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Village Hall Bookings

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

Northall: Lorna Cabbage, Tel: 01525 220361

Eaton Bray: Norman Lee, Tel: 01525 222831

Dagnall: Elizabeth Coates, Tel: 01442 842550

Edlesborough Memorial Hall: Beverly Sage, Tel: 01525 229509

Village Diaries August & September 2010



Weekly

- Mon-Fri
(term time) Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468
- Mon-Fri
(term time) Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
- Mon-Fri
(term time) Edlesborough Under 5's Pre-School, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Sue 01525 222199
- Mon-Thu
(term time) Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Ellie Deeley on 07913 529574
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, St.Giles Church Hall, Totternhoe, Lisa: 01582 412426
- Mondays
(term time) 2nd Eaton Bray Brownies, girls 7- 10 years, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, 6 - 7.30pm, Sarah 01525 229194
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm
- Tuesdays Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731
- Tuesdays Baby's First Cafe (Support for Breastfeeding mums), 10.15 - 11.45 am, Pitstone Memorial Hall
- Tuesdays Pilates, 10-11am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Nicky Roussou 07861 161680
- Tuesdays Totternhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am, Totternhoe Village Hall, 07986 730922
- Tuesdays Northall Toddler Group, 9.30am-11.30am (10am-12noon Summer School Holidays Only), Northall Village Hall, Naomi 01525 376575/07977 564449
- Tuesdays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Tuesdays Yoga, Dagnall Village Hall 7.45 – 9.15pm
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's Playtime, 1:00pm - 2:45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Contact Louise on 07784 165259
- Weds
(term time) Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 01582 412426
- Wednesdays Egyptian Dance Class, 7–8.30pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall. Contact: Soraya 01525 853360
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna 221996 or Julie 220153
- Wednesdays Surestart Sensory Play for under 5s, 1.30-3pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- Thurs
(term time) Baby & Toddlers Group, Dagnall Village Hall, 12:45 - 2:45pm (12:15 if bringing lunch) Contact Michelle Tel 01442 842 676
- Thursdays Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm 01525 377542
- Thursdays Keep fit, 2-4pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Mrs Johnson 220304
- Thursdays Kfa Body Moves 40+, Fitness through movement, exercise & dance. 8-9pm, Edlesborough School, Pat 01582 668735
- Thursdays Baby & Toddler Group, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray, 9.30-11.30am
- Thursdays Keep Fit Edlesborough School, 8pm Tel: 01582 668735
- Thursdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Thursdays Grace Baptist Church (by the Post Office) Bible Study 7.30p.m.-9.00p.m. all welcome, Antony Coles, 01582 967173.
- Thursdays Karate, 7-9pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Brian Bates 07958 348086
- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576

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- Saturdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Saturdays Drama Class for Children, 10.35am-12.35pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Claire Casey, 07792 508591
- Sundays Grace Baptist Church (by the Post Office) prayer time 9.30am, main meeting 11.00am-12.00pm. All welcome, Antony Coles 07848007977, 01582 967173.

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 Monday Knit n Stitch. 2pm-3.30pm. Coffee Tavern. Eaton Bray. Knitting, crochet & needlecraft. Tel Wendy 07908 828414. www.wendy-poole.co.uk
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday Dunstable & District Orbit Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
- 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 (opposite Wilkinson)
- 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
- 3rd Sunday Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288

Other Regular Events

- 4th, 18th Aug, 1st, Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall 8pm
- 15th, 29th Sep
- 13th Aug Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am.
- 17th Aug Over 60's, Outing to Crich Tramway Museum in Derbyshire
- 11th Sep Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
- 21st Sep Dagnall Over 60s Lunch at The Cock, Wing. Coach from Village Hall 11.30am

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 5th & 16th Aug Play Around the Parishes, Dagnall Recreation Ground, 2pm-4.30pm
- 8th Aug Afternoon Tea, 2.30-5pm, St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray
- 10th Aug Play Around the Parishes, Edlesborough Green, 10am-12.30pm
- 11th & 23rd Aug Play Around the Parishes, Northall Village Hall, 2pm-4.30pm
- 20th & 30th Aug Play Around the Parishes, Edlesborough Green, 2pm-4.30pm
- 4th Sep Dagnall Gardeners' Society Annual Show, Dagnall Village Hall 2.30pm
- 9th Sep Wedding Exhibition, Old Palace Lodge, Dunstable, 5.30-9pm
- 12th Sep Hymns of Praise on Edlesborough Green, 4pm
- 12th Sep Wedding Exhibition, Luton Rugby Club, Luton, 11am-1pm
- 23rd Sep Pete Langford & Butch Baker of The Barron Knights & Mr Kite's Band, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 7.30pm, Tickets: 220868
- 24th Sep World's Biggest Coffee Morning, 9am-12 noon, St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray
- 24th Sep Nostalgic Edlesborough & Eaton Bray slideshow by Peter and Mary Mayne, 7.30-10pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Tickets: Janes and Roebuck Garage
- 25th Sep EDaN Festival of Arts Concert, 7pm, St Mary's Church Edlesborough, Tickets: Alan, 01525 221926
- 25th Sep Quiz Night, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Lower School, Bookings: Jae, 07891 392915

Jamie Clark

There will be a memorial service for Jamie Clark on 28th August 2010 at 1.30pm. In Eaton Bray church
If you would like to attend or would like more information please email jcmemorial@btinternet.com

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Play Around the Parishes

Edlesborough

Tuesday 10th August 10am – 12.30pm

Friday 20th August 2pm – 4.30pm

Monday 30th August 2pm – 4.30pm

Dagnall

Thursday 5th August 2pm – 4.30pm

Monday 16th August 2pm – 4.30pm

Northall

Wednesday 11th August 2pm – 4.30pm

Monday 23rd August 2pm – 4.30pm

Thames Valley Police Wing South area

‘Have Your Say’ Meeting Sunday 22 Aug

3-6pm

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Christian Aid

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Many thanks, Wendy & Bill

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St Mary's, Edlesborough

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If you'd like more details about the meeting or further information about the work of The Churches Conservation Trust, please visit our website www.visitchurches.org.uk or contact Sally Porter, Regional Development Officer on 07799 424079 or sporter@tct.org.uk. Thank you.

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Your 2010 invitation to join the churches of Eaton Bray, Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall in

Hymns of Praise on Edlesborough Green

(Bring your garden chairs or picnic rugs)

Led by the Salvation Army Band and followed by refreshments at Edlesborough Methodist Church

Sunday 12th Sept at 4pm



Sing joyfully to the Lord...
Sing to him a new song;
play skilfully and shout for joy.
For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
(from Psalm 33)



DAUGHTERS OF ISIS

**Saturday
9th October
2010**

**7.30pm
at
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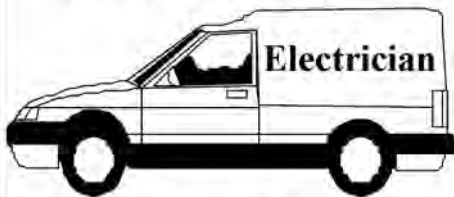
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# Edlesborough School Contributions



## Holly Leaf Maths At Edlesborough School

All the children at Edlesborough School have enjoyed a day of maths investigations. Years 5 and 6 measure the height of trees in the school grounds using clinometers whilst Years 1-4 carried out a holly leaf investigation. Some of the children have produced the following reports:

Firstly we pictured a holly leaf in our minds, Miss Cullen told us to count how many spikes you think a holly leaf would have on it. I thought there would be about 8 spikes. Then we had an argument about if a holly leaf has the same amount of spikes or a different amount of spikes on each leaf. We had to give reasons why we thought it has the amount of spikes or not. (Josh Yr 3EF)

It was very exciting holding a holly leaf for the first time ever. I had to put my holly leaf at number 22 which had the most leaves which means it's the most common amount of spikes. I had to count up all of the spikes three times. (Ryan Yr 2)

Miss Cullen took us outside to draw a bar chart and to learn holly leaf maths. When Miss Cullen called out a number, like 20, people had to go out and put their holly leaf on the chart after we counted the amount of spikes. (Adam Yr 2).

Finally, we counted up how many leaves had how many spikes. The number 20 was the mode, which meant that the number 20 was the most common amount of spikes. The range, which means from the least amount to the most amount of spikes was 11 to 24. (James Yr 3)





*Dagnall Gardeners' Society*  
**Annual Show**

Dagnall Village Hall  
Sat 4th September 2010

Doors Open: 2:30

Admission Free  
Refreshments & Raffle

Presentation of Awards

4:15pm approx



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Please Support the Society  
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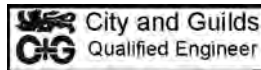
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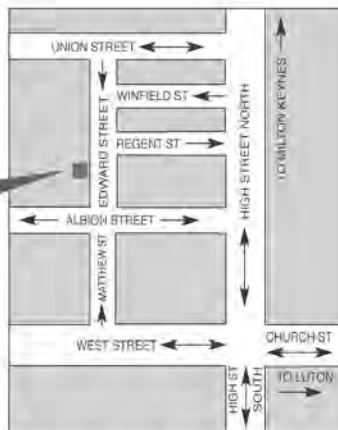
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## Over 60's

Thanks to the efforts of John & Chris Yorke and with help from the weather the June Garden meeting was a great success. At the time of writing we are looking forward to our traditional ploughman's lunch on July 20th at 1.30pm in the village hall, to be followed by tea and biscuits.

In August we will be enjoying a coach outing to the Crich Tramway Museum in Derbyshire, which should be most interesting.

The September meeting is lunch at one of our favourite venues, The Cock at Wing.

## Dagnall School

All of the Year 1 and 2 children at Dagnall School worked together on a project between a few Bucks primary schools to create our own smoothie. Our company is called Berry Blast Off and we have created a delicious new smoothie called Strawberry Squirr. Dagnall school come second in the competition.

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Created and typed by Sammy Adolph, Blue Tits Class

## Dagnall School

## Strawberry Squirr Smoothie Recipe



### Ingredients:

- **1 punnet of strawberries**
- **1 medium carton of single cream**
- **1/2 large pot of natural yoghurt**
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### How to make it

1. **Wash and chop fruit.**
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4. **NOW JUST DRINK. ENJOY!!**

**By Daisy Harris, Blue Tits  
Dagnall Community Choir**

REMEMBER REMEMBER THE 25TH. SEPTEMBER.

See page 17 for details of Dagnall Community Choir taking part in an evening of music, singing songs from "The Shows" and other popular music (well, we like it).

Stuart Harding, our choir master and chief entertainer is helping us to increase our repertoire and build upon the success of our debut appearance at Dagnall Day @ the Park, where, despite a biting cold Northerly wind a good size crowd turned up to enjoy our performance (and join in with "London's Burning").

Thanks to our member's small but regular contributions and to a generous, anonymous donation (thank you, whoever you are) we now are the proud owners of an electric piano, ably handled by James Burden and John Ralphs.



Our most recent “Stuartism” came after we had finished a song with an obvious mistake. Stuart simply said that he “was enjoying it so much that he wasn’t really listening”.

New members are always welcome. Geoff Ward on 01442 843515 or Val Lumley on 01442 842214 will be pleased to receive enquiries. We hope that you enjoy what is left of Summer and also hope to see many of you at future events.

## Afternoon Tea

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## Edlesborough Under 5’s

We have had a fun packed summer term which has included a sports day, the carnival float, sponsored bike ride and Teddy Bear’s Picnic. The Children leaving us this term have been doing lots of activities in the rising 4/4+ sessions which have prepared them for school. They have also been making regular visits to the Edlesborough School reception class. We wish these children all the best at school and a warm welcome awaits the children joining us in next term.

From September the free funding entitlement will be increased from 12.5 hours to 15 hours per week for 3 and 4 year olds. Children are entitled to funding from the term after their 3rd birthday. Fees are payable where children are not eligible for funding. Morning sessions operate from 9.10am - 12.10pm. We are accepting children from age 2 up to school age into these sessions. We run lunch clubs from 12.10 – 12.45pm. Our rising 4/4+ sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 12.45 – 3.15pm. We have spaces available on some sessions and lunch clubs. If you wish to visit our pre-school, please contact our new leader, Tina on 07854 939226. To register your child please contact Sue, our registration secretary, on 01525 222199. We operate a waiting list for under 2s and once registered will automatically contact parents when their child is old enough to start, subject to spaces being available.

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*Gemma Johnson, Cody Plaats, Matthew Johnson, Miguel Garcia and James Tate.*



## St Mary's Ladies Guild

Despite the ominous forecasts of wet and windy weather, the intrepid Guild members and their friends ventured out on their annual outing, to visit the Cotswolds.

The coffee stop was at Yarnton Garden and Antique Center, where most of the ladies would happily have spent the whole day but they had to move on to Broadway, for shopping and lunch.

On boarding the coach for Bourton on the Water, the heavens opened and once there, all that could be had was a quick cup of tea.

June Thorne was thanked by Deirdrea on behalf of everyone, for arranging such a lovely outing and for providing wine, biscuits and sweets on the way home.

The singing, (to the new cd purchased that day) and given to the driver to play on the way home, provided much hilarity and members are now known as the 'Black eyed Peas'

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For those in need of a summer time pick-me-up there is **Mamma Mia (PG)**, which tells the tale of one girl's search for her long lost father in the lead up to her wedding. Starring Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan, the mayhem unfolds to ABBA soundtracks and is guaranteed to get your toes tapping.

If a nostalgic classic is what you're after, try the ultimate 'girl meets boy' in **Grease (PG)** and get the hair gel and pink jackets at the ready. John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John entertain with this timeless classic filled with hit songs to excite all the family.

Lastly, let the 80s return and the testosterone fly with **Top Gun (15)** and see Tom Cruise at his fighting best. Maverick (Tom Cruise) and Iceman (Val Kilmer) take to the sky to prove that they have what it takes to be the best in this action favourite.

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## 'Churches Together' Hymns on the Green

Back by popular demand: 'Churches Together' Hymns on the Green will this year take place on Sunday 12th September at 4pm on Edlesborough Green. We hope to again give an enthusiastic rendition of some popular hymns led by the Salvation Army band with Edlesborough Methodist providing cups of tea afterwards. Please join us as we 'sing joyfully to the Lord.' See separate advertisement for more details and if you would like a copy of this as an A4 poster for your window or board please contact 01525 373106.



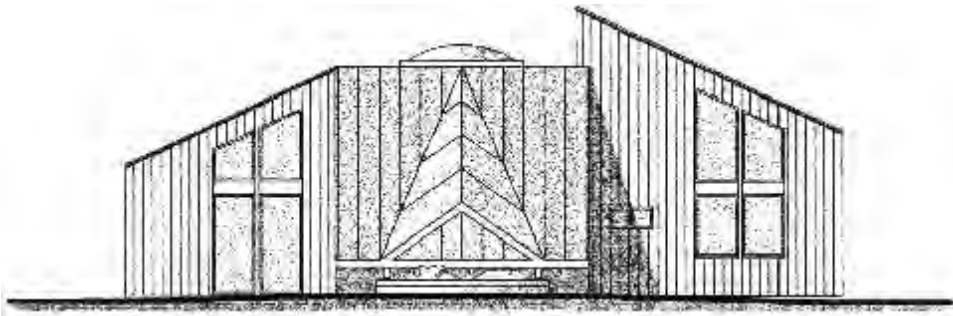
# Eaton Bray Lower School

## TOP MARKS!

*The opening paragraph from the OfSTED inspection report, after their October 2007 visit, said this about EBLs:*

"Eaton Bray Lower is an outstanding school. It modestly evaluates itself as good with some outstanding areas, but it is better than this. Its self-evaluation is correct in identifying strengths and areas for development. It provides an outstanding quality of education and care for its pupils and excellent value for money. Staff work exceptionally well in partnership with parents and the community for the benefit of all pupils. Pupils' enjoyment of school is impressive. The supportive parents are delighted with all aspects of its provision. Leadership and management are outstanding. The headteacher's vision for a school at the heart of its community is shared by the highly committed staff and excellent governors. This is set to become more firmly realised with the building of a new nursery with facilities for the local community and visiting professional from children's services."

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## Edlesborough Book Group

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne  
And



The Snow Goose by Paul Gallico

This month, at the suggestion of one of our members, we read two books with a similar theme, that of the effect of war on innocence. We thought this would stimulate an interesting discussion and this proved to be the case.

The story of “The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas” is told by Bruno, a nine year old boy living a sheltered life in Berlin with his parents and older sister. His parents are well off and they live in a large house with servants. Bruno has school friends and his life generally is comfortable and unrestricted. He is blissfully unaware of the war and of his father’s part in it, apart from the fact that he wears an impressive uniform.

Bruno’s life changes radically, when he is told that his father has an important new position and they are moving to the country. On arrival, he is shocked to find a much smaller house to live in and much less freedom. However, a combination of curiosity and boredom leads him to explore his surroundings. Notably, the curious buildings beyond a high wire fence he can just see from his bedroom window. Every day he walks to the boundary of the fence and one day encounters Shmuel, the boy wearing the strange striped pyjamas that everyone seems to wear beyond the fence. A friendship forms between the two boys despite the differences in their upbringing and circumstances. The narrative as seen from Bruno’s eyes is compelling and his story stays with you long after the book is put aside.

“The Snow Goose” is a gentle, beautifully written novella. It was written during World War Two and concerns an artist, Philip Rhayader. He is physically handicapped and lives a reclusive life in an abandoned lighthouse on the Essex marshes. One day a young girl brings an injured snow goose to him. It has been wounded during its migratory flight and is close to death, however Philip and the young girl, Fritha, restore the bird to health and release it back to the wild. A friendship is formed between the lonely girl and the hermit-like artist and over the years she helps him with his birds and the snow goose returns each year to visit them. When a call comes to help rescue the stranded battalions at Dunkirk, Philip puts to sea in his small boat. Fritha waits for his return, realising that she loves him. The descriptive passages in this tiny book are perfect and the atmosphere it creates is wonderful. We were unanimous in recommending both books as rewarding reads, both books we would read again and pass on to our children.

## Come Dine for Sue

A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously in our Come Dine for Sue events in aid of Iain Rennie.

Edna Moore would particularly like to thank all those who attended her afternoon tea for Sue, which raised £650.

The project, which started in March at a 60th birthday party, came to a close on Sunday 11th July with a barbecue at the home of Ken Coates and Beryl Bishop. In all we hope to have raised in excess of £3000 , all of which will go to our wonderful local cancer charity.

Roy Simmons and all his friends

## Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Vicar: The Revd Roger Chapman

Pastoral Matters: The Revd John Heffer, 35 Pebblemoor, Edlesborough (220618)

Associate Minister: Revd Canon Christine Farrington 01582 793409

Church Wardens: Graham Mockett (01582 668210) and Peter Bennett (221284)

Carnival Day may seem a lifetime ago, but my house today (7 July) has Carnival equipment to be put away and washing up from the Tea Tent still to be done. I have a long list of Carnival jobs, so please forgive the Carnival related theme of this article.

I wrote, in June, about my hopes for my grand-daughter and observed that, whilst the life we have been given is a wonderful gift, it is one that flies by all too quickly. That thought has been with me since, and it came to mind on Carnival Day. This year was my 22nd on the Carnival Committee and I realised that I have been 'doing' Carnival for more years than many of the youngsters who helped on the Green have been alive. Some I knew as new born babies - like my grand-daughter - yet, in what seems like only a moment, they have grown up before my eyes, becoming confident young adults capable of challenging and demanding jobs. It is so easy for us oldies to worry what will happen when we retire – well, on the evidence I saw on Carnival Day, I believe there are young people in our village community who will be entirely capable of building on what has been created.

Carnival, for me, is often about individual stories: A young teenager asked if she could help in the Tea Tent. I put her on the rota not even sure that she would turn up; but I saw her blossom on Carnival Day as a confident, smiling, enthusiastic adult – the classic fairytale story of the frog who turned into a Prince or, in this case, a Princess. Two young men behaved like superheroes, helping out all day, everywhere, wherever help was needed, and young girls worked all day, with a smile, at a hot BBQ.

Near the end of a long and tiring day it was a joy to see so many youngsters grab black sacks and help clear the Green of litter – we always try to leave it cleaner than we find it. To them, and to all who helped, my thanks along with those of the Parish Council, who wrote "Very many congratulations .... for tidying up the Green so efficiently; just a few hours after you would not have thought anything had been happening on the Green."

And when most people had gone, there remained a substantial pile of rubbish in front of the pavilion to be put in the skip. This has happened before and we have asked for help from teenage boys having a kick around. Usually they (very) rudely decline our request, and it is left to weary bodies to make one final effort. But this year the youngsters helped and the rubbish was quickly cleared.

Finally, on Carnival Day we had a considerable amount of 'found' property handed in by young people, some of which contained substantial sums of cash. Well done and thank you to all those honest youngsters.

I give thanks that God has showered us with so many blessings on Carnival Day, and pray especially for the coming generation who will pick up the baton from the present Carnival Committee. If you would like to help in any way next year please get in touch with me (Tel: 220136).

Gordon, Reader at St Mary's Eaton Bray

## Services at St Mary's Church

**SUNDAYS :**

**8.00am** HOLY COMMUNION

**10.00am** PARISH SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

**On Third Sunday of each month:**

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

**WEEK-DAYS :**

**Tuesday:** **2.00pm** Toddlers' Church (2nd Tuesday)

**Wednesday:** **10.00am** Holy Communion

*EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES*

## What's Next

### August

Cut back lavender

Take cuttings of lavender, sage, Rosemary and curry plants

Long side shoots of apple trees can be cut back

Remove rose suckers that appear round the base and take cuttings

Make compost from all your garden waste turning every two weeks with a fork

Prune laurel hedges and wisteria

Supplied by Sally, Millside Nursery, Harling Road, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, LU6 1QZ

Take cuttings of fuchsias

### September

Set sweet pea seeds in the greenhouse for early summer flowers next year. Now is the time to plant spring bulbs, daffodils, crocuses etc.

Harvest apples and blackberries for homemade pies and jams

Keep bird feeders and bird baths topped up



## EDaN Beautification Team Update

We hope that by the time you read this, all the village planters will be looking beautiful and not all shrivelled up with the heat and drought! If you see a poorly-looking planter near you – PLEASE water it. They're there for your pleasure.

After amazing you with the Firewalk and delighting you with Mayday, our next fund-raising event is **Halloween on the Green**. This will be a spooky spectacular

for children and adults of all ages on Edlesborough Village Green on Saturday evening 30th October. We will be giving prizes for the scariest boy and girl and running lots of games, plus various stalls and BBQ. As last year, we will be having a "Best Dressed Guy" competition and these will be anchored in the hedge along the high street for judging early evening.

Please keep this date in your diaries and join in the fun.



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# Edlesborough Parish Council News

## including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

### **Village Freighter**

A reminder of dates for later in the year are:

Edlesborough Tues 23rd Nov 7.30am – 11.00am in the Memorial Hall car park

Dagnall Thurs 18th Nov 7.30am – 11.00am in Dagnall Village Hall car park

Northall Wed 24th Nov 12noon – 3.30pm in Northall Village Hall car park

### **Dates of Parish Council Meetings**

Parish Council and General Purpose Committee Meetings will not be held in August.

The next GPC meeting takes place on Wednesday 1st September and the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 16th September.

### **Memorial Hall**

Following the re-decoration of the main hall hirers will be requested not to put any drawing pins or adhesive fixings on the walls.

### **Memorial Hall & Pavilion Car Parks**

A meeting has taken place regarding the feasibility of installing CCTV cameras in the Pavilion car park positioned so that they do not intrude on neighbouring properties. CCTV cameras will be considered for the Memorial Hall car park in due course.

### **Edlesborough Pavilion**

Parishioners are urgently requested to contact Cllr David Brown regarding feedback to the Questionnaires handed out at the Carnival and also given to all Sports Clubs who currently use the building in order that the Parish Council may consider what decisions need to be discussed.

### **Allotments**

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that during the recent very dry weather conditions some tenants have been seen using hoses and sprinklers and it would remind tenants of clause n) in the Tenancy Agreement which reads: **‘The Tenants shall not use a hosepipe or sprinkler on the Allotment’.**

### **Edlesborough Parish Council and EDaN**

A very informative presentation has been given to the Parish Council by members of the EDaN steering group, who continue to work towards achieving many topics of concern to the Parish.

### **Road Safety**

The Parish Council will be liaising with Edlesborough School regarding various issues of road safety particularly the parking problems in the High Street and Peblemoor.

### **Litter Bins**

It is proposed that additional larger litter bins will be placed on the verges outside the Green to replace the smaller bins currently situated on the Green, which will be emptied by AVDC and reduce the need for volunteers.

### **Dagnall**

The Parish Council are waiting to hear from Tesco Insurers regarding a claim for the damage streetlight.

### **Northall/Edlesborough**

The request for clearing footpaths in Northall and between Northall and Edlesborough

has again been brought to the attention of Bucks CC and this will be carried out as soon as conveniently possible.

### **South End Lane & Chapel Lane, Northall**

Work has at last commenced on forming the footpaths and roadworks in South End Lane and the Parish Council will ensure that these are carried out as originally intended. Large pot holes in Chapel Lane have been reported for urgent repair.

**Thames Valley Police** will be attending Parish Council meetings once a quarter commencing at the October meeting, when parishioners are very welcome to attend to put any concerns they may have to the Police.

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

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

Website: www.edlesborough.gov.uk

Edlesborough Memorial Hall Booking Secretary:

Beverly Sage – Tel: 01525 229509

**Edlesborough  
Parish Council Meetings**  
3rd Thursday monthly  
7.30pm Memorial Hall  
Next meeting: Thurs 16 Sep  
There is no meeting in August

## **Safe and Secure Summer Home**

Summer is finally here and whether you are planning a get away in the sun or you're simply out to do a spot of gardening, it is important to keep your home safe and secure. Whilst Aylesbury Vale has one of the lowest rates of burglary in the entire Thames Valley area, the summer months typically lead to increased opportunities. The majority of burglaries are opportunistic and take place when a house is empty or when doors and windows are left insecure, even if you're at home and as close as the garden.

Aylesbury Vale District Council and Thames Valley Police are working in partnership to keep burglary low over the summer months and asking residents to follow the home security tips below:

- Remember to close and lock your doors and windows, whether you are just in the garden or in your home.
- Ensure your home looks occupied even when you're away – for example, use timer switches with lights, cancel milk or mow the lawn before you go.
- Mark belongings visibly and permanently with your house number and postcode using a UV marker pen.
- Remove all valuables from view. If you normally leave a valuable bicycle in a shed, consider securing it in the house. Similarly, ensure tools in your shed are out of sight and secure.
- Get help from your neighbours – you could ask them to collect post, open and close curtains or park in your driveway.

For further home safety advice please contact Thames Valley Police on 0845 8 505505 or visit <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev/crprev-home.htm>

**For a free UV property marking kit**, please call into Customer Services at Aylesbury Vale District Council, 66 High Street, Aylesbury or visit the AVDC desk at the Buckingham Centre, Verney Close, Buckingham.

If you are unable to travel due to a disability, please contact the Council on 01296 585061 and we can arrange to post the item.

Council and Police working together to reduce crime and disorder.



## The Dagnall Day @ The Park – Reflections on The Event

The Dagnall Fete had been an annual village event and the planning and day ran smoothly each year, after many years of practice and experience of getting it right.

This year, however, after a successful ‘Day at the Races’ held in 2009, and a consultation session with the Village, we wanted to repeat the most popular aspects of the ‘Race Day’ as well as create a new approach that everyone would enjoy. This would take us out of our comfort zone as the organising committee.

At the first planning meeting, at the end of January (remember the snow!), we quickly agreed that the purpose of the day would be

- Keep the event close/tight on the recreation ground (keep people together, not too spread out)
- Invite the other community groups to be involved (choir, playgroup, over 60’s, Church, School and Gardener’s society).
- Focus the day on tournaments/sports/competition
- Have free ‘side’ activities
- Repeat the ‘high fund raising’ activities of previous years

We also agreed that the following would benefit from any funds raised:

- 40% Iain Rennie (who have had an impact on so many people in Dagnall)
- 60% divided between the church, playgroup, village hall and school

These were the easy decisions! After that, we were working with a new format, little history of what worked and what didn’t, but also a willing set of minds to create a fun day that the village would enjoy. Over eleven meetings and five months and many times when we had to remind ourselves of the purpose (see above), we were ready for the ‘Dagnall Day @ the Park’. Our final meeting (two days before) saw us creating a contingency plan for the BBQ/Hog Roast – we had expected to sell 150 tickets and in fact had sold 250! We also discovered that we did not have a band for the evening due to unforeseen circumstances. With some head scratching and relying on support from many people in the village (e.g. making large bowls of salad and hundreds of jacket potatoes), Saturday 19 June dawned.

Unfortunately, the weather was unkind to us (although not raining), the temperature dropped to 15°C with a biting wind. Despite this, we had six great Village teams who entered the competition (10 members per team, mixed ages and genders), with a really high standard of entry (we asked for a decorated wheelbarrow, in some cases, they were like small mobile homes!). John Bercow opened the day for us and noticed straight away that the format was different, in a good way.

The team games provided the entertainment, with a mixture of intense competition and good fun. One of the games involved searching for puzzle pieces in jelly and then flour, no hands! Due to the cold weather, we decided not to have the teams run through the paddling pool of water however, they were not so soft – after the water balloon game had finished, they threw water bombs at each other and any of the audience that got too close! The winning team, Team Taylor, were presented with a cup.

The lovely ladies from Dagnall Church provided tea and cakes (free except for a donation), there were free bouncy castles, a plant sale by Dagnall Gardeners Society, a duck shoot, a play area (with free face painting) provided by Dagnall Playgroup and Under 5’s and the new swings in the playground area had been installed. The children



had a great time with the freedom to run around safely.

In addition, we had displays from Tae Kwon Do, Playgroup and Dagnall School. The Dagnall Community Choir did a fantastic repertoire and made us really proud that this is a part of our village. The Day @ the Park continued with a Hog Roast and BBQ (helped to warm us up!) and a band who entertained us into the evening. Fund raising activities included a beer tent, silent auction, prize draw and sponsorship.

We are due to have a meeting to discuss the day and feedback from those who attended – please email [sjquinn@aol.com](mailto:sjquinn@aol.com) if you have any comments. We will report the final total funds raised in the next edition of Focus. There were too many people involved to thank everyone personally, but that is what we had intended – a truly Community day.  
Fete Committee Secretary

## Table Corner – Summer Bites!

First of all, I would like to thank all of you who came to the Edlesborough Carnival either to bring a recipe or simply to say hello. It was wonderful meeting so many people from near (and some visitors from as far away as Norfolk) and I hope that you all had as good a day as we did. The Carnival Recipe book is now under way....

This August and September edition gives me the opportunity to share one of my favourite items for any party at this time of year: mini skewers! Non-meat ones, too. When you have a lavish party with starters, main course and desserts, and want to provide an appetizer with that little bit of a difference, then mini skewers are the answer as they are simple, light and wholesome.

At the top of my list are these three:

Melon and watermelon

King prawn, mango and cherry tomato

Berries and grilled cheese



### **Melon and watermelon skewers –**

Carve melon and watermelon into balls – easiest done with a melon-ball scooper. Thread them in fours or fives on skewers, alternating colours for best effect. Refrigerate for half an hour. Splash a drizzle of port on them, followed by a little chopped fresh mint. Serve immediately.

### **King prawn, mango and cherry tomato skewers -**

Fry your king prawns lightly, and only for a minute or two at most, in olive oil and add a little salt. Leave to cool. Peel and cube the mango – the mango can be peeled if you score the skin into segments with a sharp knife-point first, and the cubes will probably be more like squared slices depending on the variety you are able to buy. Slice your cherry tomatoes into halves. Thread them on a skewer as above, alternating cherry tomato, prawn and mango.

### **Berries and grilled cheese skewers -**

The tartness of raspberries and the sweetness of cape gooseberries pair fantastically well with haloumi cheese. For this skewer, simply thread first a cape gooseberry, then a raspberry followed by a piece of grilled haloumi. For extra decadence, you could even drizzle honey!

Bon appétit!

Pascale, The Little Dagnall Catering Company, [www.dagnallcatering.co.uk](http://www.dagnallcatering.co.uk), 01442 842 857



# St Mary's Village Carnival 2010

[www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com](http://www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com)

Congratulations to you all – on perhaps the most pleasant day for over a month Carnival took place once again. And what a fantastic day it was. So this article is all about saying ‘thank you’ and identifying prize-winners.

First I want to say ‘Thank you’ to the group of people who probably had the most influence on the amount of money we raised on the day – that’s right, the England football team for their abysmal performance against Germany. If they had won, England’s next match would have started at 3pm on Carnival Day and Edlesborough Green would have been empty. Instead, we had bigger crowds than ever before and, if you don’t believe me, go and have a look at the time lapse film of the event on the Carnival website, [www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com](http://www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com).

Every year the community element of the event grows stronger. It was tremendously reassuring to hear from people who have recently moved to the village that their neighbours were encouraging them to put up bunting. In fact, this year, more houses than ever were decorated with bunting, or balloons, or in line with our theme. I hope as many of you as possible walked around the village to admire their work. The well deserved winners of cups donated by Edlesborough Autos for the Best Dressed Houses were: 9, High Street, Eaton Bray and 44 & 46 High Street, Edlesborough.

What a difference dressing up the houses makes, especially for the many youngsters who ride on the floats; the atmosphere in the village is tremendous. The winners for the procession were:

- Schools – Eaton Bray Lower School
- Uniformed: 2nd Eaton Bray Brownies
- Adults: Janes

While I’m dealing with community issues I should thank both Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Parish Councils, without whose support we could not contemplate such an ambitious event, both Thames



Valley and Bedfordshire Police (who this year had to deal with just one incident on the Green) and the Dacorum Probation Service, who brought along a team of people undertaking Community Service – they worked really hard during the morning helping to set everything up.

But community is also about families, individuals, businesses and local organisations. Special thanks go to the many, very supportive businesses in our community - you’ve probably heard me talk about them on the Green. They support us, please go out and support them rather than go outside the village to some faceless national or international company that really won’t provide the same level of service as you will get here. Special thanks must go to Appledown, Buckingham Colour Quest, Buds of

May, Densons, DriveStyle, Edlesborough Autos, Eggington Dairy, Hawkins, High Street Hair, Janes, Kelly Bronze Turkeys, NMJ, RW Stokely, and Vernons. All these local businesses made major contributions to the success of our Carnival.

But then so did everyone who donated prizes, manned stalls or car parking, moved equipment, brought your prize vehicle for others to see, lent equipment, supplied milk, advertised in the Carnival Programme, gave up your time, publicised the event to friends and relatives, donated items to sell or simply came along and had a lovely afternoon out. In addition, I would like to say a personal thank you to the residents of Northall who gave me such a warm welcome when I was collecting in the weeks leading up to Carnival. I'm afraid only one of the tickets purchased from me won a prize.

But, when all is said and done, the event which is one of the largest of its kind anywhere in the country, wouldn't take place without an outstanding Carnival Committee: Peter Arnold, Chris Banks, Sheila Banks, Roger Cook, Richard Evans, Pete Farrar, Pauline Glenn, Theo Gray, Bernadette Hillman, Ann Lee, Norman Lee, Mark Saccoccio, Rebecca Shaw, Peter Thomas, Roger Wilkinson. They are towers of strength to whom I am immensely grateful - our visitors all tell us it is one of the best organised events they attend and that is down to these people. Sadly Ann Lee is retiring this year having organised the Grand Draw for 20 years during which time the Draw has raised £35,000 – congratulations and thanks to Ann.

Well, I've tried to be as inclusive as possible with my thanks but, if you think I've missed you out, my grateful thanks to you for your contribution to our Carnival.

Now there's still the question of who won some of the star prizes:

- The winner of the weekend for two in Rome, kindly donated by the Quirinale Hotel in Rome, was Susan Stallard
- The winner of £225 on Clarabelle was Mick Beale
- The winner of the Chainsaw Carving was Irene Mason

So how much money did the event raise? Well who can tell, the *Carnival Committee's contribution* will almost certainly not be less than last year's record sum of £12,800 – all of which will flow back to the local community. But so many local organisations had stalls on the Green and they all raised money for themselves, so I can only guess that because of our Carnival at least £30,000 will flow back into this community – that is wonderful. We'll update the website with the *Carnival Committee's total*; you will also find more information and photos; and if your organisation could benefit from a donation then do contact me via the website.

So that's nearly Carnival finished for another year, but, of course, we are already planning for next year when we will meet once again on Edlesborough Green on the first Saturday in July, that's 2nd July 2011, when our theme will be 'Pirates'.

And we need your inputs as usual: Can you suggest a local, principal charity we can support? Can you offer ideas for new stalls for us to try out next year? Can you offer prizes for our Grand Draw? Can we help promote your business some way through its involvement with Carnival? Can you offer your help? Could you contribute to our Carnival Committee? If you can answer 'Yes' to any/all of these please get in touch with me, Gordon Gray, on 220136, and thank you all once again.

Carnival photos on page 68 & 69

## Grand Draw 2010

|      |                                      |                  |
|------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1st  | WEEKEND IN ROME                      | Susan Stallard   |
| 2nd  | VISIT TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT        | Lauren Mitchell  |
| 3rd  | GOLF FOR FOUR AT MENTMORE GOLF CLUB  | Lynne Greenow    |
| 4th  | FAMILY TICKET TO FIVE ROYAL PALACES  | Jane Clark       |
| 5th  | TEETH WHITENING                      | Peter Bennett    |
| 6th  | GOLF FOR FOUR AT DUNSTABLE GOLF CLUB | Mr. Brooks       |
| 7th  | GLIDER FLIGHT                        | Mrs Pala         |
| 8th  | CASE OF WINE                         | C. Hardy         |
| 9th  | MEAL VOUCHER                         | Mr. Bonfield     |
| 10th | MEAL VOUCHER                         | Heather Graham   |
| 11th | ORNAMENTAL TREE                      | Kirsty Walker    |
| 12th | MEAL VOUCHER                         | Marjorie Mann    |
| 13th | GREETING CARDS VOUCHER               | Graham Chappell  |
| 14th | FAMILY TICKET                        | Mrs. Forsyth     |
| 15th | MEAL VOUCHER                         | John Sagan       |
| 16th | 'HAIR-DO'                            | Marion Higley    |
| 17th | MEAL VOUCHER                         | Janine Henderson |
| 18th | WINE AND GLASSES                     | Karen Mustoe     |
| 19th | MEAT VOUCHER                         | Christine Rogers |
| 20th | LEISURE PASSES                       | Eleanor          |
| 21st | HAIR VOUCHER AND PRODUCTS            | Mrs. E. Tobin    |
| 22nd | FISHING AT WATERMEAD                 | Estelle Marshall |
| 23rd | HARPER'S VOUCHER                     | George Sharratt  |

I have now fulfilled an ambition to run the Grand Draw for twenty years, and so, this was my last year. My thanks go to all those people who sold so many tickets, and particularly to those (and there are many of them) who have supported me throughout the twenty year period - please support my successor. Thank you again to my family, Norman, Gaynor and Ellie for their help on our 'inventions' stall. Ann Lee

## Grand St Mary's Duck Race

Saturday 10th July 2010

As the sun came up on a glorious July day, and the weather forecasters predicted temperatures in the 80's there was one small group cursing the weather, yes the Canadian Duck specialist racing team had been preparing for months for a typical English summer – wind, rain and cold - and their tactical planning was now wasted! Indeed as the ducks gathered in the pit lanes and had their final team briefings, Team Canada was missing completely and only arrived at the start line with seconds to go – and the Siberian team were looking distinctly unhappy about the high temperatures, the rumours amongst the international media was that they had been hoping for ice on the Ouzel.



Despite these last minute hitches for some racers the rest of the highly trained athlete ducks were straining for the starters gun. As the 1pm start approached the large crowd counted down and suddenly more than 200 ducks were off!

The race went against expected form with number 124 taking an early lead – bookies

had a momentary panic given the pre-race odds on 124 were 124/1!! But they needn't have worried, after the initial surge 124 dropped back into the pack while 65 and 143 began to make a decisive break away from the field.

These pre-race favourites took the race by storm from here on building a five length lead by the "crayfish chicane" which grew to 12 lengths in the fast current past the reeds at the race mid-point. It was fast becoming a two duck race – until disaster struck for 65 when a floating leaf knocked it off it's previously clinical racing line.

Number 143 took full advantage and by the final straight past the "tombstones" she had a clear and insurmountable lead – the final winning margin was a duck race record at 10 lengths (although they are tiny ducks so ten lengths is only 18 inches).

Duck 65 came in a creditable second holding off a late sprint from the early leader 124. The cheers of the crowd were still ringing around the riverbank as the last duck limped in – number 113 brought up the rear and will soon be taking up a new career in Aylesbury!

The winning duck earned £33 each for his two owners – while the owners of the runner-up each got £22! Even the third-place duck earned £11 each for it's two owners. Most importantly though, the race earned over £300 for the Carnival charities – so thanks to everyone who bought a duck or sold on the races behalf – including Cheeky Monkeys and Janes. Thanks also to Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board for preparing the river.

The results are:

| Prizes           | Duck | Winnings | Owner                             |
|------------------|------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Winner 15%       | 143  | £33 each | Vicky Lawes and Devon Brown       |
| Second prize 10% | 65   | £22 each | Stephen Fletcher and Judi Flitton |
| Third prize 5%   | 124  | £11 each | Andrew Brierley and Gary Freeman  |

## Next Stop? The Quiz Saturday October 23rd

Yes indeed that is the next event that we are organising with our partners Eaton Bray Tennis Club. So with Focus taking its very well deserved rest for the month of September, I know I have to get this invitation in this month. So come along to the Quiz on Saturday October 23rd 2010 in The Village Hall at 7.00 for 7.30.

We will not be changing the format as everybody seems to love the way it is now but if there is anything you would like us to do then just give me a ring and we will see if we can accommodate you.

Keith Blackburn has cancelled his summer holiday so he can concentrate on coming up with terribly hard questions, e.g. Who did England beat in the World Cup? Where was the longest ever tennis match, played? You see now how hard it is to get the balance right and we really appreciate all Keith's efforts.

Tickets are just £8 and teams of up to 8 are welcome or we can easily mix you in with some like minded (and possibly intelligent people) to make up a team.

The hall goes from strength to strength and we are continuing to look at ways to sort out the carpark but it is difficult to get outside funds for this, so we may have to raise all the money ourselves, another good reason to test your skills at the Quiz.

Have a good summer and see you in October's edition.

Ross 221411

# EB LIONS AFC – THE Village Football Club

## Season 2010 - 11

After another great season's football, spoiled only by a poor World Cup, our fantastic boys and girls are looking forward to playing again in an exciting new season, whether they be our newest U5's or our oldest U17's! There is a real and strong demand for village based football now, where the skill levels, coaching and development of players and teams is among the best in the county. This coming season we have almost 20 teams (yes 20!! – that's almost 250 children playing team sport in our villages every week, where almost 95% come from in and around Edlesborough/Eaton Bray/Northall and Dagnall) including several brand new teams;-



UNDER 10 GIRLS - a brand new team coached by Michelle Ferguson, who has just passed her FA Level 1 coaching badge. Huge demand for places and a team formed of keen and skilful girls, who start competitive matches in September in the Chiltern Junior Sevens U10 Girls division.

UNDER 7's - two teams of players who have trained in our nursery team for several years, now ready to play match football in September in their first season proper. Tim Summers and Clair Swales will coach and manage our U7's Reds, whilst Paul Young and Jim Gregory are leading the other U7's team.

### **New Players**

Whilst we have clearly been hugely successful in stimulating demand and our teams are all of a good size and standard, we do have a small number of opportunities still available in certain age groups/teams and these are summarised in our advert in this month's Focus overleaf.

We are keen to attract new players for the following teams;-

- (i) **Boys YEAR 4** – 2 new players to join our U10 Whites for 2010-11.
  - (ii) **Boys YEAR 7** – 2 new players to join our U12's 11 a side team for 2010-11
- We would particularly like to hear from you if you fall into these age bands – but indeed from anyone who has a son or daughter of any age who wants to play competitive football for their village club please email us at [enquiries@eblions.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eblions.co.uk)

### **Award Winning Club**

In addition to another fantastic year of achievement throughout the club on the field of play, EB Lions AFC has just collected its highest award ever at The Bedfordshire Football Association annual FA Charter Standard Club awards.

The club has been recognised as Bedfordshire's FA Charter Standard Community Club of the Year – in other words the best well run club in the whole County and just one of 8 Charter Standard Community Clubs, who lead the way in developing the grassroots game for the other 100 + junior football clubs in the County.

This comes on top of winning the Charter Standard Development Club of the Year only two seasons ago and only reaching Community status back in September 2009. Again, this is a wonderful acknowledgment and recognition of everything that absolutely everyone involved in the Club contributes from Committee to coaches, to players and to parents together with all the people that support the club such as the Schools and Parish Councils.

## Reception Class – September 2010

We start football earlier than many clubs in our Nursery and are creating a new training squad of boys and girls at our nursery entry age level of Under 5's, where we will hold regular sessions to gently introduce them to football in a structured, team environment. If your son or daughter is starting school this Summer – Reception class 2010-11 – please pre-register with us at enquiries@eblions.co.uk

### Sponsors

Finally we are delighted to have sponsors for all our teams this Summer, including;- CAFE MASALA – who are sponsoring our U10 Blues squad next season and also the year after which will be their first 11 a side season. Our thanks to Taraque and his staff. 01525 222264

ROBINSONS ESTATE AGENTS – who have kindly agreed to support our Under 9's again, as they have from when the team formed at Under 7, for another two seasons. www.robinsons-estates.co.uk

Despite the disappointment of our World Cup, our boys and girls are really looking forward to September and representing our villages in an exciting new season full of hope, promise and intrigue.

E B Lions AFC

## All Saints, Dagnall - Services in Aug 2010

|                |          |                                     |
|----------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Sun. 1st Aug.  | 9.00 am  | Eucharist                           |
|                | 10.30 am | Morning Service                     |
|                | 6.00 pm  | Evening Service with Holy Communion |
| Sun. 8th Aug.  | 6.00 pm  | Sung Eucharist                      |
| Sun. 15th Aug. | 10.30 am | Family Communion                    |
|                | 6.00 pm  | Evening Service                     |
| Sun. 22nd Aug. | 10.30 am | Family Service                      |
|                | 6.00 pm  | Eucharist                           |
| Sun 29th Aug.  | 10.30 am | Informal Worship                    |

Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am  
For services in September, see Church notice board



## Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club

Many thanks to you all who came to support us on the Green at the Carnival and helped us to raise nearly £300 for our club funds. The members very much appreciate all the efforts that go in to keeping the club running for them.

After the excitement of our visit to Woburn early in June, we have also enjoyed a wonderful garden party in Ashridge, and are looking forward to a visit to Dagnall School to see the children dance and sample some more delicious cakes! There is a theme to most of our fun which seems to be food!! No wonder we are still welcoming new members . . . . but we still have a couple of places spare if you know of anyone who would benefit from some company and laughter, please contact Anna (221996) or Julie (220153) and we shall be happy to invite you along to see us.

## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

After much discussion we are to continue with our monthly pattern of Sunday morning Service's.

Week 1. Traditional Worship.

Week 2. Cafe Worship.

Week 3. Communion Service.

Week 4. All age Worship.

Week 5. United Service. (Where applicable.)

Our Services start at 10.30am except Cafe Worship when you are invited to join us from 10.15am for coffee.

Our Saturday Cafe Community on the 2nd Saturday of each month is also to continue with a few slight changes. The time will now be from 11.00am until 1.00pm and we are to serve coffee and biscuits and light lunches. (The very popular B.L.T. will still be available!) Each month will have a theme and a fun quiz for anyone that wants to take part and the Live Music will be replaced by background music.

As before we are not making any charge for the refreshments but we are to have a "Charity of the Month" where you are invited to make a donation should you choose to do so.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11th. from 11.00am to 1.00pm. The Theme is Harvest; who reaps what's sown? Charity of the month; West Africa Famine.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9th. from 11.00am to 1.00pm. The Theme is Are saints a trick or a treat? Charity of the month; Albatross protection.

We promise a warm welcome, come along and catch-up with old friends and make some new ones too.

## Trap for a Lonely Man

Directed by Ann Kempster

Daniel Corban has reported his wife missing to the police. Following a whirlwind romance, they had been married for only three months, honeymooned in Venice, and then rented a chalet in the French Alps for an extra holiday. A couple of days after their arrival, they had an argument and Elizabeth Corban walked out. However, two weeks after her disappearance Daniel is visited by the local priest who claims he has found Madam Corban not only well but also repentant for running out on him. But, when she enters the chalet, Daniel is outraged to discover that she is not Madam Corban, though she insists she is. Is Daniel suffering from memory loss, going mad or is he the victim of an elaborate confidence trick...

Just who is telling the truth and to what lengths can a person go to distort the facts?

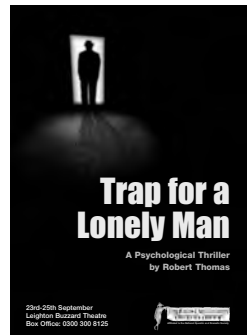
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## The Salvation Army Annual Appeal

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Many Salvation Army corps run a parent-and-toddler club with playgroups and other activities for children.

The Salvation Army is also there to help people who choose to live rough on the streets. It is part of The Salvation Army's mission to care for these people by giving them soup, food, clothes and sleeping bags. Over 2,000 people are supported each week in the UK cities.

We never know when the next cry for help will come but we know that with our love and your support, people can and do turn their lives around. Our love is freely given but our services cost money to keep them going. That is why The Salvation Army Belief in Action Annual Appeal and your contribution towards it are so important to us. So please give generously when the envelope comes through your door. These will be collected by your local Salvation Army in Eaton Bray, Booth Place. Volunteers may also collect with official boxes. All our volunteers will have ID badges.

Thank you and may God Bless you. Captain Ray Charlton.



### Edlesborough Under 5's

|                                         |                            |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Monday - Friday Morning</b>          | <b>9.10 am - 12.10 pm</b>  |
| <b>Lunch Clubs</b>                      | <b>12.10 pm - 12.45 pm</b> |
| <b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday afternoon</b> | <b>12.45 pm - 3.15 pm</b>  |

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These are just a few of the comments made in our fifth OFSTED Report (March 2008 - available via our website). The report reflects the high quality of learning on offer to all children at Edlesborough Under 5's and highlighted the quality of teaching by the staff. **If you would like to pop in for a look around, please phone Tina McKay on 07854 939226 between 9am - 12 noon, to arrange an appointment. A warm welcome awaits you.**

**For registration details, please phone Sue Pickering on 01525 222199**

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**Eaton Bray Lower School Home School Association**

## Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Eaton Bray Lower School Summer Fayre in June – you really helped us make the event a success.



We would also like to thank local companies who very kindly supported us or donated prizes including; Patricia's Cuisine, Pinstripes, London Gliding Club, Mead Open Farm, Planet Ice, GoBowling, Trading Faces, Jo Ann Latus School of Dance, Luton Town FC, High Street Hair, D & E Hines Butchers, Eaton Bray News, Food and Wine and Five Bells at Stanbridge.

## Dunstable Downs Rotary Club

Members of the Club would like to thank all those villagers who supported our tombola stall at St Mary's Carnival and Fete last Saturday. A magnificent £600 was raised and never before have we seen queues of people waiting patiently to purchase their tickets! We would like to assure all those who supported us that the funds raised will be used to support local good causes, particularly Weatherfield Special School in Dunstable. Ten Club members recently helped with Macmillan Cancer Support's tin shake in Dunstable when £1150 was raised in a single day.

Our next local event will be a quiz evening on Saturday 9 October at Edlesborough Memorial Hall. We hope that this will be as successful as our previous three quizzes which in total raised almost £2000. Watch out for further details in the next edition of Focus.

Club membership continues to grow and we now have 22 members with several more in the pipeline. If anybody is interested in learning about Rotary and would like to join us at one of our informal weekly meetings please call Malcolm Partridge on 01525 220018 or 07768 415605.



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## Highlights of the meeting for Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held in the Coffee Tavern on Monday 5th July 2010 at 7:30pm

### CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE REPRESENTATIVE/S

Ward Cllrs Marion Mustoe and Ken Janes attended the meeting. Many residents are very concerned with the development of the Five Bells. It was felt that for the size of plot, five detached homes were inappropriate and encroaches on to common land. The Parish Council recommended that a site visit from Central Beds Council be made to the development site.

### POLICE REPORT

There were 13 recorded crimes in Eaton Bray within June.

Nuisance Behaviour: The police have increased High Visibility policing for the area as and when they can and have spoken to individuals they have encountered at the time ... and will of course continue to monitor the situation.

Youth Club/Group Facilities: A meeting is to be held at the coffee tavern on Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 10:00am to plan youth club/group activities for Eaton Bray and Totterhoe.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Visibility Concerns at the junction of Dunstable Road & Bower Lane/Harling Road: The Parish Council have chased Central Bedfordshire Council regarding this matter.

Nuisance Youths: Residents are experiencing excess noise at night from School Lane Car Park. The Parish Council agree that the level of noise being experienced by local residents late at night is not acceptable and confirmed that they are in talks with the local police about this issue.

Speeding down School Lane: Many vehicles are using speeds well in excess of the current 30 mph limit down School Lane. The Parish Council are currently in talks with Central Beds Council looking at the options available to reduce speed on this road.

Dog Attack in Recreation Ground: There was a recent dog attack at the recreation ground, where one dog was attacked by another. The Parish Council wished to remind all dog owners/walkers that ... "all dogs in the recreation ground should not at any time be left unattended and must always be on a lead."

Parish Byelaws: Due to recent incidents in the parish, the Parish Council are looking into reviewing the parish Byelaws to give more power to the Parish Council and the police to deal with issues/situations as and when they arise.

Recreation Ground Improvements: A visit was made to the playground trade fair to look at the types of play equipment suitable for the expansion of the play areas in the parish recreation grounds. The Parish Council would love ideas from all the children/youths of the parish as to what additional play equipment they would like to see. Send in your ideas/drawings to the Parish Clerk (address below).

Eaton Bray Allotments: There will be the annual allotment inspection taking place in August in readiness for allotment renewals in September.

**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:** [www.ebpc.co.uk](http://www.ebpc.co.uk)

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

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL/CLERK

Office Hours: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 09:30-13:30hrs [messages can be left on answer phone]

Parish Office: 20 Good Intent,  
Edlesborough, LU6 2RD [Tel/Fax  
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co.uk]

**Eaton Bray Parish Council Meetings**  
1st Monday of each month  
7:30pm The Coffee Tavern  
Next Meetings: Mon 6th Sept  
Mon 4th Oct

## News from Terry Jones

### **Theatre in the Villages**

AVDC Arts Development have prepared a menu of shows for villages wishing to take part in the rural touring scheme, *Theatre in the Villages*. The scheme has been running for over ten years and covers most of Buckinghamshire, working with local people wishing to promote a theatre show in their village. The show brings people together, generates funds and provides a great night out. To find out more about the scheme and to see the range of shows available, go to [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/theatreinthevillages](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/theatreinthevillages) or contact the TIV coordinator Jeannette Baxter, [jeannette.baxter@gmail.com](mailto:jeannette.baxter@gmail.com) (01296) 630902

### **Time to Get Fit**

Would you like to see more physical activity opportunities for adults in your community?

The Reactivate Bucks Community Challenge and the Fit for Life projects can help. The Community Challenge is a support project which can help people to set up physical activities in their local area and Fit for Life aims to get older adults more physically active.

Whether you'd like to set up a health walk, tai chi class, balance classes for older adults or a local pub football league the projects can help by providing a support pack. The pack includes access to resources such as marketing and poster design alongside templates of any paperwork you may need. You will also be able to contact a member of the team for help and guidance.

Additionally, by taking part in the Community Challenge you may be eligible for funding to help support your new activity.

For details please contact Abbi McMullen on (01296) 585340 [amcmullen@buckssport.org](mailto:amcmullen@buckssport.org) or Kirsty Ingham on (01296) 585249 or e-mail or [kingham@buckssport.org](mailto:kingham@buckssport.org)

### **Development by Waterside Theatre**

Challenging economic conditions have made it increasingly difficult for Warner Estate to progress to the detailed planning application stage within the timescales agreed.

Aylesbury Vale District Council has adopted a new strategy to secure the developments next to the Waterside Theatre through the completion of the Waitrose food store, a hotel and the National Enterprise Academy.

The council is aiming to complete the food store and leisure developments, which form an important part of the wider Waterside regeneration project and connect with the new theatre, in 2012.

Also the council expects to press ahead with the regeneration of the north side of Exchange Street with a development partner as soon as the retail investment market picks up. In the meantime, the council remains in discussions with Hale Leys Shopping Centre owner, Warner Estates.

Terry Jones, AVDC Councillor for Edlesborough, Northall, Dagnall, Ivinghoe Aston  
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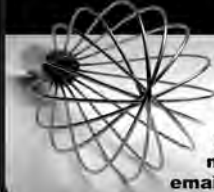
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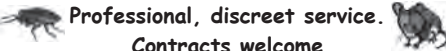
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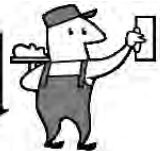
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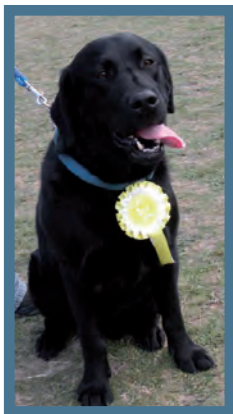
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## Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

With only 26mm of rain, June was another very dry month.

According to the Met Office, the first six months of the year has been the driest for more than eighty years, with an average across the country of 356.8mm of rain. Here, at the Dagnall Weather Station, we have only recorded 252.4 mm - almost one third less.

Overall, it was a hot and humid month. Unfortunately for potato growers, on the 8th to 11th of June, the conditions were ideal for potato blight; the temperature did not drop below 10c and we had humidity above 90% for more than ten hours each day. This is known as a “Smith Period”, and time to spray.

The Dagnall weather station is now live on the web with 15 mins updates from approx 0800-2200 hours each day. <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/dagnallweather>.

If anyone has a question, comment or wishes to contact me please email: [davidgkillick@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidgkillick@tiscali.co.uk)



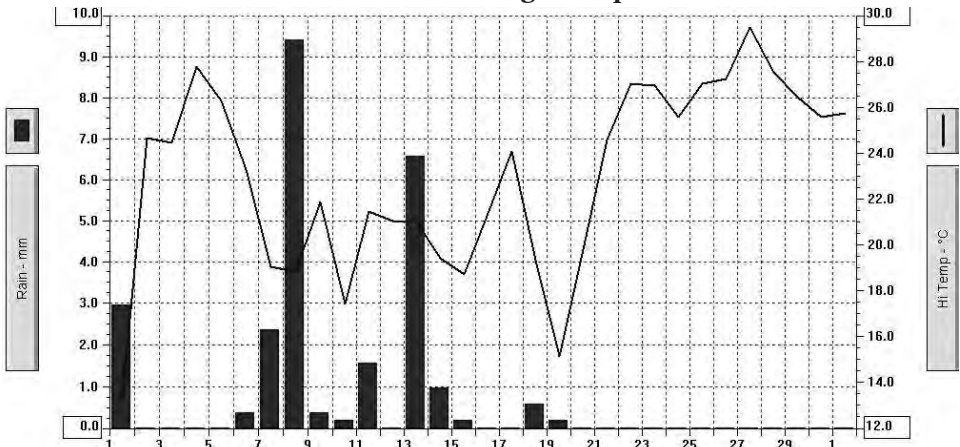
### Weather Conditions for June 2010

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

|                                                                     | High               | Date/Time     | Low         | Date/Time     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| <b>Temperature:</b>                                                 | 29.4°C             | 27 June 15.30 | 4.1°C       | 20 June 06.00 |
| <b>Mean Temperature</b>                                             | 15.9°C             |               |             |               |
| <b>Dewpoint:</b>                                                    | 16.5°C             | 29 June 11.00 | 2.7°C       | 20 June 00.30 |
| <b>Humidity:</b>                                                    | 97%                | 11 June 08.30 | 8.6%        | 28 June 16.00 |
| <b>Barometer:</b>                                                   | 1028.3 hPa         | 15 June 23.30 | 999.3 hPa   | 8 June 15.30  |
| <b>Wind Speed /Dir</b>                                              | 27 mph wnw         | 10 June 18.30 | Months avg. | 4.5 mph       |
| <b>Wind Chill:</b>                                                  | 29.5 °c            | 27 June 15.30 | 2.9°C       | 20 June 01.30 |
| <b>Dominant Wind:</b>                                               | SSE                |               |             |               |
| <i>Rainfall    *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain</i> |                    |               |             |               |
| <b>*Rain Days: 12 (T), 12(R)</b>                                    | Wettest Day 8 June |               | 9.4mm       | 0.37 ins      |
| <b>Monthly Rain:</b>                                                | Total              | June          | 26.0 mm     | 1.02 ins      |
| <b>Yearly Rain:</b>                                                 | Total              | 5 Months      | 252.4 mm    | 9.93 ins      |

### June 2010

Plot shows Rain and High Temperatures



## **ELF - Eaton Bray Leisure Group**

Our very friendly group is still enjoying a variety of meetings and events organised by different members.

So far in 2010 the group has visited: The Trenchard Museum at Halton; the daffodils at Ascot House and Thriplow; Hampton Court and Bledlow Manor, and will shortly travel to Dorney wood.

The walking group still enjoys short, easy, casual walks to a variety of locations within the area. The walks are usually 3½ - 4 miles finishing with a light lunch/snack at a pub. Ashridge bluebells were included as a walk. The group meet at 10am near to Eaton Bray church on the 4th Monday in the month, the exception being Bank Holidays and dreadful weather. Transport is usually available.

Coffee Tavern meetings are held at 10.30am on a Thursday to enjoy a chat about current and future events. Tea, coffee and biscuits are ready to welcome existing members and any new members.

Meetings are held for talks plus a lunch. This year talks have included: Ghosts in the area; Ex-Prison of War memories; and College Lake Nature Reserve at Bulbourne.

A cream tea will be held in the garden of two members. Crochet and crafts are enjoyed and lunch outings are arranged on a regular basis.

Notices are placed in the NORTH PORCH OF EATON BRAY CHURCH.

The ELF GROUP would welcome any new members from around the area and also some new ideas. PLEASE come to the Coffee Tavern at Eaton Bray on a Thursday morning. There is a stair lift and transport can usually be arranged, if required, to and from any event.

If you are interested in joining ELF please contact Val or Alan on 01525 220972.

## **Edlesborough W.I.**

At the beginning of our latest meeting Phrena, our President, welcomed back Sue Stallard whose health has so much improved. We were all pleased to see Sue, especially as she is obviously feeling a great deal better. Alison Tigg reported on the weekend painting course she had attended at Denman College recently. Alison had thoroughly enjoyed her stay there, and thanked us for the bursary she had received towards the cost of the course. Sue Parker thanked members for all the Yorkshire Tea tokens collected, which went towards money donated by the company to rainforest projects.

Our refreshments that evening provided a choice of lovely home-made cakes. This was in aid of the 90th Anniversary of the Bucks Federations Bursary for Denman. Each institute had been asked to co-operate by donating money raised at a tea party.

Maria Greenhill was our speaker. For twelve years she has run Greenhill Garden Design. Maria comes from a family of gardeners, and told us her interest started at the age of seven. Her grandfather, who worked as a gardener at Luton Hoo, gave her a small garden plot and a pocket of cornflower seeds. With the help of slides, Maria showed us a variety of different garden floral designs, and pointed out that the type of soil has to be known in the first instance to ascertain which plants will flourish.

We saw how to create so many different styles of flower beds. Maria said contrasting shapes were important and, in her opinion, a single form was boring. She said contrasts in colour, shape and texture resulted in beautiful displays. We certainly could see what she meant when we watched her slides, and how different displays could be. Some



arrangements were mainly one colour, however, and Maria said this was one way of creating a 'hot' garden (bright reds and oranges) or a 'cold' garden (mainly blue). Whatever the design, it was better to have flowers in clumps rather than singly, as it proved to be more outstanding.

Maria showed us some beautiful designs, which proved how varied gardens can be. She certainly loves her work, and gave us a really interesting demonstration on the creation of so many contrasting and beautiful flower beds.

In keeping with Maria's talk, a number of members and friends enjoyed a coach trip to two gardens in Banbury later in the month. A big 'thank you' goes to Elizabeth Braiden for arranging another successful garden outing.

Since our last meeting we received the sad news of the death of Margaret Laing. Margaret was always a keen W.I. member, and served as President a few years ago. She was a fun-loving lady, and always had a smile. Will we ever forget Margaret and Sue Parker performing their Christmas Fairy acts at our annual parties?! Our thoughts go to Andrea, Karen and Joanna and to the rest of Margaret's family.

Val Harris

## Silver Celebrations in the Park

"**Silver Celebrations in the Park**", a music and fireworks extravaganza, will take place on **Saturday 4th September at West Wycombe Park**. The use of this amazing venue has been given to us free of charge by the Dashwood family.

The gates will open at 4pm, with the concert starting at 7pm, featuring BRIT award winner **Beverley Craven, Abba Forever** (a fantastic tribute band) and rock classics from the **Pepper Show**. The evening will end with a spectacular **fireworks display**.

For more information and to book tickets online please visit **[www.irhh.org/silver](http://www.irhh.org/silver)**

If you are an IRHH volunteer, please call us on 01442 890222 to book your tickets.

## Carnival Update from Northall Baptist Church

Many thanks to all those who dropped by our 'Balloons Galore' stall. We can now reveal that the car contained 191 balloons. The nearest guess was 200 – from 3 people - and the winner, chosen by lot, of the 'super cake', was Mrs Margaret Lutterloch of Edlesborough.

Due to your contributions, whether guessing the number of balloons in the car, popping balloons to find prize tickets or buying up remaining cake prizes at the end of the day, we were able to raise **£145.60 for Operation Agri**. This charity supports rural and urban development projects in three continents, showing 'Christian Love in Action' by attacking the basic causes of poverty amongst some of the least fortunate people in the world, regardless of their religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Jesus said: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.' And he told the story of the Good Samaritan to demonstrate that the definition of neighbour extends far beyond those nearest and dearest to us. So our harvest offering will also go to Operation Agri and we extend an open invitation to a service of **Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 19th September at 11am** with harvest hymns old and new. Find us in Chapel Lane, Northall. Contact number 01525 373106.



## Salvation Sound - August/September 2010

“SUMMER SUNS ARE GLOWING OVER LAND AND SEA.”

Our thoughts at this time of year are full of “What to do in the holidays”. Many years ago when I was ‘growing up’ we were not able to afford to ‘go away’ for our holidays - but that didn’t seem to matter for there was always plenty to do in the village. Surrounded by fields, some with crops, some fallow, all of which we were allowed to go into, and not far from the woods and hills either. Although it was wartime for us ‘young un’s’ that was a million miles away. We made collections of wild flowers and grasses and pressed them, as many different leaves from the trees as we could find, coloured stones, or those with holes in the middle, played tracking, went fishing for sticklebacks, and made special dams and ponds in the stream for them. String, bent pin, hazel rod, or jam jar these were ‘in vogue’ for the marathon event!

Well here I am at the bridge once more, but without my jam jar on a string, not fishing but watching the slow moving trout, floating rather than swimming. (Fishing, not being allowed), I cannot even try to catch one for my lunch.

Did you know that fish have a nutrient composition similar to that of meat? They are good sources of B vitamins and iodine; and fatty fish livers are a source of A and D vitamins, and calcium can be obtained from fish with soft skeletons such as sardines. And roe and caviar have a high protein content!!

I like trout, I like them baked with bacon, salt and pepper and parsley; the little ones, boiled with salted water and vinegar and served with a nice shrimp sauce; or fried in butter, with a squeeze of lemon juice and garnished with parsley---mmmmm, lovely.

One of the surprises that dawn on our consciousness is that the Lord wants us to do ‘fishing’ - or to put it another way, to win others for His kingdom. He gives us the instructions and if we follow them correctly, He will make us “Fishers of Men”.

Matthew 4 verse 19 tells us that.

Several of His apostles were fishermen - Simom, Andrew, James and John. No they didn’t catch trout or sticklebacks, they fished the sea of Galilee, but were willing to leave their nets to follow Jesus, and reap the rewards offered to them. Not gold or silver, but a life full of the joy, the satisfaction of the soul attaining its desire. Why not try it, not trout, CHRISTIANITY. We really are fortunate that God doesn’t take time off for a holiday, He is always working; whilst you enjoy yourselves this summer, don’t forget Him,.....

HAPPY HOLIDAYS....

### The Salvation Army, Booth Place Weekly Activities

#### Sunday

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| ‘Footprints’ (Sunday School) | 9.45-10.45am |
| Morning Worship              | 11.00am      |
| Family Worship               |              |
| 3rd Sunday in month          | 10.30am      |
| Songs of Praise              |              |
| 3rd Sunday in month          | 4pm          |



#### Monday

|                                                |             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| ‘Champion’s Challenge’ Club<br>(Age 5 - 9 yrs) | 5.30-6.30pm |
| Junior Club (age 9+)<br>(Term time only)       | 6.45-7.45pm |

#### Tuesday

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Coffee Morning             |                  |
| Once A Fortnight           | 10.00 - 12 Noon  |
| Songster and band practice | 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. |

#### Wednesday

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| Home League (Ladies Meeting) | 2.30-3.30pm |
| Weekly Bible Study           | 7.30pm      |

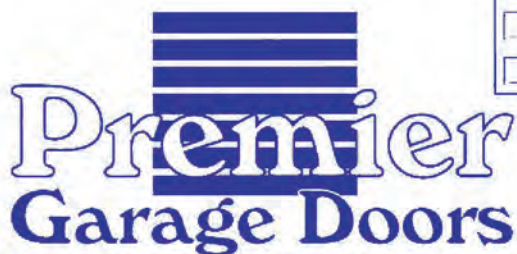
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| Parent and Toddler Group<br>(Term time only) | 9.30-11.30am |
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#### Thursday Evening

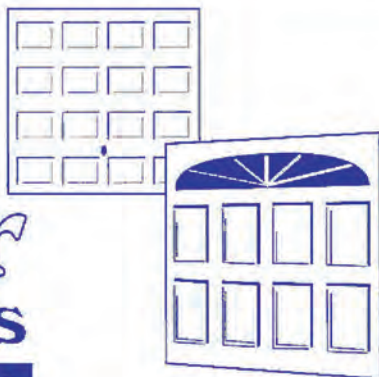
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| Ladies Fellowship            |        |
| Last Thursday in every month | 7.45pm |

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