his right hand and some to his left. Those to the right were commended for the kindness they had shown to Jesus, feeding him when hungry, clothing him when naked, visiting him when sick. When they asked

“Lord, when did we do this for you?” he replied, “whenever you did it for one of these, my brothers and sisters, however poor, you did it for me”. I hope that reminder will encourage us all to give all the help we can afford to those who have so little.

May our generous and loving God bless our generous acts to bring joy and hope to others.

MALCOLM

From the Parish Registers

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

25 March

Jack Samuel Gibbons

Chloe Louise Oastler

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

14 April

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Edlesborough W.I.

A letter from the Parish Council was read out at our last meeting, thanking us for the gift of an electric cooker for use in the Memorial Hall.

Tony Maisey, our speaker, was making a return visit. 'Talking to Children' was the title of his talk this time. Tony is a retired G.P., and it was obvious he must have been very understanding when dealing with children in his surgery. In his opinion children should be treated with as much respect as adult patients. They should not be ignored in favour of speaking to parents, and eye contact should be made when talking to them. He felt doctors should be honest about treatment which the child needed and explain why, on some occasions, it was best to wait and see if anything should be done.

It was pointed out by Tony how often children misunderstand phrases used by adults. For instance, if an operation is needed the anaesthetic should not be described as being 'put to sleep'. Young minds can interpret this as being put down like a pet animal, which naturally would be very frightening. A child will often be scared of a stethoscope, so Tony would let a young person hold it on his own chest in the first place, making him feel safe. He never told a child a certain treatment would not hurt, but that it would hurt a little. A doctor gains the trust of his young patient in this way. Another sure way of putting a child at ease in the surgery is to acknowledge his age. The quarter, half and three quarters are extremely important at that stage in life!!

What an understanding person Tony must have been when dealing with his young patients.

Our coffee morning was a great success, and we raised £275 for Iain Rennie Hospice at Home. Thanks go to Vivienne Grundy for holding this event at her home, and to all our friends for their support.

The following week saw our Group Meeting at Cheddington. 'Life Before T.V.' was the talk given by Mrs Jean Purdy, a lady of many talents in the show business world. She took us back in time entertainment-wise, and brought back many memories for the more 'mature' ladies in her audience! We really enjoyed our evening.

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St Mary's Parochial Church Council Meeting

St Mary's Parochial Church Council met on 12th April at All Saints Church, Dagnall. This was the last meeting of the current PCC before the APCM which takes place on Tuesday 17th April.

The meeting was informed that the recently established Parish Lunch was proving to be successful and much appreciated by those who attend.

A new pulpit is being planned for the church, a prototype was installed in church at the end of January and everyone has been generally positive about it, but a few minor changes need to be made.

The meeting was given an update on the 2007 charity project in aid of The Chiltern Centre for Multiple Sclerosis. £50 was raised from a card sale organised by Sally Taylor. A stall is being organised by Joan and Robert Calder on the Leighton Buzzard Market selling secondhand and nearly new clothes, a coffee morning is taking place at Dunstable District Council Offices and a barbecue is to be arranged during the summer. Some of the money that will be raised from this year's Open Gardens on June 10th will also be going to the project. Other fund raising ideas are also being considered.

A letter was read out from Bishop Christopher thanking all the parishes that are supporting the Diocesan initiative on "Fair Trade".

The Vicar reported that attendances at services during Holy Week was generally good. He thanked the Church Wardens for all the work they have put in throughout the year, he also thanked the PCC for their contributions.

A new group "The Friends of St Mary's Eaton Bray" is starting this month whose aim will be to care and preserve the church building for future generations.

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Edlesborough School

We did not know what had hit us when we found out our idea raised £353.55!!!!!!

A few weeks ago (on Monday 12th March), we thought it would be a good idea to have a pyjama day. We initially thought that just Year 5 would take part, so we could raise a little money for Comic Relief. After discussing the idea with Miss Finch (our school teacher), we then had to talk to Miss Hatfield (our head mistress). She said it was such a good idea that she wanted the whole school do it! So, on Thursday 15th March, nearly everyone arrived in their pyjamas, complete with a red nose, even the cute little children in the Reception class! It was pretty funny seeing everyone in the clothes they slept in at bedtime!

We had a great day and I hope the other children did too. We didn't know how we had done it, but we raised an amazing £353.55..... FANTASTIC!!! It was great! We would like to say a great big thank you to Miss Hatfield for making that day possible.

By Molly Blumsom, Charlotte Nilsen, Emily Nathan, Katie Neal and Jaye Greenow

Eaton Bray Under 5's Playtime

Well we're back after our Easter holidays and firstly we say goodbye and good luck to Maggie who left us just before Easter to explore new adventures. If you are interested in joining us give Cindy a ring on 07734320816. We're always open to new ideas so just come along on a Wednesday afternoon and join in the fun. Talking of fun, this month we're planning to have a different selection of toys out and the creative table may see some new surprises as well. So see you there....

The Budget & Inheritance Tax

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News for Northall Residents from Edlesborough Parish Council

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The alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure will be via A505, B488 to Ivinghoe, B489 to Edlesborough and A4146 and vice versa. The alternative route for Heavy Goods Vehicles will be via A515, A5 and B489.

The closure is required whilst carriageway resurfacing works take place and it is anticipated that the works will take place between 1900 hours on 30 May 2007 and 0600 hours on 1 June 2007.

The Order will come into operation on 30 May 2007 when the appropriate signs are lawfully displayed and will continue in force for a period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

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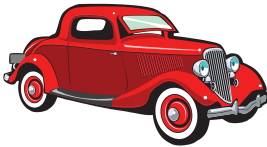
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Published by Hamish Hamilton



“All day the colours had been those of dusk, mist moving like a water creature across the great flanks of mountains possessed of ocean shadows and depths. Briefly visible above the vapour, Kanchenjuna was a far peak whittled out of ice, gathering the last of the light, a plume of snow blown high by the storms at its summit”. On reading this first paragraph of the book, we all agreed that there was some wonderful descriptive language used in this Booker Prize winning novel, the second novel by the author.

After reading more of *Inheritance* some of us felt it could have been shorter, with so many vivid characters it leaps around in time and space and occasionally gets unfocussed. Kiran Desai set the novel in Kalimpong because she spent part of her childhood there staying with an aunt, Desai explains “I wanted to capture what it means to grow up in such a fascinating place, with such wonderfully disparate people, and to depict how we never really try to understand what life is like for other people.” High in the Himalayas, the story centres on three people and one dog living together in an ancient house. There’s the embittered, reptilian judge, lost in his memories: of a youth spent at Cambridge; of humiliation in a foreign land, Staying with him are his beloved dog Mutt and his 17 year old granddaughter Sai, who was orphaned as a child. The judge’s cook, who manages the household, and a few neighbours, round off the cast. As the story unfolds, insurgency is growing in the region: the Indian Napalese want their own country or state, where they will not be treated as servants; young boys, trying to be men, roam the mountainside looting houses, collecting ammunition. Their predicament is contrasted against the Indians settled abroad, stumbling from one job to another in a humorous parallel narrative.

The author tried to show what life is like for other people in cultures very different from ours, some leaving seeking a better life and how those returning find it difficult to be accepted again. It is a novel about contemporary immigrant life and the on going parallel world left behind. It has depth and emotion, humour and imagination, moments holding out the possibility of hope or betrayal.

A couple of us thoroughly enjoyed this book but generally the group found it difficult to get into and generally a little disappointing. They also thought the characters and scenes in the book were “snapshots” and lacked depth.

As a group we would not read anything else by this author, although the writer of this review would!

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.

Highlights from the Minutes of the Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting - Held on 2nd April 2007 at 7.30pm

At a recent meeting with Mrs. Hounslow, Head Teacher of Eaton Bray Lower School, it transpired that to move further ahead with the nursery project, the school needs confirmation of the Parish Council's consent, in principle only at this stage, to the installation of a new gateway into the school premises from School Lane Rec.

The Council agreed unanimously to give consent in principle, with the provision that the installation of the gate must not cause any restrictions to the future use of the park.

An email has been received from the Tennis Club, reporting that work on the courts is due to be finished in June and inviting the Parish Council to the official opening which is to be celebrated with a "Play Day" for all villagers to come and "have a go". Also requesting the PC to allow access to the park for a few vehicles on the day, and assuming responsibility for any damage to the grounds.

PC Dady addressed the meeting and reported seven minor crimes for March:

- 1 x attempted theft of motor vehicle
- 2 x criminal damage
- 4 x thefts from motor vehicles.

The Council told PC Dady that the main areas of concern in the village are:

1. Strangers wandering around the village and onto private property.
2. Speeding traffic.
3. A youth has been seen hanging around the school, and damaging local trees.
4. The apparent easy availability of drugs.

PC Dady gave contact details for the Safer Neighbourhood Team, it was suggested that an insert for Focus magazine could be produced to distribute this information so that residents know who to report anything suspicious to.

Bower Lane field:

The GP committee have considered the application to rent this land, and advise the Council to reject the request.

Traffic calming:

All the advice received has been to pursue the installation of Vehicle Activated Signs as the most suitable traffic calming measure, with the preferred sites being in the vicinity of the Methodist Chapel and at the bottom end of Bower Lane.

The next step is a meeting to consider different designs of VAS.

<p style="text-align: center;">Eaton Bray Parish Council Meetings 1st Monday of every month 7.30pm The Coffee Tavern Next Meeting: Mon 9th May 2007 Annual Parish Meeting: 8th May 2007</p>

The EDaN Project

‘Edlesborough, Northall and Dagnall’ – a plan for the future

You may have read previously in Focus about ‘The Parish Plan’, well this sounded a rather mundane name for such an interesting and exciting project. So welcome to ‘**The EDaN Project**’.

This is your chance to have a voice and influence what happens in our villages in the future.

Would you like to comment on or have a look at what others are saying about:-

- **Housing** – Is there enough? Should there be more building allowed in our villages? Do we have the right mix of housing i.e. enough large houses, enough starter homes, affordable housing, bungalows?
- **Schools** – Are our schools well subscribed, over subscribed? Do they have the correct facilities for our children?
- **Traffic** – Do our villages have adequate traffic calming? Are there any particular areas that you consider dangerous?
- **Bridleways/Footpaths** – Can you access local bridleway/footpath networks? Can access be improved?
- **Public Transport** – Can you catch a bus to where you want to go?
- **Business** – Do we need more employment opportunities in our villages? What type of employment do we need? Do you have access to a local shop/post office? Are our existing village businesses thriving?
- **Community Facilities and Youth** – Are there enough activities for our youth in the villages? Is the play equipment up to date/modern enough? What else would our youngsters enjoy? Are our Village Halls fit for their purpose?
- **Plus many other issues!**

Come and visit any of the open days, or if you can’t make the dates below why not ask us to visit your group. Our open days are set to be extremely interesting events, with sections on local history, photos from our competition entries, displays and comments on the above issues. Refreshments will be served and there will be plenty to occupy children, so come and join us.

DAGNALL – Saturday 19th May 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. and Tuesday 22nd May 7.30p.m. to 9.30p.m. at Dagnall Village Hall.

NORTHALL – Saturday 9th June, 2007 12.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. at The Swan, Northall.

EDLESBOROUGH – Saturday 23rd June, 2007 8.30a.m. – 12.00a.m. at Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

Look out for the flyer in Focus for more details. Or contact Vicky Lee on 01442 843361 for further details or to book a road show for your group.



**Can you show us what you like about your village?
Is there anything you dislike?
EDaN PHOTO COMPETITION**

We would like your ideas in pictures. Photos received in time will be displayed at our open days, please see flyer in Focus for details and dates of open days.

Class 1 'What I like about my village/s'

Class 2 'What I dislike about my village/s'

Each class will be divided into age sections as follows:-

Section A Under 8's, **Section B** 8-11 yrs, **Section C** 12-16 yrs and **Section D** Over 16's/adults.

Photos can be of things, buildings, people or places within any of our 3 villages (Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall) that you feel represent your view of the class title.

There will be prizes for all classes and the winners of each section in both classes will be displayed and announced at St. Mary's Carnival on July 7th.

Prints should be unmounted and either 6 x 4 or 7 x 5 in size, they can be colour or black and white. Please write your name and contact details on the back of all photos with class and section entered. You may also give your photo/s a title or caption, this may be written on the back of the photo or on a piece of paper attached to the bottom of the photo and should not contain more than 12 words. We regret we cannot guarantee return of any photos, but the inclusion of a suitably sized s.a.e. will help us try to return as many as possible.

Entries close on the 16th June, but please bear in mind our 1st open day is on the 19th May so the sooner you get your entries in the more likely they are to be displayed at our open days.

Entries may be dropped off at Edlesborough Post Office, Edlesborough Autos, Munns Farm Shop, Dagnall and The Swan, Northall. Both Dagnall and Edlesborough Schools will also be collection points for pupils, staff and parents.

For further details please contact:- Karen Copen on 01442 842028

Dunstable & District Orbit Club

Dunstable & District Orbit Club held their Annual quiz night recently at Eaton Bray Village Hall. 18 teams entered and we raised just over £1,200 for the Paul Strickland Scanner appeal for Mount Vernon Hospital. The quiz was in memory of a very dear friend and member of Orbit who left us recently.

A few weeks ago the girls of Orbit arranged a "Boy's Night" for the boys. The boys came as scouts and the girls as guides. to celebrate 100 years of scouting We had games, worked for badges, sang round the campfire and had great fun.

Orbit meet in the centre of Dunstable every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 8pm. For more information please contact 01582-755147 or 01525-222441.

Bee-keeping- the season started well...

The hives were active in middle of March with bees bringing pollen and nectar from mainly willow trees.

At the end of the month the weather changed and for a long week it became cold and miserable, bees do not like this kind of weather, (neither do I) they need something above 12C plus to get out, so they stayed home!

These 'weather changes' at this time of the year can be dangerous for the hive. Encouraged by earlier warm weather, the queen bee gets very active laying eggs so space and food is needed to support the rapid expansion in the hive, some times the bees have to be fed with foundation (candy) to avoid starvation.

There is not much forage at the moment just enough to keep the bees going. I have nevertheless removed the winter mouse guards from the hive entrances and added two suppers per hive so everything is ready for the first big honey flow of the season, the flowering rape (weather permitting of course).

We are entering the allergy season that brings so much misery to so many of people. It is a well known fact that taking local honey alleviates allergy symptoms. Bees collect pollen, nectar, propolis and other substances from the local flora and the theory is that by taking local honey, you are introducing these substances that you are allergic to. It is a slow process as it is done in small doses but your body should build up an immunity to the allergy. It is a kind of vaccination and I guess that make sense.

Open Gardens - Sunday 10 June 2007

Following last year's wonderful day exploring the gardens of Eaton Bray, Edlesborough and Northall it is time to start preparing for this year's event. Once again various garden owners and allotment holders have been kind enough to agree to open their gardens for our delight, with more from Edlesborough than there were last year. The money raised will be shared between Chilterns Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre and St Mary's Roof Fund.

There will be tiny gardens, huge gardens, gardens for picnicking, gardens to admire, water features ranging from small ponds to lakes. Please get the date in your diary and purchase your Roving Programme tickets when they become available in early June.

At this stage the organisers are keen to receive offers of help from Focus readers.

- To help with refreshments in Edlesborough Memorial Hall – both making cakes and selling
- To help with organisation on the day, selling programmes, organising traffic, helping on stalls etc
- Donations of plants for a Plant Stall
- Donations of Raffle Prizes
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Gentle Strolls led by Friends of Ashridge:

Brian and Siân Barton will lead these up-to-2 hours, informal walks observing the wildlife in different parts of the Ashridge Estate:

Thursday 10 May 10.30am Map ref. SP 971 131 Meet by the Visitor Centre on Monument Green

Thursday 21 June 2.30pm Map ref. SP 963 159 Meet at Steps Hill grass car park, on Beacon Road

Wednesday 11 July 2.30pm Map ref. SP 969 119 Meet at Tom's Hill car park, on road from Aldbury to the B4506

Sunday 19 August 2.30pm Map ref SP 971 131 Meet by the Visitor Centre on Monument Green

Friday 21 September 10.30am Map ref. SP 979 127 Meet at B4506 road end of Monument Drive

Tuesday 16 October 2.30pm Map ref. SP 979 127 Meet at B4506 road end of Monument Drive

Stout waterproof footwear recommended. All welcome. No booking required. £1.50 per person on the day. More information: 01442 823 727.

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And to pick just two of the many events organised by Ashridge staff in the coming months: The **Woods at Bluebell Time, Thursday 3 May 7pm**. An evening walk enjoying bluebells and other flora and fauna. Booking required. Adult Members: £4.00, Child Members: £2.00. Phone 01442 851227 or email to ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Mini Bus Tour of Ashridge, Tuesday 8 May 1.30 - 4.30pm. A minibus tour looking at Ashridge in springtime. Learn about the wildlife history and management of this 5000 acre Estate then return to the Visitor Centre for a hot drink. This will include short walks to points of interest. Booking required. Adult Members: £12.00, Child Members: £6.00. Phone 01442 851227 or email to: ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk. For a full listing of all Ashridge events, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk or email for a leaflet to: ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk

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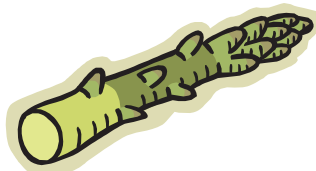
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DIARY DATES

Sunday 13th May at 10.30am Sunday School Anniversary Family Service to be taken by Dr. Roger Owers with the help of our young people.

Saturday monthly Lunches will resume on October 13th from 12.00 until 1.30pm. We are unable to serve lunches during May, July, August and September due to holidays, our apologies to our regular supporters. We look forward to seeing you all in October.

All Saints, Dagnall - Services in May 2007

Sun. 6th May	9.00 pm	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Circuit Service at <u>Trinity Methodist Church, Leighton Buzzard</u>
Thu. 10th May	7.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun. 13th May	10.30 am	Morning Service
	4.00 pm	Christian Aid Service at <u>St Mary's, Eaton Bray</u>
Ascension Day		
Thu. 17th May	10.30 am	Eucharist
	7.45 pm	Circuit Service at <u>Luton Road Methodist Church</u>
Sun. 20th May	10.30 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Sun. 27 May	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Family Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun. 3rd June	9.00 am	Eucharist
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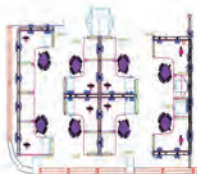
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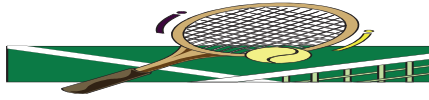
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Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

It's official - the Chiltern FM Black Thunder is coming to Eaton Bray!! After months of secret negotiations, wheeling and dealing, ducking and diving, I can reveal that the famous Thunder complete with crew of two from Chiltern FM will be joining us for a couple of hours at our Play Tennis Day at the School Lane courts on Saturday 16th June. From midday they'll be handing out freebies and joining in with the various tennis activities, whilst playing all our favourite tracks of the moment, hopefully something for everyone. Together with the free playing and coaching, games, competitions, equipment and clothing sale, BBQ, local MP Andrew Selous and half price membership for anyone joining on the day, it promises to be a day to remember, so do come up and join us and meet the Chiltern Black Thunder crew!

Talking of days to remember, our recent Spring Dance at the village hall was certainly an evening to remember. Tables covered with crisp white tablecloths and festooned with yellow and green helium balloons and ribbons, hosted over 100 people who enjoyed a scrumptious dinner, after which we were all treated to the largely '60s sound of Jim Balls and his Racquets (or is it Jim Racquets and his Balls, I can never remember..) who relentlessly strummed their way through virtually every recording featuring loud drumming that EMI ever produced. They made an exceptionally brave attempt at Oasis's 'Champagne Supernova', and encouraged by the fact that no-one left, had a crack at U2s 'With or Without You' before moving mercifully back into their comfort zone of some more loud drumming. Nonetheless, the dance floor remained practically full for most of the evening so hats off to Jim and his band, they do know how to play a good gig ! A raffle followed a brief break in the drumming, during which the Chairman's wife won first prize (always happens; I think next time we'll just deliver the top prize to their house beforehand to save the hassle of bringing it down to the hall), before it was back to Jim's big band to close off the evening with some nice romantic slow numbers, with lots of drumming.

I can't close this week without mentioning that stalwart of British tennis, Greg Rusedski, who announced his retirement from the professional sport this week. He spent 12 years playing for Great Britain and reached a career best of being ranked number 4 in the world, as well as holding the fastest serve record for some years at 149mph, only recently beaten by Andy Roddick. Clearly our own Roy Cook's serve has never been officially measured on our courts, because that would certainly take the new record; I'd estimate his first serve must reach over 500mph but unfortunately they very rarely go in, and his second serve is around 4mph, so if you manage to avoid being hit by his first serve, which would almost certainly be the end of you, then you can watch him play his second serve, nip off for a cup

of tea in the clubhouse, take the dog for a walk around the field and meander back to the court all in time to see the ball lethargically approaching the point where you may have to consider hitting it back. Games with Roy aren't rapid affairs. Mind you, my second serve is even slower, and we're purposely kept apart in the competitions because of the requirement to finish a game in the same week in which it was started.

For those interested in trivia, the longest singles match in recorded tennis history took place at the 2004 French Open when Fabrice Santoro defeated Arnaud Clement 6-4; 6-3; 6-7; 3-6; 16-14. The match lasted for 6 hours and 35 minutes of actual play, and was spread over 2 days due to it getting dark at the end of the first day!

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 enjoying some drumming, me, Andy Cross, on 01582 477114.

1st Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Scout Group

Dear all,

Well, we're having another good year with the 1st Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Scout Group. It's great to see the group thriving. Unfortunately we have waiting lists for each section, but this is a reflection of how well things are going. Thanks to those on the list for their patience.

Erika in Beavers, Nick in Cubs and Tony in Scouts have been working hard for many years to get us to this stage and we'd love to carry this on for a lot more years. This is where you can help. Every 5 years or so, things come to a grinding halt in some sections and this is where we are with Scouts at present. Tony left recently and consequently the Scout group is without a leader. The parent rota has been very successful and certainly taken a lot of the strain off Nick who has stepped in as temporary leader in addition to running Cubs, but we do need a new regular Scout leader to step in. Obviously, anyone stepping forward would receive a lot of support from the other members of the troop and committee so please consider helping.

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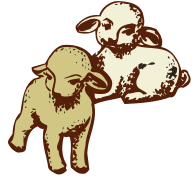
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'Ode' Wordsworth.

Rogation Days are the three days preceding Ascension Day. Ascension Day commemorates the visible rising of Jesus Christ to heaven; and they all occur in this month; 17th - 18th - 19th and Sunday 20th of May.

On rogation days the Roman Catholic Church sung or recited special litanies, to invoke a blessing on the years growing crops; some church's congregations would undertake a farm walk, with the Clergy blessing the fields and animals as they went.

Rogation: The farmer and his workers did "farm walking" every day, summer and winter. A popular image in the past was of the farmer leaning on a gate staring at his fields, with a faithful dog sitting beside him. The atmosphere sedate and noticeably quiet! But May is an 'outdoor workday' month for those on farms, (apart from milking and sheep shearing); it is said that unless weeds are killed off in May they will never be properly subdued all summer. Grass means that livestock can live outdoors night and day. Growth of everything is rapid at this season of the year, and lighter evenings make for longer working days.

It is good to walk, for then we can commune with all we see. As Christians we walk in the way of the Lord as best we can.

Jesus walked; He made the lame to walk; with Him we can walk along in timeless friendship, with the knowledge that He died, but rose again and ascended into heaven there to sit at God's right hand. Psalm 119 v.35; in The New Living Bible states,

"Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found."

"And did those feet in ancient time, walk upon England's mountains green ? And was the Holy Lamb of God on England's pleasant pastures seen ? "

William Blake thought it well within the bounds of possibility. When Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead His presence filled the whole world. Set free from the limitations of being a human being, His Spirit pervaded the whole earth from that day to this.

Did He really walk our country's fields and farmland;? it is possible that He did - I would like to believe it, but what really matters is that the Spirit of Jesus Christ is everpresent with us today.....

Marathon Des Sables

Sally Thorne completed her Marathon des Sables despite 3 badly infected toes. She will be writing a report for the Focus next month.

Mothers' Union, Eaton Bray With Edlesborough

On Wednesday, 14th March, Nigel Watson entertained the Mothers' Union with his talk and slides on India. Having been to the subcontinent three times on business, Nigel and his wife Georgina took a 'trip of a life time' on a tour designed by Nigel from New Delhi to Jaipur and ending in Goa for a few days well earned relaxation!

It was a journey of contrasts from the amazing, enormous, jewel encrusted, ornate marble palaces, forts and temples to the plight of the 'street children' who quite literally live on the streets without homes, schooling, possibly parents and no obvious means of support. Nevertheless, most people seemed happy, and the amount of smiles very noticeable.

The most beautiful building was, of course, the Taj Mahal at Agra, shown from many different angles, but also a 'Diana' picture with Georgina and also a happy 'together' one of them both taken at the front of this temple of love built by Mughal Shah Jahan (died 1666) in memory of his wife and queen Mumtaz Mahal. More towns, more buildings, all impressive. Jaipur, also known as the Pink City, had magnificent buildings too, many based on astronomical themes, and the largest statues made of silver in the world – as confirmed by the Guinness Book of Records.

Travelling was by both train and car; the train having three classes, - 1st with individual carriages; 2nd advertised as having 'chairs' and, surprise, surprise, 3rd – no chairs! Passengers alighted from both sides of the train, with or without a platform!! Also interesting, travelling by car, as most drivers seemed to drive on the shady side of the road, in which ever direction they were progressing.

Nigel's photography is excellent and this was very evident when they reached Ranthambore Tiger Sanctuary. Two trips a day produced wonderful pictures of birds, flowers, other animals and eventually an elusive tiger very well camouflaged by the undergrowth but seen clearly through the long range lens.

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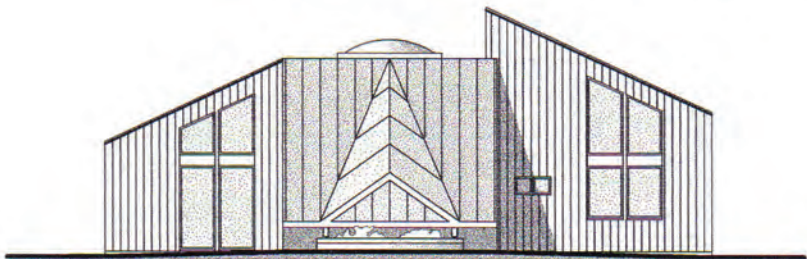
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The Parish Plan is being governed by a Steering Committee under the heading of EDaN Project (Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall) and articles will periodically be published for Parishioners' information.

PCSO Funding

A successful meeting was held between the Parishes of Edlesborough, Pitstone and Ivinghoe resulting in all three parishes ceasing funding for the PCSO from April 2007. Arrangements have been put in hand for the parishes to retain their PCSO plus additional Police Officers funded by Thames Valley Police.

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Beacon View, Northall

Agreement has been reached for the balance of Section 106 Agreement monies to be put towards a childrens' playground at Northall Village Hall.

Thames Valley Police will be carrying out Bicycle Marking at Edlesborough Pavilion Car Park on 30th May between 11am and 1pm.

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<p>Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings 3rd Thursday of every month 7.30pm Memorial Hall Next meeting: Thurs 17 May 2007</p>
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Dagnall News

Over 60's

Following our visit to Pulloxhill for lunch in March we were again out for lunch in April. We visited the Motor Museum at Stondon, followed by lunch at The Green Man at Stanford.

We are again on our travels on May 15th for our annual day out. This year we are visiting Kent, having a ride on the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway followed by lunch at Dungeness. This is proving very popular with our members. Tickets will soon be available for our concert on September 15th by Jean Martyn, who gave us such an enjoyable organ recital last year. We have already had tickets requested from people who remembered her last visit.

Dagnall Church

At the recent Beetle Drive, £217.50 was raised for the Ian Rennie Hospice at Home, the Church charity for 2007.

All Saints' Church will be having a cake stall at the Village Fete on Saturday 12 May, the proceeds from which will go towards the Ian Rennie Hospice at Home. All contributions welcome.

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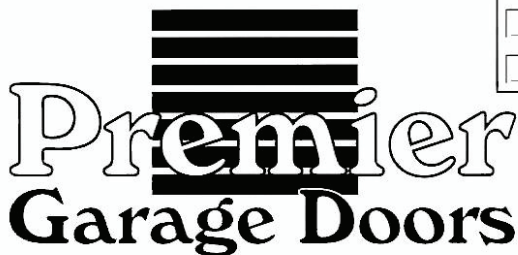
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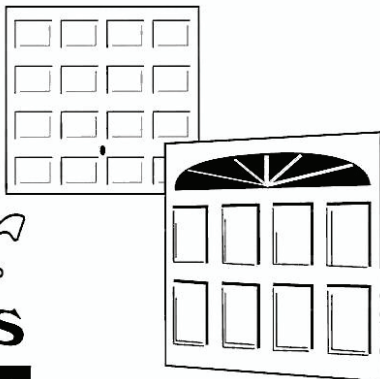
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