

# Focus

August/September 2011



THE FOUR VILLAGES MAGAZINE

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EDLESBOROUGH

NORTHALL  
DAGNALL

## Music for a Summer's Evening

Join the **Manor House String Quartet** at 7.30pm on Saturday 10 September, in St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray, for a concert of popular and well loved music on a theme of '**Summer Evenings**' including:

- 'Summer' from the Four Seasons,
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- Elgar's Nimrod
- The Last Post
- Reveille
- God our help in ages past
- Elgar's Pomp & Circumstance (Land of hope and glory)
- Rule Britannia
- Jerusalem
- Auld Lang Syne

**Featuring:** South Beds Concert Band, Dagnall Community Choir, St Mary's Choir, Organist Stephen Axford, Members of The Royal British Legion

The Box Office for the Poppy Prom will open at the 'Summer Evenings' Concert on 10 September. Tickets from £7.50.

Proceeds will be shared between St Mary's Church and the Royal British Legion.

## Focus - The Four Village Magazine

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**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 2011



## 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, Angela Paine, 01525 229529
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
Mondays	Weight Watchers, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
Mondays	Zumba Fitness Class, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Zoey 07595 986892
Tuesdays	Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731
Tuesdays	Baby's First Cafe (Support for Breastfeeding mums), 9.30 - 11 am, Ivinghoe and Pitstone Sure Start Children's Centre, Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe
Tuesdays	Pilates, 10-11am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Nicky Roussou 07861 162680
Tuesdays	Totternhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am, St. Giles Church Hall, Nicki Banfield 07855 888338
Tuesdays	Northall Baby & Toddler Group, 9:30-11:30am, (open in the Summer School Holidays) Northall Village Hall, Andie 07966437673
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	
Weds (term time)	Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's playtime, 1pm - 2.45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, contact Rachel on 07789 760007
Wednesdays	Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 01582 412426
Wednesdays	Egyptian Dance Class, 7.30-8.45pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall. Contact: Soraya on 07976 964316 for more details
Wednesdays	Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna 221996 or Julie 220153
Thurs (term time)	Baby & Toddlers Group, Dagnall Village Hall, 12:45-2:45pm (12:30 if bringing lunch) £1 adult 50p child. Contact Faye 07746 120163 or Samantha 07882 903282
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, (currently meeting at 6 Kingsmead) Peter Feben 01525 221048.
Thursdays	Karate, 7-9pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Brian Bates 07958 348086
Thursdays	Central Bedfordshire Children's Centres' Toy Library, 9-9.45am, Eaton Bray (School Lane) Public Car Park
Fortnightly	

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Fridays	Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
Saturdays	Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
Saturdays	Drama Class for Children, 10.35am-12.35pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Claire Casey, 07792 508591
Last Saturday	Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
Sundays	Grace Baptist Church (by the Post Office) prayer time 9.30am, main meeting 11.00am-12.00pm. All welcome, Nathan 07403 903178, or Peter 01525 221048.

### Monthly

1st Monday	Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
1st Monday	Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact Barbara Collier on 01525 221401
1st & 3rd Monday	Knit n Stitch. 2pm-3.30pm. Coffee Tavern, Eaton Bray. Knitting, crochet & needlecraft. Tel Wendy 07908 828414. www.wendy-poole.co.uk
1st & 3rd Tuesday	Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
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 Thursday	CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
3rd Thursday	Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
3rd Saturday	Farmers/Craft Market, 12.30 till 3.30, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
3rd Sunday	Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288

### Other Regular Events

4th Sep	Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall.
3rd, 17th, 31st Aug.	Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall 8pm
14th & 28th Sep	
12th Aug	Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am
16th Aug	Dagnall Over 60's Talk by Mr Don Otter on Wildlife in Ashridge
22nd Aug	ELF walk 10.00 start at the Coffee Tavern
20th Sep	Over 60's Lunch at Green Man at Stanford. Coach leaves at 11.30 am

### One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

1st & 31st Aug	Play around the Parishes, Northall, 2-4.30pm
3rd & 24th Aug	Safer Neighbourhood Team Activity Fun Days, Eaton Bray Skate Park, School Lane, 1-4pm
5th & 24th	Play around the Parishes, Dagnall, 10am-12.30pm
7th Aug	Cream Teas, St Mary's Eaton Bray, 2-5pm
11th Aug	ELF Cream Tea at Val And Alan's garden
18th Aug	Play around the Parishes, Edlesborough, 10am-12.30pm
19th Aug	Play around the Parishes, Dagnall, 2-4.30pm
25th Aug	ELF visit to College Lake
26th Aug	Play around the Parishes, Northall, 10am-12.30pm
29th Aug	Rotary Club of Dunstable, Antique & Collectors Fair, Admission: 9am £3, 10am £2. Bookings: 01582 872673
8th Sep	ELF canal trip



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10th Sep	Music for a Summer's Evening, 7.30pm, St. Mary's Eaton Bray, Tickets: £7.50 from Sharon 01525 222283
11th Sep	Hymns of Praise on Edlesborough Green, 4pm
16th Sep	Northall & District Age Concern Harvest Festival Auction, 7.30pm, The Swan, Northall
17th Sep	Dreams of Samsara, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Box Office: 07976 964316
30th Sep	Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning, 9-12noon, St Mary's Eaton Bray

## Church Mouse

Carnival 2011 was a tremendous success and I am sure everyone who came along had a wonderful time. But this success does not just happen so we should all say a huge "thank you" to Gordon Gray and his team. The effort they put in was simply amazing. But what Gordon would really appreciate is more volunteers to help put on next year's event. Believe it or not he is already thinking about it. So, if you enjoyed Carnival 2011 and would like to help in any way towards Carnival 2012 do speak to Gordon the next time you see him around the villages. All contributions are welcome and it is just great fun.

The final amount raised is still being counted but is likely to be over £12,500 with the money being divided between church funds and local charities. This is the real success of Carnival. Not only do we have a really good time but we also help many deserving causes.

The Carnival may be over but at St. Mary's we are planning out next events for the rest of the year. The next date for your diary is Sunday, September 4th when we will hold our annual Parish BBQ. Coralie is opening the vicarage garden and extends an open invitation to everyone in the villages to come along and join in the fun. Bring your own meat, buns and drinks and we'll provide the rest. The BBQs will be fired up at 12.30 so come along and continue the carnival atmosphere.

The following weekend will be the "Music for a Summer Evening" concert. This will be held in St. Mary's church on Saturday, September 10th beginning at 7.30pm. The music will be provided by The Manor House string quartet and this promises to be an evening not to be missed. The musicians are first class. Tickets will cost £7.50.

Finally we are staging a "Poppy Prom" in church on Friday, November 11th at 7.30pm. This is the first time we have run a Poppy Prom and it is intended to capture the spirit of the BBC Promenade concerts but also to form part of our annual Act of Remembrance. Ticket prices to be announced later.

Do come and join us and keep the carnival spirit alive throughout the summer and autumn.

Church Mouse



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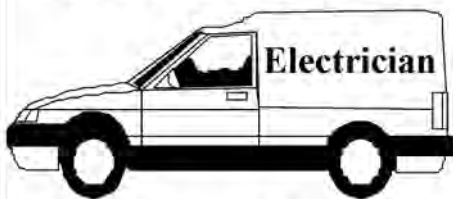




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Tickets are £7.50. They are available from Sharon Stilliard on 01525 222283, or on the door if remaining. There will be a licensed bar during the interval. Proceeds from the concert go towards the upkeep of this historic rural church.

Violins: Vaughan Jones and Louise Bevan,  
Viola: Adrian Smith, Cello: Julia Graham  
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## Dreams of Samsara

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## St Mary's Village Carnival 2011

Don't you just love Carnival Day? To see our villages decorated in such a colourful way, with thousands of people flocking to Edlesborough Green in almost perfect weather to enjoy the most relaxed and pleasant of afternoons!

At the very end of the day I spoke to four youngsters, average ten or eleven. They told me they had had a brilliant afternoon and, as I wrote in the Carnival programme, that is all we can hope to achieve – that our children will grow up having fond memories of the villages from which they came, and remember St Mary's Village Carnival with pride.

For, first and foremost, St Mary's Village Carnival has become an event for the whole community; there is a huge involvement by residents of the villages and I want to say a profound 'Thank you' to all the individuals and businesses who contribute so much to the success of the day. Our Carnival has grown to become one of the largest events of its kind in the country; run entirely by volunteers to raise money for local good causes. This year there were over 150 stalls of all kinds and we saw one of the biggest processions in recent years with around 40 vehicles including nine floats dressed to the Carnival theme of 'Pirates'. Judging of the floats, by Rev Coralie McCluskey, must have been incredibly difficult for, as well as ships loaded with pirates, the floats included the whole cast of Peter Pan (with pirates led by Captain Hook) and modern day Somali pirates attacking a family cruising the oceans. Results of the procession were:

- Lower School: 1st - Edlesborough U5s, 2nd – Eaton Bray Academy, 3rd - Totternhoe Lower School
- Middle School: 1st - 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Cubs, 2nd - Edlesborough School, 3rd - 2nd Eaton Bray Brownies
- Adult Groups: 1st - GIFT, 2nd - Cats Protection Society, 3rd - Janes

One of the features of the Carnival is the way so many households dress their houses with balloons, bunting and to the theme of the event – it is a joy to walk or drive through the villages. This year the standard for the prize of Best Dressed House was very, very high and there were at least 15 houses in contention for the prizes. Trophies, donated by Ben Wright, of Edlesborough Autos, were awarded to 44-46 High St Edlesborough and 39 Moor End, Eaton Bray, with commendations to the runners up – 9 The Green, Edlesborough and 9 High St, Eaton Bray as well as to Buds of May and Janes.

The star prize winners at the Carnival were all local including the winners of 'A weekend for two in Rome' won by Martin Christmas, a beautifully carved statue created by our chainsaw carver, Dan Cordell, won by Mavis Purcell and a cheque for £152.50 to B S King the winner of Clarabelle.



I can only guess how much money is brought into the villages as a result of the event. The Carnival Committee expects to have raised a similar total to last year – in the region of 12 to 13 thousand pounds, which in the present economic climate is a fantastic result; beneficiaries of this sum will include St Mary's Church, the Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted, and Weatherfield School, Dunstable, plus many local good causes. In addition to the money raised by the Carnival Committee, maybe another £30,000 would have been raised by stall holders, much of which will come back to



the local community. If your organisation could benefit from a donation from the money raised by the Carnival Committee please contact me, for example by writing to me via the website – [www.stmarysvillagecarnival.co.uk](http://www.stmarysvillagecarnival.co.uk). The success of the day depends on so many people, but none more so than the excellent Carnival Committee for whom I have nothing but praise and admiration. They work together as a great team, turning their hand to whatever needs to be done – as a result many visitors comment on the Carnival's outstanding organisation. As you may be aware four experienced members of the committee are retiring this year. If you feel you could contribute to the Carnival Committee please get in touch with me on 220136.

You may feel that being on the Committee is too much but that you would be prepared to do some small task at next year's Carnival. Here are a few examples of some of the many easy tasks you could volunteer to help with:

- Organise the banners – get the date changed, put them up two weeks before Carnival and bring them in afterwards.
- Organise the printing of posters and stick the posters onto boards.
- Get onto The Green by 6.30am on Carnival morning to erect two tents then take them down again mid-afternoon.
- Selling Grand Draw tickets to people in your neighbourhood.
- Make cakes for the Cake Stall and / or Tea Tent

It takes hundreds of people to make our Carnival the success it is. Please get in touch with me if you would like to be involved.

My final words once again are 'Thank You' to everyone in this wonderful community in which we live for enabling a very special event.

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### **Carnival**

The Parish Council would like to thank all the children for their overwhelming contribution of photographs for the Anne Thompson Young Peoples Cup of Excellence. The overall winner of the Cup was Aimee Skinner and certificates have been given to all those taking part. The photographs attracted a great deal of interest from the public. It is anticipated that the Cup will be presented again next year covering a different theme.

The Parish Stall also covered The Vale of Aylesbury Plan (Edlesborough Neighbourhood Plan) and several parishioners have filled in the questionnaires. Copies of the Questionnaire for each of the 3 villages are available from the Clerk and parishioners are encouraged to respond.

### **Speed Limit Review – Area 13**

The whole Parish has been devastated to hear from Bucks CC that money set aside for the completion of Area 13, which was due to be completed by this Autumn, has been ‘clawed back’ to be spent on pot-hole and road improvements. The Parish Council are currently in communication with Bucks CC attempting to get this decision reversed.

### **Website/e-mails**

Unfortunately during the 3 weeks from 25th May to 17th June the Council suffered loss of communication due to problems with the ‘server’ and would apologise to any parishioners who were trying to send e-mails to the Clerk or visit the Edlesborough website during that period.

### **Activities on the Green**

The Baptist Church will be holding 2 children’s activities during August. Songs of Praise will again be held on the Green on 11th September 2011.

### **Cemetery**

The new gate to the bridleway should be installed in July with a sign attached ‘NO PARKING Access required at all times’ and an additional sign adjacent to the Churchyard wall ‘KEEP CLEAR Access required for Horses and Riders’. Parishioners are requested not to park in front of the gates, or footpath access, as farm vehicles, contractors and Funeral Directors require to have access to the bridleway at all times. A roof will be put on the dustbin area of the Cemetery to prevent water from getting into the bins which, on numerous occasions, get so full that lids are unable to be put back on, 2 new bins have been put in this area in an attempt to ease the problem.

### **Bus Stop and white lining in Edlesborough High Street**

The Council are in the process of setting up a meeting with Bucks CC to discuss the moving of the Bus Stop and the possibility of adding white lining to parts of the High Street.

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

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No meeting in August



## The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

Within this issue of Focus you will find a Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal envelope. In the past we would have been knocking on your door to collect in September. With the advent of “No Cold Calling Districts” we have been advised that we would in fact technically be breaking the law to do this. So, thinking outside the box, we would like to do things differently this year.



With the co-operation of businesses in the four villages, we have set up collection centres for this year’s appeal. If you would like to use the enclosed envelope to give to our appeal then you can leave it at one of these businesses during August:

Munns in Dagnall  
The Post Office/Stores in Edlesborough  
Trading Faces in Eaton Bray  
The Swan Inn at Northall

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I have enjoyed settling into the villages these past few months. A third of my time is given to my Salvation Army congregation. The rest of my time is spent as Senior Waterways Chaplain on the Grand Union Canal, rivers Lee, Stort and the Ouse through Bedfordshire. I have previously spent three years responsible for one of our London-based emergency vehicles that are called every week in support of London Fire Brigade and were present at such events as the Buncefield Disaster, and 7/7. I have met many people who have been the recipient of care from The Salvation Army and we can only give so much because the general public give to us on an annual basis. If you would like further information then please do contact me:

E: [jenny.dibsdall@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:jenny.dibsdall@salvationarmy.org.uk) or M:  
07717 813682.

Captain Jenny Dibsdall  
The Salvation Army/Eaton Bray

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(just beyond the speed limit signs on  
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to talk together.

For more information contact:

John Hazell 01525 218142

Email [northallchapel@btinternet.com](mailto:northallchapel@btinternet.com)

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## **Dagnall News**

### **Over 60's**

The weather was kind to us on the afternoon of June 21st for the Garden Party (with ice-cream) in Rosemary & Brian's garden at 6 Dunstable Road so we were able to take full advantage of the beautiful garden.

On July 26th a trip was arranged to the canal museum at Stoke Breurne with an included boat trip and a chance to look round the very interesting museum and partake of lunch at a local hostelry. The coach will leave the village hall at 9.30am.

In August we will be listening to a talk by Mr Don Otter on "Wild Life in Ashridge" and in September a lunch has been organised at The Green Man in Stanford followed by an afternoon tour.

### **Community Choir**

#### **Preparing for Autumn**

Dagnall Community Choir meets every Monday evening (except for a holiday in August) at Dagnall Church where between 40 and 50 aspiring choristers gather to enjoy making music together and, on the more and more frequent occasions that we all hit roughly the right note at roughly the right time, we make an uplifting sound.

We are busy expanding our repertoire for the autumn series of Concerts starting with the EDaN Concert at "The Church on the Hill" in Edlesborough on 8th October.

Our much revered Conductor, Stuart Harding, is, mostly patiently, working with us on a medley of the sublime music from Les Miserables. We have also just purchased a selection of the works of Andrew Lloyd Webber.

If you would like to enjoy the uplifting feeling that can be enjoyed by making music with like-minded people you will always be welcomed. Details can be obtained from Val Lumley-01442 842214 or Geoff Ward-01442 843515.

### **Dagnall Church**

#### **Christian Aid**

The Christian Aid collection around Dagnall amounted to £369.27. Wendy and Bill would like to thank everyone who contributed to this excellent sum.

## A Letter from Rev'd Coralie

**Vicar: Coralie McCluskey**

**The Vicarage, 11 High Street, Eaton Bray - Tel: 01525 220261**

**Reader: Gordon Gray (220136)**

**Church Warden: Catherine Hayden (220527)**

**Parish Administrator: Elisabeth Ryder (07890 718117)**

**Web contact: [eatonbraychurch@aol.com](mailto:eatonbraychurch@aol.com)**

August is the main holiday period for families with young and teenage children as schools in England and Wales close for the month. September is a good month for those who do not have school age children nor work in educational establishments. The word holiday has related but different meanings in English-speaking countries. Based on the words holy and day, holidays originally represented special religious days or Holy Days of Obligation. The word has evolved in general usage to mean any special day of rest (as opposed to regular days of rest such as the weekend or in my case Monday).

The world we live in often seems unrelenting; people work long hours, hold down several jobs and are in constant communication with family or work by mobile phone. I thought technology might create more space in busy lives but the instant access it gives seems to allow no respite and rising stress levels. We all need holidays; it may be just a day or two, it may be just stopping and turning everything off at home and letting the silence and calm wash over you to renew and refresh a tired body, mind and spirit. We live in beautiful villages surrounded by glorious countryside so take time out to look, to walk, to have a picnic in the garden, to get to know your family again. Holidays are a very important time because they maintain traditions that will always be remembered and repeated for generations. They can also teach us that there are other things in life, that there is possibly a better way to live.

In the church we will be celebrating some Holy Days in the next two months. The Feast of Lammastide is celebrated on August 1st as the church and farmers give thanks for the first fruits of the Harvest. The Lammas festival included an ancient English custom when a newly baked loaf was presented before God at the mass. At St Mary's we will be sharing a rustic hand baked loaf after the service on August 7th. On September 4th we celebrate our Patronal Festival remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary and, looking further forward to the beginning of October, on the 2nd it is Harvest Festival.

I really hope that the sun shines on all those taking a well earned holiday in August or September, whether it's a couple of days at home or a longer break and that you all find time for some rest and may the peace of the Lord be with you.

P.S. I shall probably be rained upon everyday as I dash from one venue to the other at the Edinburgh Festival!



*Coralie*

## 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*

## ELVES OUTINGS

11th August	Cream teas in Val and Alan's garden, 2.30pm
22nd August	Walk - meet at Coffee Tavern at 10am
25th August	College Lake - meet there in the car park
8th Sept	Canal Trip



## All Saints Church, Dagnall - Services in August 2011

Sun. 7th Aug.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Sun. 14th Aug.	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Eucharist
Sun. 21st Aug.	10.30 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Sun. 28th Aug.	10.30 am	Family Service
	6.00 pm	Eucharist



Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am

**For services in September please see the notice board by the Church door.**

## The Rotary Club of Dunstable

The Rotary Club of Dunstable are holding their next Antique and Collectors fair on Bank Holiday Monday, August 29th 2011. It will be held at the Dunstable Leisure Centre (LU5 4JD) and admission will be £3 when doors open at 9am and £2 after 10am. All the proceeds will go towards local charities adopted by the Club. For bookings and queries please contact 01582 872673.

This event is typical of the work carried out in the community and if anybody is interested please contact Roger Sharp on 01582 606405 or come to Tilsworth Golf Club at 12.15pm on Tuesdays. Please ring first as there may be an evening meeting on that day.



## EDaN Beautification Team



Have you seen Dagnall roundabout lately? We hope you like it and feel it makes coming into Dagnall more welcoming than that boring circle of concrete sat at the junctions. Initially we had planned to make the planter far larger and more imposing than the much smaller one allowed, which has taken 3 YEARS to get permission for ('A plus' to Kathy Bovington and Alan Williams for their perseverance!) - but we feel this makes a cheery and colourful sight for travellers, despite its reduced size.

Thanks go to Dave Coppen for the mammoth job of cutting the oak sleepers for us, Brian McMurray for working out all the angles and lengths for me (!) and Brian Bovington and Mick Yates for helping me to screw and nail the jigsaw together in sweltering heat! Malcolm Weaver and his NRSWA certificate holder (compulsory requisite) made a wonderful job of installation – in the pouring rain – and we all got a good soaking, along with the flowers, planting up. Photo on page 72.

We are proud to dedicate this to the late Anne Thompson, who meant so much to the people of Dagnall, indeed all those who knew her, and did so much for all of Edlesborough parish in her capacity as Chair of the Parish Council.

We are now looking forward to 'planting' a new village sign in Dagnall in the autumn and also to John Bercow MP unveiling the sign in Northall, together with the opening of Northall Village Hall Play Area, Phase 2, at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday 1st October – a fun afternoon with games, barbecue or your own picnic.

We are delighted to be using the parish land next to Knolls View in Northall to locate our new sign and plan to use this space as an attractive resting place for walkers and cyclists, featuring a wild flower meadow, and also a flower bed under the sign. Benches are a must for relaxing on, so any donations – for our ebay site, or just cash! – would be gratefully received. Ring Patricia Harrison 220248 or Christine Yates 220739.

Finally, we would like to thank Ben (Edlesborough Autos) for donating all the summer bedding for the 10 planters in the 3 villages this year, they're looking BEAUTIFUL!

## Cheeky Monkey News

After taking over at Easter we have really enjoyed our first term running Cheeky Monkeys. We have had a few newcomers, lots of regulars and loads of fun, the ball pool and craft table have been firm favourites. We now don't charge entry to babies under 6 months and we will be introducing a termly subscription as of September. We would also like to support local Childminders and small businesses in the area by having contact details on our website. For more information have a look at our updated website [www.cheekymonkeys.btck.co.uk](http://www.cheekymonkeys.btck.co.uk) and you can also join us on Facebook/ Cheeky Monkeys Eaton Bray.

We also need your help to continue running Cheeky Monkeys in September, we require at least one more volunteer to help us. It will be for approximately 3 hours every Wednesday during term time, you don't have to have children that are within the age range of Cheeky Monkeys to volunteer. If you feel you can help please contact us via [cheekymonkeyseatonbray@hotmail.com](mailto:cheekymonkeyseatonbray@hotmail.com) or phone Rachel on 07789 760007.

We hope you all have an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you all again soon. Heather and Rachel.

## You Know it Makes Sense

Traditionally, drink-driving is primarily thought of as a seasonal problem at Christmas but actually nearly a third of road traffic collisions involving drink-drivers in Bedfordshire occur during the summer months. To promote safe drink-driving this summer, Central Bedfordshire Council is working in partnership across the county to highlight this important message.

### **Drink driving statistics**

The legal alcohol limit for driving is 35 micrograms per 100ml of breath, or 80 milligrams per 100ml of blood.

One unit of alcohol equals one of the following: -

- One half-pint of 'normal' strength beer, lager or cider (3-4% by volume)
- One small glass of wine (100-125ml)
- One measure of sherry or port (50ml)
- One standard measure of spirits.

Motorists who have been drinking the night before may also still be under the influence the next morning. The exact time it takes for alcohol to leave the body depends on the individual's gender, age, state of health, tiredness, weight, amount of food eaten, and other factors.

Causing death by careless driving whilst under the influence of alcohol can result in a prison term of up to 14 years. Even being in charge of a vehicle with excess alcohol could result in a prison sentence of up to three months, a driving ban and a fine of up to £2,500.

## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Our Garden Party was a great success despite the odd shower. Our thanks to all the folk who came along and supported us and to everyone who helped in any way, beforehand, during and after the event. A special thank you to James and Jane McFarland for the loan of their beautiful home and garden and for organising the day. The proceeds from the day have been sent to Help for Heroes.

As August is particularly busy in our Circuit this year we have some changes to our normal Service Plan as follows:

Sunday August 7th at 10-30am we will have a Songs of Praise, organised by our Chapel members.

Sunday August 14th at 10-30am we will join Edlesborough Methodist Chapel for a United Service with Communion.

Sunday August 21st at 10-30am we will hold a United Service in our Chapel.

Sunday August 28th at 10-30am we are invited to join Trinity Methodist Church in Leighton Buzzard for a United Service.

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday September 25th at 10-30 am and be led by Mr Steve Jones and the members of our Sunday School. Following coffee after our Service we shall be serving our Harvest Lunch. To book a lunch please contact Graham Carter on 01525 220742.

CAFE COMMUNITY will be starting again after our summer break on SATURDAY OCTOBER 8th from 11-00am until 1-00pm.


# Dagnall

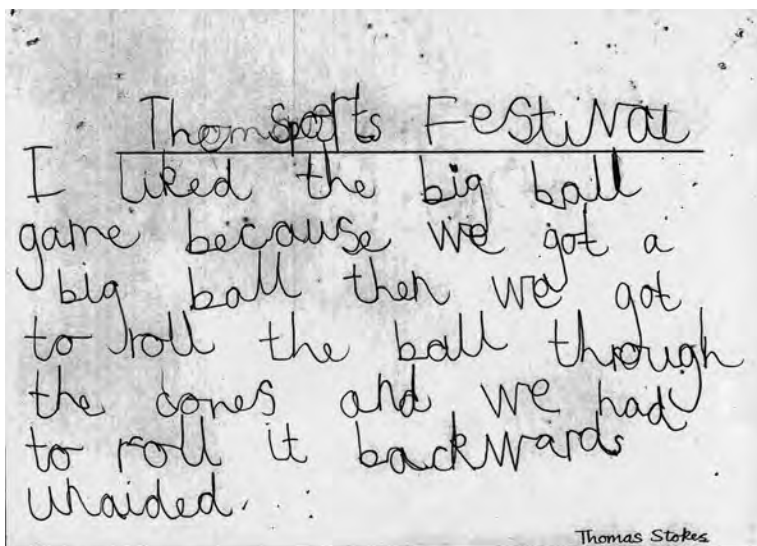


# School

The children in year 1 and year 2 attended a sports festival at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Great fun was had by all as we participated in a variety of activities. Additional photo on page 73.

The Sports Festival  
I liked the shot putt.  
you had to throw the  
ball and then you had to  
put the cone where the ball had  
landed. then we did javelin.  
It was fun. you had to do the  
same as the shot putt but  
with a javelin. Dance was fun  
we went for a walk. we saw lots of  
different animals. My favourite  
animal was the meercat. what was  
yours?





### Northall Wednesday Club

We are pleased to have welcomed one new member and one returning member, and we are all very excited about the prospect of a new bus . . . keep your eyes open for it around the Villages and give us a wave! This will enable us to carry more passengers in greater comfort than at present, and we may hopefully be able to take it further afield on trips etc.

We shall be taking a well-deserved break for August and returning in September ready to gear up for our Harvest Festival Auction on 16th September at The Swan, in Northall, which is one of our most popular events, and very well supported by the local community and businesses.

We shall give more details of forthcoming events for the Autumn in the next issue, but here is another date for your diaries . . . our next Coffee Morning will be Wed 19th October and we look forward to welcoming friends and regular visitors then.

For any further info on our Club, and how to join, please phone Anna 221996 or Julie 220153

## Edlesborough School Contributions



### Edlesborough School's Mongolian Week

During the week of the 27th June, to tie in with our designated Olympian the Mongolian boxer Badar-Uugan, all the pupils took part in a week of activities based on Mongolian life. This was to help us all learn about its culture and heritage.

Over the week the children took part in archery, karate, noodle making, Mongolian based art work and felting, all of which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

A photo of examples of the felting is on page 73.

# Play around the Parishes

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Activities for 1-11 year olds

Parents must stay and  
supervise their children

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Fri 5th Aug	Dagnall	10am-12.30pm
Thu 18th Aug	Edlesborough	10am-12.30pm
Fri 19th	Dagnall	2-4.30pm
Wed 24th Aug	Dagnall	10am-12.30pm
Fri 26th Aug	Northall	10am-12.30pm
Wed 31st Aug	Northall	2-4.30pm

# Edlesborough Farmers/Craft Village Market

**20th August &  
17th September  
Edlesborough Memorial Hall  
12.30 - 3.30pm**

**Hot snacks \* Local crafts  
Homemade fare  
Beautiful jewellery & repairs  
Local grown vegetables & plants  
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**Held 3rd Saturday of every month**

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## Eaton Bray Cricket Club 100 Club Winners July 2011

£100	D Pearson	No. 102
£25	J Horne	No. 11
£10	A Norris	No. 52

Eaton Bray Cricket Club is kindly  
sponsored by F.A. Hawkins, M&M  
Properties & Meadow Marquees

## Eaton Bray Village Hall 100 Club Winners - July 2011

13	Shelagh Bagni	£100
153	Ronnie Farrar	£25
3	Jane Wigley	£25
54	Bernie Hillman	£25

Drawn on 12th July 2011 at Eaton Bray  
Academy. Please direct any correspondence  
to Ross Bagni, 71 Bower Lane, Eaton Bray,  
Bedfordshire, LU6 1RB, Telephone: 01525  
221411.





~~ Official Opening of Northall Village Hall Play Area ~~  
~~ Fun Afternoon ~~  
~~ Unveiling of the Northall Village Sign ~~



**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011**

The Northall Village Hall Play Area Phase 2 comprises 5 new exciting pieces of play equipment. There will also be new landscaping, planting and natural play elements, together with additional seating.

The new Northall village sign has been designed, installed and funded by the EDaN Beautification Team, in partnership with Edlesborough Parish Council.

**Programme of Events**

**2.00 pm Meet at Knolls View**

**2.15 pm Unveiling of Village Sign by John Bercow MP**

**2.45 pm Opening of New Phase 2 Playground by John Bercow MP**

**3.00 pm - 5.00 pm Fun Afternoon**

Come and join the celebrations at Northall Village Hall - there will be games and a barbecue (*for which there will be a small charge*), or bring your own picnic.

*Northall Village Hall Play Area Phase 2 has been funded through the Community Spaces programme, WREN (Waste Recycling and Environmental Ltd), AVDC S106 Fund and NVHMC Funds. The Community Spaces grants programme is being managed by Groundwork UK as an Award Partner to the Big Lottery Fund. Community Spaces is part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces Initiative.*



**To all children who have been baptized at  
St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray.**

You are invited to a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Sunday 18th  
September 2011 from 3.00p.m.

We hope to have lots of fun and games in the Churchyard or  
in church if wet, with competitions for your teddy to enter.  
You need to bring along a picnic for tea, your favourite Teddy,  
Mums, Dads, and as many friends, family, godparents as you  
would like.

Please try and come along!

RSVP to 07890 718117

Or [eatonbraychurch@aol.com](mailto:eatonbraychurch@aol.com)

(You may need to ask Mummy or Daddy to do this)



## Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

Things are hotting up – literally – at EBLTC this summer. Some of our Tuesday and Sunday social playing sessions have even been accompanied by the occasional glimpse of sunlight! One intrepid individual was actually spotted wearing shorts last week. He hopes



to be over the worst of the frostbite soon. But the lighter evenings mean two things. First, it means that the Earth's northern hemisphere is tilting towards the sun while the southern hemisphere tilts away from it. So as the UK is tilted toward the sun, the daylight lasts more than 12 hours because the sun is at its northernmost position from the equator. Second, it means that we can play more tennis. It is this second fact that is the most interesting (or less boring) to our merry band of members, and thus encourages them out onto the courts after dinner like bees round a honey pot.

Thus, our junior members are coming on leaps and bounds thanks to coach Sara Leavy's enthusiastic and fun Saturday morning sessions. Our internal club tournament is at a peak, with members vying to get into the next round, the incentive being a place on court on Final's Day on Saturday 10th September. Final's day always draws big crowds, nearly 25 turned up last year. This time though, there is an added highlight. As well as our usual scrumptious 256 menu choice barbecue, I will be attempting once more to conquer that death defying annual challenge which is the umpire's chair. Last year I got halfway up and felt dizzy, and despite bravely continuing to the top, couldn't turn around to park myself in the seat. As such I descended backwards down all 6 steps and walked round and round in circles in a very stressed state, demanding to anyone who would listen that I was immediately released from umpiring duties. Ross then very kindly sat me down, made me a cup of sweet tea and persuaded me to umpire from ground level, which I was very happy with. I've now spent a year in therapy with an acrophobia specialist and am already able to go upstairs on my own, so don't miss my second attempt at 'the chair' on 10th September..! I just hope I'll fit into it; it does seem to shrink a bit every year whilst in storage. The clubhouse must be damp, I'll have a word with the committee.

Our various teams in the South Beds league continue to fight hard against some excellent competition. It's a difficult year; with several of our teams having being promoted into higher divisions after last season, the quality of the opposition has likewise improved. We're a bit like Stoke City though, stabilising our position this year before going for total domination next season. In total, 48 matches have so far been played (or occasionally postponed as the opposition struggle to find brave-enough players to face us). Our Girls Under 16s are doing very well, with Alison Lowe and Alicia Franklin winning all their matches. Our Ladies team has won 2 matches (with Alison again appearing in both...) as have our Men's A and our Mixed. Unfortunately Alison wasn't allowed to play for the Men's A team, although they could do with her based on some tough matches coming up! But there's a way to go yet, and a full report of our final positions will appear here at the end of the season, so stay tuned! Someone called me to say that it will also appear on BskyB, but only if I left them my mobile phone security details, and a summary of the tennis club's recent financial transactions. Based on our Vietnamese financier Phut Pholt's recent record, I declined and told them that if I ever heard from them again, I'd get their newspaper closed down. The power of EBLTC.

For any further information about the club, including when we get together for our social tennis sessions up at the School Lane courts, or our various activities, you can visit our website at [www.ebltc.org.uk](http://www.ebltc.org.uk); Alternatively please call Chairman Bernadette Hillman on 01525 222531, Coach Sara Leavy on 07561 571578, or if they're all out and I'm not curled up in a ball whimpering at the foot of a ladder, me, Andy Cross on 01582 477114.

## Letter to the Editor

*Dear Editor,*

*Recently I spent an evening at the Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe to hear music played by 'local folk'. What a group of talented people - there must have been 10+ guitar players, a violinist, a small accordion and a 'wooden spoon' player. They harmonized and even recited poetry. I can honestly say it was so refreshing and thoroughly enjoyable.*

*Apparently they all meet every Monday evening about 9pm. I would advise anyone who enjoys 'ad lib' entertainment to go along and hear good tuneful songs.*

*Mrs J Anderson*



## Highlights of the Meeting for Eaton Bray Parish Council

**Held in the Coffee Tavern on Monday 4th July 2011 at 7:30pm**

### **CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE**

Ward Cllr. Marion Mustoe attended the meeting who confirmed that a site visit has been made in relation to The Paddocks planning application.

### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

War Memorial: Residents raised concerns over the church placing banners on the railings in front of the war memorial. The Parish Council will contact the church office to ask for all banners/notices to be removed from this section.

Holmans Field - Bridge: Due to continual vandalism of the bridge leading from School Lane Recreation Ground into Holmans Field, the council are looking at a more robust replacement.

Eaton Bray Allotments: There will be the annual allotment inspection taking place in August/September in readiness for allotment renewals/payments due in October 2011. Standard allotment charges for the 2011-2012 allotment season are as follows:

(1) Whole Plot £10 (2)  $\frac{3}{4}$  Plot £7 (3)  $\frac{1}{2}$  Plot £5 [please note; variances may occur]

**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**

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

[Emergency contact only: Chairman of Parish Council – see website for further details]

**Eaton Bray Parish  
Council Meetings**  
1st Monday of each month  
7:30pm The Coffee Tavern  
Next Monthly Meetings: Mon 5th Sep  
Mon 3rd Oct

## A History of Dagnall Village

An extract from the publication 'A history of Dagnall Village' courtesy of Geoff Spencer and Dagnall School, published in 1999

### LATE 19TH CENTURY

Around the turn of the century, Dagnall was still a comparatively isolated village. The majority of the villagers worked within the vicinity of the village, either on the land or within their own homes.

The roads were little more than cart tracks which meant in winter the village became even more isolated as these extracts from the school log indicate:

“Owing to the winter coming on two children who live at Whipsnade and one who lives at Wards have been withdrawn from school for the Winter.”

“Owing to the severe state of the weather the children have been prevented from attending school.”

“Attendance is worse than on Monday last, the roads are flooded from side to side.”

“Owing to the severe snowstorm today only a few children came to school, the school has therefore closed for the day.”

The village was however, more self contained. In the 1880's there were quite a number of shops and trades, viz.

Dagnall Brewery	Batchelor Brothers
Red Lion	William Chamberlain
Cross Keys	William Twidell
Golden Rule	John Cox, Grocer and Publican
The Bell	David Whitman
Grocers Shop	Arthur Jones
Bakers	Gadsden Family
Bakers	David Holmes
General Shop and Plait Dealer	Charles and Eliza Astling
Shoe and Boot Makers	Henry Dean and Henry Rogers
Wheelwright	James Munn
Blacksmith	James Jones
Rope Maker	
Carpenter	William Dean
Dress Makers	Anne Elingham, Sarah Pratt, Annie Dean

Milk was collected from the farms and meat was delivered by the Butchers from adjacent villages.

The village plaiting school had now ceased to function. Those still wishing to learn had to go to the plait school in Edlesborough. The cottage industry of straw plaiting was now a dying trade, although being continued by some of the older villagers.

Working on the land was the predominant occupation at the time, although a sizeable number of villagers were working at the Brewery owned by the Batchelor Brothers.



**Above: Gadsden Family Bake House  
Dunstable Road**

**Ceased trading and demolished 1965**

**Below: William Gadsden in the Dunstable Road  
Bake House**



called The Rectory (now Colliers). He is remembered as a likeable yet eccentric character.

In 1882 he opened a building in his garden which he called a 'Church Public House' or 'Travellers Rest'. Over the door were the words 'Free to All'.

At eight o'clock each evening the doors were opened and passing tramps were provided with a bed of straw for the night. The lobby contained benches and tables but the only liquid refreshments available was water. However, free beer was



**John Batchelor's Rectory, Main Road North  
now Colliers**

Lord Brownlow owned all the buildings on the Ashridge side of Hemel Hempstead Road apart from the Methodist Chapel, the Golden Rule Public House and the Red Lion. The buildings on the other side between the Vicarage (later the Hollies, now Crossways) and the Allotment Gardens were owned by the Batchelor Brothers. Here lived JAMES and JANE BATCHELOR adjacent to the brewery itself. Behind the brewery and along Malting Lane was the Malt House, Piggeries and Cottages for those working in the brewery. At the corner of Studham Lane another building (now Three Counties Cottage) was also part of the brewery and connected to it by a pipe line. In Malting Lane there was a small private chapel built by John Batchelor, who apparently didn't see eye to eye with either the Church of England or the Methodists, and where he preached his own sermons. John Batchelor lived with his sister DORCAS in a large house on the north end of the village which he





**John Batchelor's Church Public House  
also known as Travellers Rest.tif**

available the following morning at the brewery when the tramps resumed their travels.

When his sister died he had her buried in his garden. Later when he had his leg amputated in a London Hospital he brought it home with him and buried that as well. As he said at the time on "Resurrection Morning he didn't want to go hopping around on one leg".

He had his coffin made several years before he died and installed it in his

house in an upright position, fitted it with shelves and used it as a cupboard.

Old villagers remember him being pushed through the village in his bath chair when they were children. He would always stop and give them a sweet and expect them to give him a kiss. He died on 4th September 1911 aged 77. His sister was exhumed from his garden under a licence by the Home Secretary, Winston Churchill dated 5/9/11, and they were both buried at New Mill Baptist Chapel in grave number 17 on 7th September, 1911.

Opposite the Brewery was (and still is) Cross Keys Farm owned by William Twidell. This was also a Public House and small Brewery. Brewing was usually only carried out once a fortnight and sufficient beer was made for sale at Cross Keys and for sale in barrels to the farmers of the surrounding villages. By tradition farmers were expected to keep their men well supplied with beer when working in the fields. "Twidells Beer" seems to have been much preferred by the locals to that made in Batchelors Dagnall Brewery.

William Twidell was something of a local businessman. He was involved in the Carrier trade, known locally as Going the Road. This was regular traffic of horse drawn waggons along Hempstead Road up to London carrying hay and straw for the stables. The following day they would return with horse manure from the London Mews. Twidell also had a trade in supplying galvanised water tanks which his carter brought back from London. There being no mains water supply, rainwater was collected from the roofs to augment that which was collected from the wells.

In addition to the Public Houses in Hempstead Road there was also THE BELL (now Bethshan) run by DAVID WHITMAN. This was at Pound Bank. There were 32 cottages in this part of the village. At Pound Bank, along Studham Lane and at the beginning of Whipsnade Road and Whipsnade Lane. Whipsnade Lane was known locally as Lucy's Lane, LUCY MAUNDERS living here with her brother TOMMY MAUNDERS in a pretty thatched cottage called THE ROBBIN HOOD at the beginning of the lane.

Whipsnade Road and Lucy's Lane curved round Dagnall Hill and Holly Frindle to the village of Whipsnade. This was common land and a very picturesque part of the village, abundant with wild flowers and shrubs. Alas, it was all cleared with the coming

of the Zoo.

Between the Malting Lane cottages and Studham Lane Cottages was an area of open fields, an orchard and a house associated with the kennels. The North Bucks Harriers having moved to Dagnall in 1877.

The Dagnall Branch of the Good Intent Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows was a thriving lodge not only of Dagnall workers but also of those from surrounding villages. It held regular meetings and provided sick pay to its members when they were off work.

The Secretary James Jones was known locally as Sunset Jones. One of the rules of the club was that if you were drawing sick pay you had to be indoors after sunset. Jones was a stickler for the rules, so any member drawing sick pay and visiting one of the pubs in the evening with his mates, had to keep a good lookout for Sunset Jones.

Only those in regular work however could afford to belong to sick clubs. The uninsured had to rely for treatment under the Poor Law.

The old Poor Law Act laid down that each Parish was responsible for the maintenance of its own poor. Overseers of the Poor were to be nominated annually and a Poor Rate levied upon the inhabitants. In 1834 the labour-rate system was introduced whereby farmers must either employ out-of-work labourers on their land or help pay towards their upkeep.

Parish Relief, however was not easy to get and apparently was looked upon as a last resort. The village was largely self sufficient and most villagers had family connections with other members of the village. So in times of hardship they tended to help each other.

Most people had a piece of land or an allotment where they could grow their own vegetables. A lot of them had chickens. The eggs being for their own use and for sale to the egg man. The children were pressed into service on such jobs as collecting wood for the fire, gathering acorns to feed the family pig or for sale, picking blackberries, etc. At harvest times there was always work to be had in the fields and a variety of seasonal jobs on the Ashridge Estate.

It was the custom at harvest time that once the farmer had removed the last stook of corn from the field the women and children could 'glean' it for the remaining grain. Having threshed it at home they would take it to the mill to be ground. Families could get sufficient flour this way to keep them in bread for several months.

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## Edlesborough Book Group

### Regeneration By Pat Barker



Siegfried Sassoon is a well known poet, noted mainly for his First World War poetry. What is not widely known however, is that in 1917 he made a declaration in writing, making clear his doubts as a serving officer as to the motives behind the continuance of the war. The letter and its subsequent reading in Parliament caused an outcry, putting Sassoon in danger of a court martial. To avoid this and because of his heroic war record, doubts were raised as to his state of mind and he was sent to a military psychiatric hospital in Scotland for assessment. There, at Craiglockhart, he was put in the care of W.H. Rivers, a psychologist, given the task of convincing his patient that his duty is to return to the front.

Pat Barker has written a fictionalised account of this event in Sassoon's life and her novel is a powerful evocation of the effects of battle upon the human psyche. We see Rivers struggle with his conscience as he tries to heal the minds of traumatised young men in order for them to be sent back to the battlefields to face death again. His feelings towards Sassoon become almost paternal as he gradually understands more about the young poet and his denunciation of the war that he has fought in so bravely. As he hears more of the experiences of Sassoon and the other men being treated for their mental disorders he begins to empathise with them, making it even more difficult for him to perform what he regards as his duty. The story introduces other themes; homosexuality being treated as an illness, or being hidden and the difficulties of class within the military hierarchy.

The evening that we discussed this book as a group was very rewarding. The narrative, although dealing with very serious issues, was extremely fluent, drawing in the reader inexorably and, as the various stories of the officers unfolded, we became eager to know what became of them. Regeneration is complete in itself, despite being the first book in a trilogy. We all thought that the book was an excellent choice for a group discussion.

## Age UK Buckinghamshire

After 65 years supporting older people local charity Age Concern Bucks is now celebrating changing its name and branding to become Age UK Buckinghamshire.

Age UK Bucks will still be the independent charity helping local older people to have a better quality of life. It will continue to provide tailored support and services for people living in the area, including Information & Advice, Advocacy, Welfare Benefits, Befriending and Rural Day Care.

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## Table Corner & Summer Musings

First of all I wanted to say thank you to all those of you who came to say hello at the Edlesborough Carnival. It was a real pleasure to meet new faces and to wave to old friends. Apologies to those who only saw the “sold out” sign later during the day. I promise I will make more beef bourguignon next year!

As this edition covers the holiday period, holidays are of course at the forefront of my mind. We shall be going to France, and taking some leisurely time there for a little while. Especially at meal times. Meals in France, especially in summer, are very much a social occasion, and should not be rushed. To the French it is always bewildering when I explain that in England most hosts plan to have the meal first in order to have it over with so that they get onto doing other things like dancing, having an auction etc. In France and in Belgium for that matter, and without wanting to sound like Poirot, that would elicit a “mon dieu, quel sacrilege!” Activities are planned around the meal and each course is, in itself, a small treat to look forward to.

Anyway, irrespective of the speed at which you will eat your food, I thought that you might like a very simple French potato salad recipe for this Summer as it is easy and a real treat for everyone. All you need is good waxy potatoes and some fresh herbs:

### Ingredients

- 500 gr waxy potatoes
- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped spring onion
- Chopped fresh herbs such as chives or dill



### Method

- Peel and wash the potatoes carefully, and boil them until just cooked
- Drain and leave to cool
- Cut into medium slices
- Make the dressing by mixing the oil, vinegar and spring onions
- Toss lightly with the cooled potatoes
- Sprinkle with the chopped herbs
- Serve on its own or with some cold meat.

Et voilà. A happy summer to everyone!

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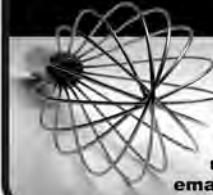
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## News from the Lions Den ...

Firstly, we must say a sincere thank you to everybody who came along to see us at the Edlesborough carnival on 2nd July. It was our first 'public' event and we were made very welcome. We are delighted that so many of you came to say 'hello' and enjoyed our games. It was a milestone moment for this proposed new club to hand over our star prize of dinner for 4 at the Doubletree by Hilton when the winning ticket was pulled from the Treasure Island board !

In total we raised an impressive £190.00 from the day – every penny Lions earn is donated back into local causes and this new club will be no different!

The proposed club has decided to make it's first donation to the Medical Detection Dogs in memory of a former Lion who sadly passed away earlier this year after a short battle with cancer.

*Dogs are renowned for their sense of smell. For centuries doctors have know diseases have characteristic odours which, dogs may be able to detect. Cancer cells release small amounts of volatile substances. Cancer Detection Dogs are being trained to detect these volatiles, it is hoped that this work and research will enable scientists to develop an early cancer screening system.*

*Medical Alert Dogs are trained to assist individuals who manage complex medical conditions on a day to day basis. Dogs are taught to identify the odour changes that are associated with certain medical events. For example for someone living with diabetes, hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar) or the avoidance of it can be a daily problem. Symptoms can vary from confusion, seizures to comas and be life threatening. Medical Alert Dogs are trained to recognise blood sugar levels outside the normal range. Dogs, once trained, can warn and get help before the symptoms are felt. They will bring their owner any necessary medical supplies such as glucose and blood testing kits and get help if necessary. They can also be trained to push alarm buttons.*

*Medical Detection Dogs provide alert dogs for those with other very dangerous health conditions including Addisonian crisis which causes severe pain, convulsions and unconsciousness. Pain seizures which lead to collapse and hospitalisation. Narcolepsy, a malfunction of the sleep/wake regulating system which causes sleep attacks and paralysis.*

*They are continuing to investigate other debilitating and potentially fatal conditions which dogs may have the ability to help with. These include severe allergic responses and migraines proving dogs really can be 'man's best friend'!*

We are hoping to organise a presentation evening in the autumn to include a talk from the Medical Detection Dogs Team and perhaps a meeting with some of the dogs themselves. Full information will be circulated closer to the date once final details have been confirmed.

It was incredible to see how many of you got into the carnival spirit and decorated your houses – we don't envy the judges who had to choose which display was the best ! It is this very community spirit that convinces us that our proposal for a Lions club will be successful and we sincerely hope that more people will come forward and join us....

We need at least 8 more members before we can become a fully functional Lions club so if you are interested or know anyone who may be, then please do get in touch. More information is available on our website [www.ebelions.org.uk](http://www.ebelions.org.uk)

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Tickets are now on sale. To order yours, phone the ticket hotline on 0844 249 1895. Tickets are available to buy online from the Stowe pages of the National Trust website: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowegardens](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowegardens). Tickets are also available from the reception desk at Stowe Landscape Gardens. If booked in advance, tickets cost £10 per adult, £5 per child or a family ticket is available costing £25 for 2 adults and 3 children. If you bring a group of 20 people or more a 15% discount is available. To get you in the movie spirit a popcorn and pick 'n' mix stall will be available, along with a bar and hot food. The gates open at 7.30pm for you to settle down and start enjoying your picnic. The film will start at 8.30pm once darkness has fallen.

To find out more about the cinema nights call Stowe on 01280 822850 or email [stowegarden@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:stowegarden@nationaltrust.org.uk)

## Edlesborough W.I.

The speaker at our recent meeting was Ann Leaver, and her subject was 2,000 years - Milton Keynes. In 1967 farmers had to give up their land in order that the new town of Milton Keynes could be built. It was designed on a grid system, with the idea that each square should be a separate village community. Today there are twenty-three such villages, each surrounded by green belt, with a population of around 350,000. In fact, Ann feels it should be classed as a city.

Milton Keynes is a 'new' town, but has a very old history. Digging for the new town had to be carefully carried out, and relics of the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages were discovered. Romans settled in areas such as Fenny Stratford, as did Saxons and Danes. Amongst other historical facts, we heard that Oliver Cromwell's son died in the area.

Many examples of building carried out over hundreds of years still exist. Two examples are Watling Street built by the Romans for their soldiers, and the church at Wing built by the Saxons. Ann demonstrated a number of such building work in a slide show following her talk. Looking at these buildings over hundreds of years, up as recently as Milton Keynes shopping centre, we can see how much designs have changed. The new town certainly has a remarkable old history, which surrounds us all the time.

Later in the month members enjoyed a pub meal when we visited 'The White Lion' in Dunstable.

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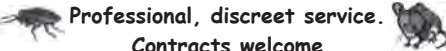
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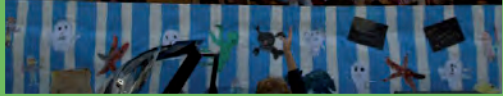
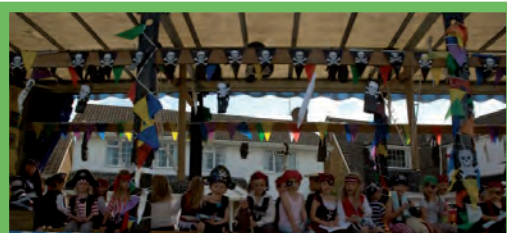


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*Above: EDaN planter on Dagnall roundabout  
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*Below: A bee orchid in  
Eaton Bray by Caroline  
Hamilton*



*Above: Poppies in a flower  
meadow on Totternhoe Knolls  
by Richard Woodhead*

*Below: A summer meadow at College Lake  
by Brian Russell*



*Front cover photo: A Prickly friend visits Pine Road, Edlesborough by Olivia Berry*



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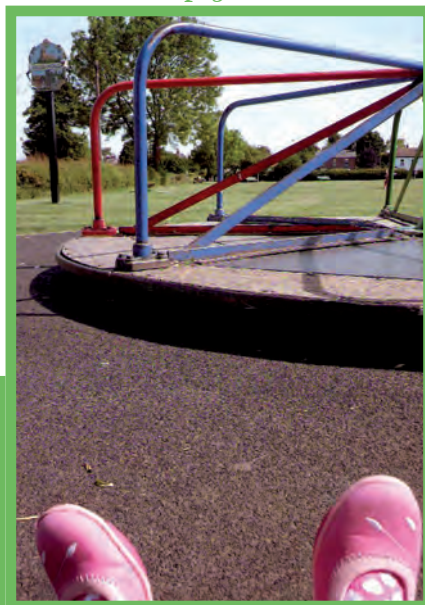


*Above: Dagnall Under Fives Sponsored Animal Toddle*



*Above: Dagnall School children at a sports festival at Stoke Mandeville Stadium - see article on page 40*

*Below: Some examples of felting designs and Mongolian head masks made by the children of Edlesborough School - see page 41*



*A view of my village by Aimee Skinner. Winning photograph of the Anne Thompson Young Peoples Cup of Excellence competition 2011.*

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"Where are the gentle horses, that onetime worked our land;  
Pulled the reaper and the binder, when the stooks were built by hand?

Where are the many farm workers who started early morn,  
And led home horse drawn wagons, piled high with sheaves of corn.

The thresher then was fed all day to  
separate the grain,

And men and horses worked 'till dark  
in case of falling rain.

The straw was made into a stack, neat  
roofed with thatch and pin,

And corn in sacks for flour or feed, all  
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<b>Wednesday</b>		
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(Ladies Mtg but all welcome)		2.30-3.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>		
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# Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

## Weather Conditions for June 2011

June, at last, brought us some rain. It rained on 20 days amounting to 83mm (3.267ins) - 153% more rain than the previous 3 months added together (see plot below). We did not have the storms and thunder that were forecast, on the 17th at 12.30 I recorded a rain rate of 109mm per hour but, of course, it only lasted a few minutes.

There were great fluctuations in temperatures between day and night. On the 27th we had highs of 29.6°C, but within 48 hours the temperature had fallen to 6.0°C

NEWS: - Dagnall Weather Station is now providing up-to-date weather on a new site: [http://bit.ly/weather\\_dagnall](http://bit.ly/weather_dagnall). I am planning to link up with the Met Office (Weather Observers Website) programme when I get delivery of a new PC and software. That will allow the web sites to bring you weather data 24 hours a day

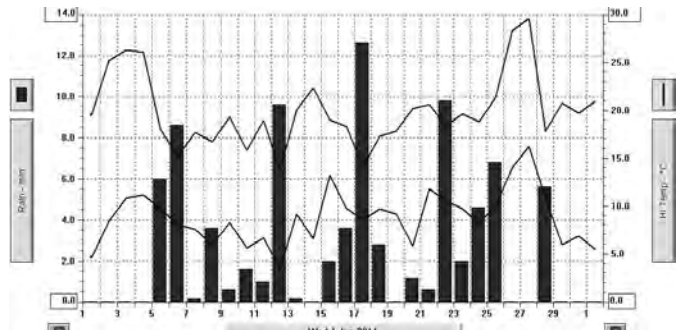
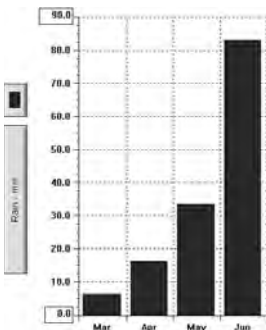
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Mean Temperature	14.4°C			
Dewpoint:	19.5°C	27 June 12.00	2.3°C	12 June 05.00
Humidity:	96%	6 - 18 - 25 June	41%	11 June 14.30
Barometer:	1033.6 hPa	2 June 09.00	999.4 hPa	17 June 23.30
Wind Speed	32 mph W	12 June 12.00	Months avg.	5.8 mph
Wind Chill:	28.5°C	27 June 13.30	3.5°C	13 June 05.00
Dominant Wind:	W			
<b>Rainfall *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain</b>				
*Rain Days: 20 (T), 20(R)	Wettest Day 17 June		12.60 mm	0.496 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	June	83 mm	3.267 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	6 Months	268.2 mm	10.559 ins

Plot 1 shows the rainfall over 4 months  
Plot 2 shows June 2011 rain and high and low temperature



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Eventually the government intends to link these two services.

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

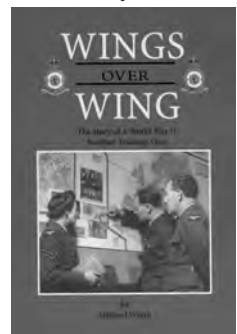
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Michael Warth

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<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 Angela Paine on 01525 229529**

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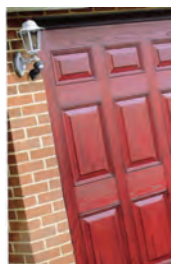


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