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October 2011



THE FOUR VILLAGES MAGAZINE

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Poppy Prom



This year sees the introduction of St Mary's first **Poppy Prom** on 12 November, an event that is sure to become an annual favourite. The show will include favourite music from:

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- Elgar - Nimrod
- The Last Post
- Reveille
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Email: SNT.Leighton-Rural@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

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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 October 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	Zumba, Dagnall Village Hall 7.45pm
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 (12:15 if bringing lunch) £1 child 50p adult. 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
Fridays	Hartbeeps Multi-sensory pre-school play & music sessions, Northall Village Hall. Bookings and information: Gemma 01525 381196
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 07794 615626, 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-4pm. Edlesborough Memorial Hall, 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

2nd	Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall.
8th	Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
12th, 26th	Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall 8pm
14th	Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am
18th	Dagnall Over 60's Sausage & Mash Village Hall 1.30pm + Showtime Players Concert Party

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

1st	2.15pm Unveiling of Northall Village sign at Knolls View, Northall, 2.45pm Opening of Northall Village Hall Playground, 3-5pm fun afternoon
15th	Tea Dance, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 3-5.30pm, Tickets: £7.50 01525 222726
18th	Edlesborough School Open Morning, 9.30 - 11am
4th Nov	Dagnall Community Choir in Concert. Dagnall Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Found...

...in Deans Meadow, Dagnall, keys and brown wooden oval keyring.

Eden project appears on one side of the keyring and a small acorn on the other side.

If these keys belong to you please call Kathy on 01442 842796

Does the Thought of Your Next Heating Bill Leave You Cold?

With the recent announcements from the main energy providers of large increases in the price of energy, the cost of keeping warm is rising. It is becoming harder for residents to keep their homes heated to the recommended temperatures of 21°C (70°F) in the living room and 18°C (65°F) in other occupied rooms. To help combat this, a free phone helpline has been set up to advise residents in Buckinghamshire how to cut their energy bills.

The service is offered by the United Sustainable Energy Agency in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council, the four Buckinghamshire District Councils and Buckinghamshire Primary Care Trust. If you are finding your energy bills unmanageable, you are not alone. Currently over 5 million people in the UK cannot afford to pay for the heat they need. Any resident in Buckinghamshire who is struggling with their energy bills can call **0800 107 00 44** for free, impartial advice on:

- Cavity wall and loft insulation including the grants available
- Grants and loans to help with heating system replacements
- Government and energy company payments
- How to switch energy suppliers to get the best deal
- Advice on fuel debt
- How to be more energy efficient in the home

Some of these improvements can take a few months to install; don't wait until it gets cold to phone. The helpline is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

Church Mouse

St Mary's PCC met on Thursday 8th September.

It has been proposed that the Garden of Remembrance be maintained by the Parish Council along with the rest of the churchyard. This is with the Parish Council for approval. Notice has been given to the contractors who have been cleaning the church and regular cleaning will now be undertaken by a rota of volunteers. The Parish Directory has been updated and will be reprinted shortly. There is a proposal to build a small extension to the church to meet the very obvious need for a toilet and kitchen area. This is still in the very early stages of planning. This year St Mary's was a part of Open Churches Sunday, which will continue as a Diocesan event in 2012 and will be held on Sunday 24th June.

The PCC have agreed with a request from the Parish Council not to hang banners on the War Memorial railings. A manhole cover has been stolen from the churchyard and will be replaced shortly with a less valuable one. The Fabric Committee reported that minor issues had been addressed and there have been no major problems.

The Harvest Supper and Quiz will take place on Saturday 1st October in Eaton Bray Hall. Tickets are also on sale for the Poppy Prom on November 12th.

Advent and Christmas Services will follow the usual pattern this year with a Carol Service held in St Mary's Eaton Bray on Sunday 18th December at 6.00.p.m.

The Revd. Coralie McCluskey reported on her initial reflections after 6 months in the Benefice. She commended all the good things she has found in place and went on to outline the beginning of her plans and aims for the future. The meeting ended on this very positive note.



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A new bus service commenced on Monday, July 25th 2011 serving Totternhoe, Eaton Bray and Billington. The new Route 71 will operate 4 times per day through the villages to Leighton Buzzard on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, AND also extends further to THREE times per day to Dunstable calling at Sainsbury's and Asda. This now connects the villages to 2 choices of towns and ALL four major supermarkets for shopping.

South Beds Dial-a-Ride are a Community Bus operator based in Totternhoe and have reached agreement to provide a complementary service to Central Bedfordshire Council to greatly expand this service using their minibuses which are a regular sight around their base in Totternhoe.

From April 2011 the 73 service was reduced to only one return per day to Leighton Buzzard on 3 days per week, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only, giving only a short stay in the town.

The new service is experimental and will be reviewed if underused. See bus stops for timetable details or contact South Beds Dial-a-Ride on 01525 222331.

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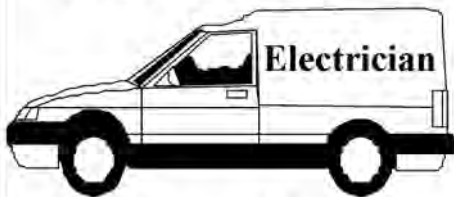
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Edlesborough School Contributions



Our Year 1 children recently visited the Edlesborough village sign on the Green. After studying its pictures and looking at its location, the children returned to school and wrote a letter to the sign describing what it can see and hear going on around the village.

Dear Village Sign

I am writing you a letter. You are so tall you can see twinkling stars and cars going very fast. You can even see the school. And you can even see the church. I think you can hear me. You can see the birds. Best of all I think you love to watch people having a picnic.

Love from Sophie

Dear Village Sign

I am writing you a letter. You are so tall you can see helicopters hovering over you. You can see cars racing past you. You can even see the school. Maybe you can see my house. I think you can hear the birds whistling on top of you. I think you like best of all children playing tennis. You can see the stars twinkling in the sky. You can hear the EB Lions cheering. Possibly you can hear people making bonfires. Do you like the sizzling? I think best of all you like children playing in the park.

Love Joshua



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A full list of our clubs meeting dates can be found on the club's website at www.bag16mm.org.uk.

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Let's Talk Together Community Meeting

You are invited to join us at Eaton Bray Village Hall on Tuesday 6 December 2011 from 7-9pm to meet with a range of public service providers operating in this area, including Central Bedfordshire Council, the Police, NHS Bedfordshire and others to 'Let's Talk Together'.

The event will start at 7.00pm and finish at 9.00pm and is organised into two parts. The first hour is very informal and is an opportunity for you to meet various public service providers, talk to your local Councillors and find out what is going on in your area.

From 8.00pm you will be able to hear about the Council's budget consultation plans for 2012/13, help set community safety priorities for your area and participate in discussions about local issues. This part of the meeting will be chaired by an Executive Member from Central Bedfordshire Council.

If you are interested in getting more involved in your local community, you can also talk to local organisations about the many volunteering opportunities available.

Please look out for posters on notice boards and local press for final details closer to the date of the meeting.

More details about the Let's Talk Together meetings are also available on the Central Bedfordshire Together website www.centraltogether.org.uk, or please contact Sarah Hughes, Community Engagement Manager at Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 6166.

Letter to the Editors

Dear Editor,

Save our pavements!



I would like to send out a plea to all those car drivers out there that think it is a good idea to park on the pavement, to please refrain from doing so. I am finding it impossible to get through the gaps left with a pram and often have to go into the road to get past. Wheelchairs must find this even more difficult, especially as there is often just a pavement on one side of the road. Today, whilst on a short walk, I found no less than eight cars parked with wheels on the pavement, I am sure they would object if I took to walking down the middle of the road! If I can park considerately, then so can everyone else. Thank you.

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A lot has been happening since our last article. Firstly, our club has now officially formed and some of our new members have been inducted, which was a great social event held at the Doubletree in Milton Keynes. Some of the members enjoyed watching a game at the stadium before the formation evening, watching the Dons win at home to Chesterfield 6 -2.

Hopefully some of you reading this will have managed to come along to our Medical Detection Dogs presentation evening at the end of September. It really is a wonderful and very worthwhile charity making a difference to many people's lives. More pictures of these and other events can be seen on our website www.ebelions.org.uk Our next event is coming up soon – 19th November. There is a large advert placed in this magazine for our Race



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Another date for your diary is Saturday 10th December when we will be holding a 'Christmas, Crafts and second hand book sale' at Dagnall village hall. Watch out for more details coming in next month's magazine.

Each month so far we have written about a different Lions project. We recognise that some of these may not always feel relevant to the local community but our ***'Message in a Bottle'*** really can make a difference to a significant number of people everywhere. This scheme is free to the user. Whilst it is focused on the more vulnerable people in our community, anyone can fall downstairs, so this scheme can benefit anyone, including you. As a minimum it will save the Emergency Services valuable time identifying you and your emergency contacts. By telling whether you have special medication or allergies or not, it is a potential lifesaver and provides peace of mind to users and their friends and families.

The Message in a Bottle scheme ensures that important medical and personal information is on hand for the emergency services when they are called out to your home. Members of the Message in a Bottle scheme place a small plastic bottle in their fridge containing details of all relevant medical information. A green cross sticker is placed inside your front door and another on the fridge to alert emergency services to its presence. Lions work in partnership with local councils, health services and emergency services to deliver the scheme.



Many Lions Clubs across the country have taken to recognise this initiative as a means of fulfilling the motto 'we serve' and often fund this scheme from their own charity accounts.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from one of these small plastic bottles please do get in touch. You will find that we tend to have these on display at most if not all of our events and give them out free of charge, if you have a need for one now, please do get in touch by emailing president@ebelions.org.uk



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During August, 12 of our drivers were on holiday leaving just 4 drivers to take care of 16 trips that were booked that month. The Community Car Service has also helped save the job of one passenger who lost the use of their car and CCS were able to transport them to and from the station for 2 weeks until the situation was resolved.

Grateful thanks must go to all our driver volunteers who have given so much to this Community Transport Scheme and without whom we would not be able to continue. I would also like to "Thank" Peter our co-ordinator who is doing an outstanding job matching drivers to passengers and getting everyone to their destinations. Peter and Viv our relief co-ordinator have also completed numerous trips over the summer to help passengers when we have not had sufficient drivers and this is very much appreciated by all concerned.

The Scheme is growing quite quickly now, word has spread.

If you are disadvantaged by local public transport and live in the villages of Edlesborough, Dagnall or Northall maybe we could help you to get to your medical appointments, visit friends or just do a little bit of shopping. Charges do apply but only to cover the cost of fuel and a very small admin charge.

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If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer driver for EDaN please give me a call on 01442 842796 or 0779 0537032.

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Why not come along and see for yourself. A trial visit will only cost you £4 which is then deductible from your membership fee when you join.

This season's films will include:

- Made in Dagenham
- Arsenic and Old Lace (1944 version)
- Hachi: A Dog's Tale
- The Full Monty
- Roman Holiday
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Music practices (all welcome)	7.30 - 9.00pm

Wednesday

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

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*Brightly shines the Sabbath day,
Calm and peaceful is the morn
As the farmer wends his way
through the sheaves of golden corn.*



These words evoke memories of a Harvest time immortalised in the paintings of Constable and his contemporaries and the poetry of Longfellow, Tennyson and Shelley. I found them in *The Seasons*, a collection of poetry and prose, beautifully illustrated with delicate drawings and watercolours, compiled between the years 1887 and 1890 by Louis Lawrence. The opening lines were written by Rev. R Wilton and are a fine example of morally uplifting verse by those who are long

forgotten. As I write this the Harvest is over and has been reasonable. The yield is down so that farmers with livestock may face having to pay a high price for any extra feed they buy this winter. Harvest Festival is still one of the most popular celebrations in town and country churches and a reminder at this time of the year of how fortunate we are and the necessity to share what we have with the poor at this time.

The joy of the Harvest celebration, however, contrasts sharply with the reports in newspapers or on the television about the famine and ongoing conflict suffered by so many in other parts of the world, not forgetting the personal illness and grief suffered by friends and neighbours in our communities. I am often asked how I cope with this and sometimes challenged about my belief in a God that lets all this happen. Sadly I have no perfect answers but take the time to pray for strength, guidance, a helpful word or just knowing that I'm not alone when I have to face a sad or difficult visit.

October not only celebrates Harvest but also the life of St Luke, described as the "beloved physician". Luke is not only the author of the gospel named after him but also the book of Acts, which tells the story of the early Church. Luke's gospel depicts Jesus as compassionate and caring, whose desire was to bring wholeness to anybody who was in need, spiritually, physically or emotionally. This ministry of prayer and loving concern is central to the work of the church. At St Mary's there is a prayer list that is used daily and if you would like a name added please ring me on 01525 20261 or add a name to the prayer board in the church. On St Luke's day, Tuesday 18th October, at 5pm there will be a short service with prayer for healing and if you would like to join me please come along.

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

Financial Health Check Tool

The Money Advice Service has just launched a new service, the health check.

The health check is an online money planner which gives people a personal action plan to help them with their money priorities now, and to plan for the future.

The interactive health check asks a number of straightforward, multiple-choice questions. It does not require any paperwork and it takes between five to ten minutes to complete.

At the end, the client will get a personalised action plan. The action plan will suggest ways to control spending, make the most of savings and ensure that finances can cope with a change in circumstances.

Advisers are being asked to encourage their clients to take the health check.

This service is free, independent and confidential.

The health check is available on the Money Advice Service website at:
healthcheck.moneyadvice.org.uk.



All Saints Church, Dagnall - Services & Meetings in October 2011

Sun. 2nd Oct.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
Wed. 5th Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting - Speaker: Revd Coralie McCluskey
Sun. 9th Oct.	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 16th Oct.	10.30 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Wed. 19th Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting - Speaker: Dr Kay Griffiths
Sun. 23rd Oct.	10.30 am	Family Service
Wed. 26th Oct	7.45 pm	Quiz Evening
Sun. 30th Oct	4.00 pm	Family Communion for the Festival of All Saints
Wed. 2nd Nov.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting - Speaker Revd Lucille Rogers
Sun. 6th Nov.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Service

Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am.



Edlesborough Parish Council News

(including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall)

Assistant Clerk:

Beverly Sage, who continues her role of Manager for the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, the Green, sports and playground equipment at Edlesborough, has recently been appointed as an Assistant Clerk. Beverly can be contacted on 01525 229358 e-mail: assistant.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk. In due course, Beverly will take over responsibility for all matters which come under the responsibility of the General Purposes Committee.

Lin Sargeant will remain as Clerk, with overall responsibility for the administration and financial affairs of Edlesborough Parish Council.

Beverly will also continue as Booking Secretary for the Memorial Hall until a replacement is found. If any parishioner wishes to take on the role of Booking Secretary would they please contact the Clerk, Lin Sargeant on 01525 220859 or e-mail: parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk.

Speed Limit Review – Area 13

Following numerous meetings, letters, e-mails and pressure being put upon the Leader of Bucks CC, especially from Northall residents, the Parish Council received news that a U-turn had been made and the Speed Limit Review for the parish would go ahead as originally agreed by Bucks CC in December 2010. The installation of new 30mph signs and relevant road markings are now due to be installed in Northall by December along with the new 40mph stretches either side of Northall and the new 40mph limits on the 4 approach roads to Travellers Rest.

Edlesborough Neighbourhood Plan

It is the Parish Council intent to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan and further details appear in this issue of Focus with full explanations.

Car Parks

The Parish Council has received some letters of objection regarding the proposed extension to the Memorial Hall car park. The various views and comments will be taken into consideration in detailing the final proposals. At this stage, the council will consult with all Parishioners and a decision will only then be made on whether to proceed or not..

Cemetery

The gate and signs have been installed at the Bridleway entrance to the Cemetery. Despite notices requesting 'NO PARKING Access required at all times' vehicles are continuing to park across the bridleway entrance and the Council would emphasise the fact that the bridleway must be kept clear for access to be available to not only the owner of the bridleway but also farmers and funeral cars.

War Memorials

Quotations have been received for the refurbishment of both Edlesborough and Dagnall War Memorials. It is hoped that work will have been carried out prior to Remembrance Sunday on 13th November 2011.

Vandalism

Continued vandalism has taken place in Edlesborough with the destruction of 2 litter bins and damage to playground equipment. If any parishioner witnesses any actions of this nature taking place please phone Thames Valley Police on 0845 8 505 505 as

a message can then get through to any police officers or PCSOs who may be only minutes away.

Bus Stop and white lining in Edlesborough High Street

A meeting has been held with Bucks CC who will be responding to the Parish Council with details of repositioning the requisite area of the Bus Stop parking bay and sections of white lining in the High Street.

Allotments

Rents are to be collected for Edlesborough and Northall on Saturday 8th October 9.30-12 noon. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS YEAR IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PAVILION (not the Memorial Hall). The Dagnall rents will be collected at the Garden Hut on Sunday 9th October 10.-12 noon. Several allotments appear not to have been cultivated and letters have been sent to the owners. Until the rents have been collected it is uncertain whether any allotment plots will be available for re-letting but names can be taken to be put on the waiting list if anyone wishes to have an allotment. Priority for letting allotments goes to parishioners prior to others from neighbouring areas.

The Parish Council wish to remind parishioners that all General Purpose Committee Meeting and Parish Council Meeting minutes are available on the parish website www.edlesborough.gov.uk after they have been approved and signed at the following meeting.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings 3rd Thursday monthly 7.30pm Memorial Hall Next Meeting: 20th Oct</p>

ELF (Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship) News

In July a party from Elf made a trip to the Industrial Heritage Centre based at Frogmore Mill, Apsley, which is run by ‘Paper Trail’ a registered charity, manned by volunteers. This is where the first commercial paper machine was installed in 1803, thus starting papers’ industrial revolution, and – at a much later date – Basildon Bond was produced. Whilst full scale commercial production no longer takes place, a small company is operating there and the whole process of paper making, from start to finish, can be seen – and one of the original ‘monster’ machines is still in situ, although no longer in use. The print room gives the history of printing from Tyndale’s Bible through newspapers and almost up to the computer. Our visit also included a short trip on the canal which was the main source of transportation both of the finished paper and delivery of raw materials to the Mill. The guides were excellent with their information and explanations – a place well worth a visit.

In August, nearer home, and indeed at the home of Alan and Val Trantum, members enjoyed ‘Afternoon Tea’ in the garden, with the usual array of goodies, bonhomie and chat! All good fellowship stuff! We always welcome new people; we are all retired of course (that’s how we manage to do all these nice things during the day) and for more information please contact Alan or Val on 220972.

Dagnall News

Over 60's

In July the Over Sixties went by coach to Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum, near Towcester, for the day. The outing included a narrow boat trip along the canal to the Blisworth Tunnel, the longest canal tunnel in England. We only ventured a little way in until we were in total darkness! The canal boat people in the past (before engines) used to "leg it" through the tunnel as the horse had to be taken up over the top, to meet the boat on the other side!

After lunch at the Navigation Pub, there was time to explore, have an ice cream or a cup of tea, or sit and watch the canal activity, before boarding the coach for the raffle, then home.

In August we had a visiting speaker from the National Trust, to talk to us about the 'Wildlife of Ashridge Forest'. Mr. Don Otter assisted by Craig, showed us some beautiful slides of everything from fungi and beetles to squirrels and deer, as well as some rare flowers and butterflies. We learned a great deal about the conservation work the Rangers and Woodmen are attempting to achieve, not only in the forest but in the surrounding countryside and farms.

Our next Meeting is a lunch out at the Greenman, near Stanford in Beds. The coach leaves Dagnall Village Hall at 11.30 am, with stops in Eaton Bray and Edlesborough as usual.

If anyone reading this review of our activities to date is inspired to join our lively and friendly club, you will be warmly welcomed. Just phone or email Rosemary Allan 01442843202 or rosemarylallan@btopenworld.com. Priority will be given to Dagnall Residents of course, but we have members from all around.

Community Choir

Dagnall Community Choir Back On Song

After our Summer break we assembled again at Dagnall Church on the first Monday in September. It would have been no surprise to anyone if attendance had been down. But - Lo & Behold ! - we had our largest attendance ever for our regular Monday night practice session, boosted by some new members.

More and more these days Stuart Harding, our much valued conductor and motivator, is liable to toss his baton in the air, more in delight than despair, and is coaxing us through a busy period expanding and polishing our ever increasing repertoire, including selections from "Les Miserables" and Andrew Lloyd Webber for our Autumn Concerts. So even if we have had the pleasure of singing for you before there will be something new for you to enjoy.

Our first appearance will be at Dagnall Village Hall on Friday 4th. November at 7:30 pm. Tickets will be available at £6:00 per person and refreshments can be purchased during the interval. Tickets can be purchased from Val Lumley, Geoff Ward (phone numbers below) or from Vicki Lee 01442 843361. The following week on Saturday 12th. November at 7:30 pm. we will be taking part in "The Poppy Prom" at St. Mary's Church, Eaton Bray. We do hope that you can come to enjoy a great selection of beautiful music, sung by members of your community.

We are always pleased to welcome new members. Please phone Geoff Ward 01442 843515 or Val Lumley 01442 842214 who will be pleased to assure that enthusiasm is as important as musical ability.

Dagnall School



Stroll for Life 2011

Thank you to all the ladies from Knit N Stitch and Edlesborough WI who took part in “Stroll For Life” at Ashridge Estate on Monday 11th July. We held this informal fundraiser, as our alternative to Race for Life, to raise money for Cancer Research. With 35 ladies taking part, we raised £155.00 and had a very enjoyable afternoon in the process too! The weather was very pleasant on the day and with some walking, ice-cream and afternoon tea the day was a great success.

Some of us entered “Race for Life” a week later and we are now planning to repeat both these events in 2012.

Knit N Stitch

Now at Edlesborough

Knit, Stitch & Crochet

Just bring along your knitting,
crochet or needlework
and friendly face

1st and 3rd Monday of the month
2pm to 4pm

Edlesborough Memorial Hall
High Street, Edlesborough
LU6 3HX (Next to the Green)

Contact Wendy – Tel 07908 828414
www.wendy-poole.co.uk



Wednesday Club Northall

We are looking forward to our COFFEE MORNING on 19th October and hope that many of our friends will be able to join us again. We have welcomed several new members over the summer, but still have places for more to come and join us. Our armchair aerobics lady will be visiting us on the 5th October and we shall also have a special Harvest Festival visit from the children of Dagnall School, who delight us with their songs, smiles and chat each Autumn.

We have recently held our Annual Harvest Auction at The Swan, Northall, and give our thanks to all the locals who support this event, both by turning up and bidding on the night and all those kind donations from local businesses and individuals. It is an enjoyable and successful fundraising event for our Group.

We enjoyed a special lunch recently, where a presentation was made to Mr Ian Conner to mark his long service (over 20 years) as Chairman of the Committee. The members wanted to show their thanks and appreciation for this level of commitment and to offer our best wishes for the future.

For any further information, please phone Anna 221996 or Julie 220153

Have Your Say...

About the Future Growth in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

Edlesborough Parish Council has agreed that it needs to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. This will involve a period of public consultation to establish what the wishes of the local community are in relation to future development (how much or how little) within the villages of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall between now and 2031. The Council will be distributing questionnaires to individual households and businesses within the three villages during the Autumn as part of that consultation. The more questionnaires that are completed, the more the eventual Neighbourhood Plan will reflect the wishes of the three communities as a whole. The Council would therefore encourage as many households as possible to participate in the consultation process by completing and returning a questionnaire.

What are Neighbourhood Plans?

The new Government Localism Bill proposes to give Parish Councils a right to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

A neighbourhood plan is a document where the local community define what sort of new development they wish to see over the next 20 years or so and where they wish that development to be sited. The plan can identify the timing (phasing), the type, style and size of new developments, and the infrastructure requirements necessary to accommodate that development.

The District Council (AVDC) will still prepare the overall planning policy document (The Vale of Aylesbury Plan) which will contain elements such as housing numbers and strategic infrastructure etc. The Neighbourhood Plan will have to accommodate all those strategic proposals, however it can accommodate more development if the local community so desire. For example it can allocate more housing, but not less.

Every Neighbourhood Plan will have to undergo an independent examination, to check that it conforms with The Vale of Aylesbury Plan, the National Planning Framework,

other national guidance, European Directives etc.

Subject to passing the independent examination, the draft plan will then be put to a local referendum and will be 'approved' if more than 50% of those voting, vote for it. Once 'approved' through a local referendum, AVDC will have a duty to adopt it. Once adopted a Neighbourhood Plan becomes part of the formal planning process. This means it will form the basis of developments coming forward, how they are shaped and will be a key part in deciding if they gain planning permission. Having a Neighbourhood Plan would not therefore mean that we could override the minimum housing numbers or the fundamental strategic policies imposed on the Parish by AVDC in the Vale of Aylesbury Plan. What it would mean is that we would have more influence on where, when and how those housing numbers are accommodated and the type of housing and development that results.

Edlesborough Parish Council

More Officers to Tackle Crime in our Communities

Bedfordshire Police have drawn up ambitious plans to improve the service provided by the Force while also saving taxpayers' money.

From October 2011, the Force and the Police Authority will deliver a more streamlined process to improve both operational capacity and capability. This means that more officers will be available to deal with incidents reported to us by the public.

The Force carried out a detailed review of the way it organised key departments to identify areas where costs could be cut and performance improved. During the process, residents confirmed they were happy for structural matters to be dealt with by the Force so long as they received an appropriate police response when needed and crime continued to fall.

The new changes will see the number of police officers dedicated to local policing double from 92 to 185. This means a larger number of officers will be available to tackle local crime, anti-social behaviour and other community concerns while PCSOs will carry out more patrols.

There will no longer be any geographic boundaries or divisions separating communities. Instead, a Chief Superintendent will oversee Local Policing while another will be responsible for Tackling Crime.

Through reorganisation, the Force and the Police Authority will speed up response times. A new centralised team will respond to incidents county-wide officers will get to where they are needed more quickly as well as save money.

Meanwhile, a greater number of incidents will be resolved over the telephone to reduce demand on frontline staff thanks to a new appointment system for non-emergency issues. A recent survey found that people accepted this as a good way of dealing with non-urgent matters. A new three digit non-emergency number will be introduced in the autumn, after which time all you will need to dial is 101 for non-urgent situations. Peter Conniff, Chair of Bedfordshire Police Authority, said: "We've listened to our residents throughout the review process and their comments have very much informed our strategic decisions. The changes have been made to promote greater access to police services and deliver a more effective response that meets the expectations of our communities."

Ivinghoe Library Progress

Ivinghoe Library, which is used by people across the Beacon villages, has come a step closer to moving into community control. The Friends of Ivinghoe Library have submitted a business plan to Bucks County Council proposing that the change is made as of April 2012.

Currently 5% of library users come from Edlesborough, with the remainder hailing from Pitstone, Ivinghoe, Marsworth, Cheddington, and the surrounding area.

In recognition of this wider base, the Friends committee plans to rename the service “Beacon Villages Community Library” and will shortly be starting an extensive programme of activity to engage schools, clubs, businesses and residents across the villages.

The Friends anticipate that building links throughout the wider Beacon Villages Community will take time to gain momentum, so the business plan is based on maintaining the current service in 2012-13, with the library staffed by our library manager and supported by volunteers. The aim is to extend opening hours as our volunteer base grows and to engage with the community to make further service improvement in years two and three.

Bucks CC has committed to providing an annual support grant and we will also be approaching Parish Councils to seek support.

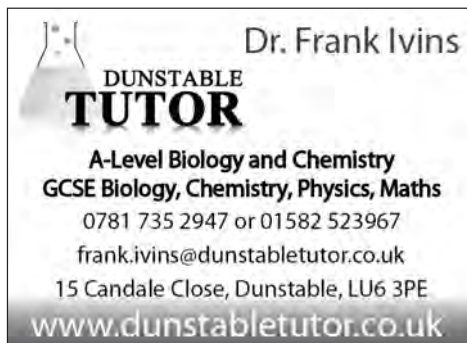
The full business plan is available to view at www.ivinghoelibrary.wordpress.com or at the library. Comments and suggestions are very welcome. We will shortly be seeking volunteer support. If you would like to know more, please register your interest by emailing ivinghoelibrary@gmail.com, leaving your details at the library or contacting Emma on 661720.

Tell us your Top Reads!

What is your favourite book or author? Is Slickett’s Lane fond of murder mysteries? Does Cook’s Meadow have a soft spot for sci-fi? The Friends of Ivinghoe Library want to know!

We are compiling a list of favourite books across Edlesborough and the Beacon Villages. We’ll be collecting your suggestions over the next few weeks and will reveal the full list in the autumn. We’ll use the list to help gain publicity as the library continues its journey to become a community-run service, and your choices can be used to help make sure we are stocking the types of books you love most.

Please take a few minutes to tell us your top ten authors and books. Children and adults are most welcome to take part. There are lots of easy ways to take part: visit www.ivinghoelibrary.wordpress.com/TopReads, email your suggestions to ivinghoelibrary@gmail.com or pop into the library on Ivinghoe High Street (parking by the green opposite the Kings Head).



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Highlights Of The Meeting For Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held in The Coffee Tavern on Monday 5th September 2011 at 7:30pm

VILLAGE POLICING

There is a change to village policing in that from October 2011 policing of the rural areas of Leighton Buzzard will be covered by local policing teams responsible for larger areas and not dedicated to a specific area as was the case with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams. The PCSO's (Police Community Support Officers) will not be changing their responsibilities and any issues/enquiries can still be directed to them in the first instance, assessed and if necessary passed to an on-duty police officer.

The non-emergency number is 01582 401212 and is the best number to get in contact with an officer or PCSO.

RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

The painting teams have now started working at The Rye play area and will working at the School Lane play areas in September. The play equipment is to be painted in both play areas and the new play equipment is due to be installed this autumn.

School Lane Recreation Ground Litter: There are to be two new bins to be sited in the recreation ground to encourage people to use these rather than just throw their rubbish on the ground - **LET'S KEEP OUR PARISH LITTER FREE.**

PARISH TREES

The Parish Council is in the process of obtaining contractor quotes for work to trees within the parish.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: 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

Parish Office: 20 Good Intent, Edlesborough, LU6 2RD; Tel/Fax 01525 221464 & Email clerk@ebpc.co.uk

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 3rd Oct
Mon 7th Nov

EDaN Concert Feedback



Following the last concert that took place in July at St Mary's Church Edlesborough, this comment was received.

'We often like many others in the parish travel to London to the Proms - this is a fantastic event to have on our doorstep. Highly recommendable.

The music is delightful and the venue superb. The quartet led by Robert Secret is such a pleasure to listen to.'

We expect to be back next summer with more concerts so please look out for further announcements in Focus.

Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

Grey clouds billowed menacingly across the sky last Saturday as our annual club Final's Day got underway, our 23rd since we started out in 1989. Tennis players and supporters however are a hardy bunch, and all arrived undeterred by the BBC weatherman's forecast of 'a



few light showers' determined to play –and hopefully win – their finals, or to cheer on their family member/friend/person who'd paid them to come along. And so it was that we laid out 20 garden chairs alongside court 1, made ourselves a cup of hot coffee, and sat down to enjoy the first final of the afternoon. Umpire was Peter Hale, who had to make do standing on another garden chair, as we'd inadvertently left the umpire's ladder in Judy Venn's garage and no-one had the energy to go back and get it.

This was the first time the Ladies Singles final had been contested since 2007, and we were not disappointed. Alison Lowe took on Alicia Franklin, both ladies still strictly Juniors, but putting on a display of tennis that would make any one of our first team players look over their shoulders. A match very high in quality eventually saw Alison come out on top 6-1, 6-3 to take her first Senior title at the club. Congratulations Alison! Next up was the Men's Singles, which saw our only 3-setter of the afternoon. Darren Kerins and Kevin Todd entertained us for almost 2 hours in a fiercely competitive match full of chips, lobs and powerful forehands. Despite Kevin taking the first set, Darren came through in the end 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 to take his 13th Men's Singles title, his first being in 1993. Not many professional tennis players are still at the top of their game after 18 years! I should clarify that part of that 2 hour match included a rain break, when the heavens opened and every committee member to a man ran onto the courts to pull out the protective covers, before remembering that we didn't have any. A short sharp shower it was however; play quickly resumed after a swift 10 minute break in the clubhouse (during which Kevin had a cup of tea and a bag of cheese and onion crisps).

The Mixed Doubles was played out on Court 2, giving some spectators the challenging decision of which court to place their garden chairs alongside. Carole Thorp and (tennis) partner Simon Mitchener had the tough task of playing club coach Sara Leavy and her partner Glen Wigley. Sarah played a 'blinder' with some magnificent contributions from Glenn (or so he told me afterwards, when I told him I'd be writing my Focus report later), and despite strong resistance from their opponents, Sara and Glenn won in straight sets 6-4, 6-1. That match was quickly followed by the Ladies Doubles final, consisting of Jane Cross and Claire Fox-Wilson against Judy Venn and Alison Lowe, by now fully recovered from her earlier victory (the stamina of these youngsters)! Judy and Alison played superbly, taking control of and winning the first set, and despite Jane and Claire raising their game in the second, they couldn't prevent Judy and Alison taking the title 6-1, 7-5. Two titles in one afternoon for Alison, and Judy's 3rd title overall, her first being back on our inaugural Final's Day in 1989. Still winning titles after 23 years is some achievement!

The final match was the Men's Doubles between Simon Mitchener and Peter Messetter, playing Darren Kerins and John Slater. Darren and John put up a good fight and made it a very close encounter, but Simon and Peter emerged victorious at the end of an exciting tie-break, 6-3, 7-6. And so ended a fantastic day of tennis, but being Eaton

Bray Tennis Club, the day was only just beginning! There followed a social evening in the clubhouse with around 30 members (some suitably hosed down after their exploits on court), both adult and junior, enjoying various savoury and sweet dishes brought along by members, the quantities of which could have fed most of Eaton Bray for a week. Our clubhouse fridge was bulging with copious amounts of bottles and cans of suitable liquid refreshment, consumed whilst regaling ever more exaggerated stories of heroic exploits on court earlier in the day. Cups and prizes were awarded, and as night fell, everyone slipped away happy, contented and proud to be a member!

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; 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, well, not out, then me, Andy Coss, on 01582 477114.

Eaton Bray W.I.

Deirdrea welcomed the members back after the Summer break and also welcomed Roz who joined us that evening.

Everyone agreed that the outing to Sulgrave Manor, the home of George Washington's ancestors, was a great success. From the moment that the coach arrived until its departure, we were looked after. Everything was done to make sure that we had the best possible time, with attention to every detail. The house tour visiting the Great Hall, kitchen and bedchambers among the furniture and artifacts of the period, plus the other rooms depicting the era of George Washington, were made so interesting by Simon a most informative guide (quite a charmer too). The two hour tour just flew by and when Simon referred to the "shapely legs" in each room, he looked at Dorothy not the furniture! Walking through the village which was friendly, picturesque and so peaceful. Entering the small church there, the feeling of calm and peacefulness was so welcoming.

The September meeting saw Paul Hancock as the speaker (who stepped in at the last minute), showing slides on the National Trust and specifically the Chiltern Gateway Centre at Dunstable Downs. The area around the centre offers so much, the views, wildlife, various types of orchids, red kites as well as the fresh air activities of kite flying and gliding. The centre itself offers many facilities, with a National Trust shop, selections of food to buy, an excellent cafe, gifts, jewellery etc. It also runs many events during the year.

It was with great regret that the members said goodbye to Gladys Ruffet, a most loyal and supportive member and the longest serving member of Eaton Bray WI, who is moving away at the end of the month. She was presented with a London carriage clock and cards which the members had signed, plus cards for her new home. She will be greatly missed, especially as a person who always said thank you for everything that was done.

Helen was thanked for hosting the coffee morning which raised £150, a great result and grateful thanks go to all those who supported it. Next month's meeting is on Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm at the Eaton Bray Methodist Hall, when the speaker will be Tony Woodhouse on 'Ghosts'. New members are always welcome. Why not come and try.

22nd World Scout Jamboree Sweden 2011

Over the past 15 or so months we have been fundraising, with your help, to go to Sweden for the trip of a lifetime! It really was an amazing trip...

It started in Denmark where all 4000 participants from the UK stayed in Youth Hostels around Copenhagen and we really did invade the city! We got to try out new sports such as Human Football, Zumba and Body Combat, we visited a theme park named Tivoli Gardens, we went kayaking, sightseeing and on a speed boat ride. On the last night, the UK contingent organised a huge party for everyone to go to in order to get us hyped up for the World Scout Jamboree!

The Jamboree itself was absolutely incredible! The sheer size of it all was mind-blowing: we were living among 39000 members of Guides and Scouts; the site itself was 4 miles wide; there were more countries attending the Jamboree than the amount that attend the Olympic games; 3000kg of popcorn was eaten, along with 68tonnes of carrots, and if you were to line up the butter packets from the Adult food house it would stretch 25km!

There were amazing opening and closing ceremonies. Some of the activities available included rock climbing, ice climbing, bungee trampolines, water zorbing, pioneering on a huge scale and fake snowboarding. There were also modular activities that you did in patrols called Quest, Earth, Dream, People and Global Development Village. All of these activities helped us to grow within ourselves, get to know other people better and learn about how we can change the world, one step at a time.

Each participant also got the opportunity to spend 24 hours at a camp being held by a Swedish, Danish or Norweigen scout group which was a really fun camp as we got to do traditional crafts, go canoeing and make coat hooks from iron sticks.

There was also a cultural festival day where people dressed in National costumes and made local food for everyone to try. There was lots of dancing of all varieties, including Morris dancing by the scouts from Bedfordshire!

Our experience ended with three nights camping with local Scouts in Croatia apart from Gemma stayed with a family in Finland. We arrived home, very tired but having had an "awesome" time.

So, thank you once more to everyone who contributed to our fundraising in any way. And, if you will be 14-18 in 2015, consider applying for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan – we all want to go as helpers! You will have the experience of a lifetime.

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Table Corner & Pumpkins Creations

I can't believe that last time I wrote these little musings it was mid summer and now we are already in autumn! Oh dear, oh dear. I bet I will not be the only one to think, where is the time going? On the good news front, with autumn in the air, our favourite flavours and colours are back with beautiful apples and endless shades of gold, red and brown. A time of discovery for the young ones kicking the leaves or carving funny faces out of pumpkins.



Last autumn Arthur and Adelaide and a friend made pumpkin faces from shop-bought orange pumpkins - nothing is perfect and there is no vegetable patch in the Searle garden! The scary creations were lit by internal tea lights from behind their eyes and the children were rather pleased with their artwork.

This year Adelaide brought home, I am pretty sure from her playgroup, three seeds of yellow pumpkins which we started in pots and transplanted into the garden. At the time of writing, each plant has grown several arms, each a crooked three metres long, over the compost heap, through and over a hedge and out onto the lawn. They are so in the process of growing that it is only a question of time before we dare not go near these monsters after dark. Carving is still very much planned for the 31st of October, but I can't wait to tell Adelaide that apart from the scary faces this year we are also going to make an even scarier soup out of her pumpkins!

So if you also need something hearty to make you feel brave enough to harvest pumpkins, strong enough to scoop them out, and imaginative enough to carve those horrible faces or simply to recover from the whole experience, here is the recipe. They are many versions out there, but this one is so simple that you can even make it with help from your own children or grandchildren.

Ingredients: (Makes 4 servings)

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 onion, diced
- 800 gr pumpkins, chopped to 2cm cubes
- 600 ml vegetable stock
- 140 ml double cream
- 1/2 tsp sugar (optional)
- salt and pepper to taste



In a large saucepan, cook the onion in the butter for 3-5 minutes, until they turn clear. Add the pumpkins and carry on cooking for 8 minutes. Then add the stock, stirring to combine. Cook over medium heat for another 10 minutes until the squash is soft. Add the cream, some salt and pepper, and puree the lot to obtain a rich pumpkin soup. Bon appétit!

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Aristocrats of the Prune Orchards

Most readers of Focus will know that our area was once famous for the production of a particular variety of plum with excellent eating and preserving qualities. It was also said to be of great value in the straw hat trade in Luton and Dunstable where the locally made straw plait was turned into natty ladies and gents headwear. The local plums - or more correctly their skins were used to make a dye with which to tint the straw hats in a fetching shade of purple fashionable in the late Victorian and Edwardian periods. Eaton Bray, Edlesborough and adjoining parishes were extensively planted with plum orchards and the trade flourished into the 1950s, but since then these orchards have ceased to be managed for fruit production and are, for the most part either used for grazing or are disused and reverting to scrub.

But they still have a great value for wildlife and support a range of characteristic fungi, lichens, plants, insects, birds and mammals. And some of the old fruit trees support species which are not found anywhere else.

In the depths of last winter's snow and ice some of you may have noticed some odd looking characters, well swathed in weather stopping garments, peering through hedges or over gates, or taking a close interest in any gnarled and ancient orchard trees which could be reached by public footpath or bridle way. They looked odd because they were carrying a heavy load of sample jars, tape measures, ordnance survey maps, assorted paperwork and other gubbins necessary for their business. They were volunteers carrying out an initial survey of the condition of local orchards and their trees on behalf of Natural England and the People's Trust for Endangered Species. If you own or live close to an orchard they may have knocked on your door, or left an information pack about the work.

More specifically they were looking for trees of an age and condition suitable for one of Britain's rarest creatures: a beetle known as the Noble Chafer. This beautiful beetle (see picture on page 73) depends on dead and decaying wood and is found only in traditional orchards, large numbers of which are being destroyed for agriculture or development, or are disappearing through neglect.

The Noble Chafer is a handsome creature. Adults are about 2cm long and a striking, iridescent green in colour. They survive for only 4 to 6 weeks and the very fortunate who live in the areas where they breed may see them on the wing, or visiting flowers such as hogweed, on hot, sunny days in July and August.

They mate at this time and the females lay eggs in the decaying wood of old fruit trees. They prefer orchards with mature trees, 50 to 80 years old – just the sort which are vulnerable to clearance or removal. The larvae feed on the rotting wood, taking two years to develop into adults. During this time the larvae produce characteristic droppings called frass. This often accumulates in the hollows and crevices of the old trees and is an indicator of the presence of the Noble Chafer.

Until very recently the Noble Chafer was believed to survive only in a few orchards in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, south Oxfordshire and parts of the New Forest. But no longer! For, as a result of the findings of the initial survey, and a very detailed follow up investigation by specialists in the field, the Noble Chafer has been discovered in an old orchard in Edlesborough. And it may be in others in this

area. This is sensational news and has caused great excitement amongst naturalists and wildlife organisations.

If you own, lease or rent an old orchard and are interested in finding out if the Noble Chafer has made its home there you can ask the People's Trust for Endangered Species to send an expert to carry out a survey. Or you can search for "frass" yourself. Collect a handful of the wood mould that has accumulated in a hole or crevice in an old fruit tree. This will be fine, woody material, but it may contain frass, which are lozenge shaped pellets about 3mm long (see picture on page 73). Should you also find larvae in the mould sample, return them carefully to the hole or crevice – but take a photograph if you can. If you find frass or larvae please report your find to the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES).

Also contact the PTES if you would like to know more about, or take part in the work to map, investigate and record the condition of old orchards and their wildlife.

You can do this by telephone: 020 7498 4533; by e mail: anita@ptes.org ; or by writing to: People's Trust for Endangered Species, 15 Cloisters House, 8 Battersea Park Road, London. SW8 4BG.

Thank you!



You are superb. Thank you to everyone in the four villages that has donated to The Salvation Army's Annual Appeal. You have raised £460 and I am extremely grateful to you for that sum. This goes towards the total we have been asked to raise in the area of £2700.

My thanks go to the proprietors/owners of the four businesses in the villages that very kindly agreed to have a collecting box. Without their agreement we could not have done this collection in this way. They are:

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- Trading Faces in Eaton Bray
- The Swan Inn at Northall

As you were kindly donating to the appeal, we were experiencing the riots in London and other areas. Teams from Salvation Army churches were out on the streets supporting the emergency services by providing drinks and food to keep them going through long shifts. The South London Emergency vehicle based in Croydon could not be driven out of his car park due to cars being set ablaze in front of it, but the Salvation Army folk still provided that back up that was needed. Haringey Council asked The Salvation Army to set up and run a refuge centre in Tottenham Hale for residents and their advice and support is still being provided. So, as you were donating, funds were being used to continue to provide care and practical support at a time of great need.

I must also say thank you to the Focus team that have allowed us to set up the appeal this year in this way. My thanks to you all.

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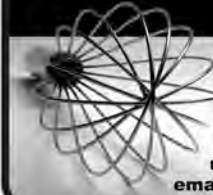
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Edlesborough Book Group

Kipps by H.G. Wells

Our choice for July was a novel by HG Wells, first published in 1905. It tells the story of Arthur Kipps, an orphan, cared for by an uncle and aunt, who are shopkeepers and who tell him little of his background and parentage. His is an uneventful childhood, playing with the local children, although his uncle, being very aware of his position as a business man, disapproves. Kipps enjoys the company of the neighbouring children and while Sid Pornick is his regular companion, Kipps secretly admires his sister Ann. When Kipps leaves school to be apprenticed to a draper in Folkestone, he and Ann split a sixpence, each of them taking a half as a memento.



Kipps gradually becomes used to the routines and hierarchy of the draper's shop and starts to make friends and live independently, although he is always aware of being not quite "right" socially and is constantly trying to dress or act the part by observation of his peers.

One day his life is changed. His attention is drawn to an advertisement in a newspaper from a solicitor, asking for Arthur Kipps to contact him. Apparently, Mr Waddy, who was Kipps grandfather, made a deathbed decision to forgive his daughter and acknowledge his grandson Arthur, leaving him a house and a considerable fortune, the income of which is twelve hundred pounds a year.

Our hero's life is turned upside down. Unsure of himself and his social etiquette, Arthur is easy prey to people who in the guise of friendship are feathering their own nests. Leading the way is Mrs Walshingham whose daughter Helen was Kipps' wood carving class teacher. Mrs Walshingham, a regular customer at the draper's shop, once despised Kipps as lower class, but now persuades her daughter that Kipps is an eligible suitor. Kipps is both delighted and bemused by his good fortune and the new friends and opportunities that present themselves. His efforts to cope with his new life and how he deals with his friends from the drapers and his childhood are both comic and poignant, giving the reader an insight to the rigours of the Edwardian class divisions.

Although written as a comedy, and based on his own background in Kent and experience as a draper's assistant, Wells has written a very sharp social satire and shows his own disdain of the snobberies of the time.

Our group was fiercely divided this month, which always makes for a good evening's discussion. Some of us liked the book very much, others didn't like it at all and there were those who hadn't quite made up their minds, but saw positive points during the discussion.

Bitter Sweets by Roopa Farooki

Our choice this month was a book based on the premise of "the sins of the fathers". The story begins with deception and continues through the generations of an Indian family, where everyone is either a liar or is directly affected by the lies of a relative.

An arranged marriage between the playboy son of wealthy parents to a girl he believes is his intellectual equal, falters when he discovers that the bride and her family have deceived him and she is in fact lazy and illiterate. A daughter is born to Ricky Rashid and Henna, but having done her duty, whenever there is a chance of another pregnancy, Henna checks into a clinic for a medical check up. Shona, their daughter does marry for love and moves to England, but her circumstances force her into a situation which requires her to deceive her family.

After years in a loveless marriage, Ricky meets a woman to whom he is attracted and who seems to return his interest. The inevitable happens and he too is caught up in an elaborate web of lies.

This house of cards has inevitably to fall and Roopa Farooki holds our interest as she unravels the various characters' dilemmas and brings the story to its conclusion.

This is the novelist's debut novel and she has relied a lot on her own background to illustrate the lifestyles of the various characters. The majority vote from our reading group was positive, most members enjoyed the book and it was very easy to read. It certainly gives discussion a good starting point.

Dagnall Gardeners' Society Annual Show

On Saturday 3th September, Dagnall Gardeners' Society held its annual show in the village hall. It has been a difficult year for growers, exceptionally dry weather making it difficult for many to grow flowers and vegetables. This did not deter people and there was a good range of entries, including flowers, vegetables, domestic classes and children's sections. Pictures by the children of Dagnall School were displayed for all to see on stage. The winners in each section, with the most points in their class, were: -

RESIDENTS

Founders Cup for vegetables - Eric Rose

John & Christine Yorke, Val Barrow

Nash Cup for flowers - Wendy Pattison

Val Barrow, Elizabeth Coates, Roy Mortimore tied for second

Wells Cup (most points by a resident) - Brian Westwood

OPEN CLASS

Society Cup for Vegetables - David Elkins

Society Cup For Flowers - Alan Bunting

A M Fehr Rose Bowl for pot plants - Jackie Smith

Clark Cup for domestic classes - Caroline Robinson

Society Cup for Children - Joshua Thorne & Erin Thorne (Joint 1st)

BEST IN SHOW

Society Cup Best exhibit domestic - Caroline Robinson

Best exhibit Flowers - "Gladiola" £5 voucher Ann Elkins

Best exhibit Vegetables - £5 voucher David Elkins "

Best Residents exhibit - £5 voucher W Pattinson

PRETTIEST FRONT GARDEN

The Dick Johnston Memorial Shield went to Sunningdale.

The organisers would like to thank members of the Gardeners' Society, their families, helpers and exhibitors for their support and work in running another successful show. With a special thank you for all those who provided cakes for refreshments.



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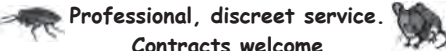
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Workout at Work Day – 8 Sep 2011

On Thursday 8 September, the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists (CSP) organised Workout at Work Day to mark World Physical Therapy Day. Physiotherapists all over the country promoted exercise and wellbeing in the workplace by encouraging staff to get active during their working day. A recent poll by the CSP revealed that 42% of people found simple exercise left them out of puff. Physiotherapists recommend that adults exercise at moderate intensity for 30 minutes, 5 times a week, and that children are physically active for an hour every day.

Local Chartered Physiotherapist, Moira D'Arcy, and her team of clinicians at St Judes Clinic have spent many years helping to treat and prevent injuries from occurring. So on hearing about The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy's initiative for a National Workout at Work Day, Moira was keen to get involved. With the help of I Love Leighton Buzzard, a local town business promotion organisation, they decided to create a giant Mexican Wave of shop and business people in Leighton Buzzard High Street. "Movement breaks from work, so that staff are not troubled by the aches and pains that come on as the result of being in one position for too long, are very important" says Moira, "so this seemed to be a fun way of making a very memorable movement break". Getting everyone outside shops and offices in the High Street to make a wave caused a stir on an otherwise grey day. Hopefully everyone involved will remember the importance of taking breaks at work, long after the event. Moira's team handed out advice leaflets on how to build simple exercise into our daily lives.

For more advice & information contact St Judes Clinic on: 01525 377751, www.stjudesclinic.com or to download a free exercise leaflet:

www.csp.org.uk/your-health/healthy-living.



Dagnall Under Fives - New Term Adventures!

At the end of last term we said goodbye to our big children who have now gone on their adventures at big school!

We also said goodbye to one of our leaders Mandy Taylor, she has relocated to America with her husband and 4 children. We all wish her luck with their new adventure, she will be really missed...

Other staff news: Izzy is about to begin her NVQ Level 3 studies, Lisa and Sarah (our new member of staff) NVQ Level 2.

Good luck to all of you and welcome Sarah!

Reminder: Don't forget that straight after playgroup on a Thursday at 12.15pm is our toddler library, where the children can borrow a book for 50p a week. All profits go to the Mums & Toddler group to help pay for craft activities and end of term parties. Even if you don't use the library why not come at 12.15pm on a Thursday for our mums & 0-4s group. This incorporates a lunch club (just bring a packed lunch). Cost is 50p per adult and £1 per child. Craft activity & toys, drinks/snacks included at 2pm and finishing about 2.45pm after story time. Our craft activities planned for this term are, kites, octopuses, biscuit decorating, finger puppets, hedgehogs, autumn leaf pictures and much more. Please join us, we have lots of fun!

Time to Dust off your Trainers

The 2011 HERTS 10k will take place on Sunday 9th October at 10.00am at Rothamsted Research in Harpenden. Sponsorship raised by participants will help families living all over Bucks and Herts.

Firmly established in the race calendar, the event attracts around 3,000 runners from all around the area. The run has been praised by participants for its fabulous scenery, friendly atmosphere and great organisation, making it the perfect event for first time runners.

The HERTS 10K is the single largest fundraiser for Grove House Hospice (part of Iain Rennie Grove House Hospice Care). Since 2006 the event has raised over £550,000 for the hospice.

Following the merger of the two hospices earlier this year the monies raised from this event will now benefit over 2,000 patients using the services provided free-of-charge by the newly-merged charity.

Also a successful event for sponsors, local businesses M25 Audi, Harpenden Building Society and Thomson Holidays have confirmed that they are once again supporting this worthwhile cause.

The event will see trophies awarded to the first three men and women who cross the finishing line with all runners and walkers who complete the course receiving a medal and a t shirt.

Everyone who raises over £100 in sponsorship for the hospice will also be entered into a prize draw to win a holiday kindly donated by Thomson Holidays.

The HERTS 10K has been recognised both nationally and regionally in the last 12 months being shortlisted for the Charity Times Awards and the Hertfordshire Business Awards.

Lawrence Levy said, "I am extremely proud of the HERTS 10K. The fact that the monies raised from this event go direct to support people living with cancer and other life-threatening illness makes this race particularly special.

It is an amazing achievement for a charity this size to hold a run of this magnitude and is testament to the support that the hospice has from the local community."

Paul Parrish Fundraising Director said, "There is nothing like running alongside 3,000 people. The sense of achievement you feel when you cross the 10K finishing line for the first time is fantastic. Many runners tell us that knowing they are running for a great cause adds to this sense of pride and achievement."

He went on to add, "It is thanks to the support of the local community who each year dig deep and raise money for the hospice that we can continue to offer the services that ensure people living with cancer and other life limiting illnesses get the care and support they deserve."

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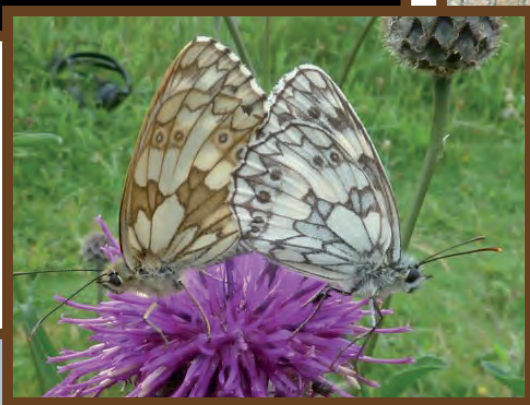
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*Above: Sunset
from Pine Road,
Edlesborough by
Olivia Berry*



*Above: An eager
fisherman at
canal lock 53,
Berkhamsted by
Catherine Harris*



*Above: Marbled
White butterflies
by Phil Wood*



*Left: Totternhoe
Knolls by Richard
Woodhead*

*Right: Teasels in
Eaton Bray by
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*Noble Chafer Beetle
& Noble Chafer
Frass. See article on
page 52.*

*Left: Green
grasshopper at
Ashridge by Phil
Wood*



*Below: Amelie Dent (5)
and Phoebe Dent (2) with a
sunflower grown in their garden.
Phoebe grew the sunflower
from seed as part of a project at
Edlesborough Under Fives and
is extremely proud of it! It is
almost eight feet tall!
Photo by Claire Dent*



*Above: Giraffe
at Whipsnade by
Adrian Lewis*

*Left: Heron
visiting my garden
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Sometimes it is difficult to pray; we often think that our prayers are unimportant when we consider world situations, but that is not so. All heart-prayers are heard, (all incense rises towards heaven, no matter the perfume it's composed of.)

And they are answered; prayers are really desires and desires are fulfilled according to their strength. It seems that sometimes prayer is more readily heard when a large number of people pray together, as in church; but Jesus took himself away from the crowd many times so that He was able to speak to his Father alone. Sometimes I feel the need for solitude. A time when I can not only commune with the Lord, but a time for reflection and recollection and self-examination. A time in which to ask and try to receive the answers to the inevitable questions. Why? How? and When?

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And He tells me I am His own;
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July: average rain fall for July. Rain was recorded, on 17 separate days. On the 9th at 2.30 we had a particularly heavy shower reaching the rate 105.6 mm per hour

Weather Conditions for July 2011

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	25.9°C	28 July 17.030	5.3°C	30 July 15.30
Mean Temp	15.3°C	Dominant Wind:	NNE	
Humidity:	96%	11 July 07.00	39%	24 July 17.30
Barometer:	1023.93 hPa	1 July 08.00	991.1 hPa	17 July 11.00
Wind Speed	32 mph SW	6 July 16.30	Months avg.	4.6 mph
Wettest Day	16 July		14.2 mm	0.56 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	July	49.8 mm	1.96 ins

August: As normal August was a wet month 76.8 mm. I recorded rain on 13 days but it was only 50% of the rain levels that we had last year in August. The temperature rose to 28.4°C over the first 3 days of the month the rest of the month was average with colder nights on the 30th – 31st.

August 2011

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	28.4°C	1 August 15.30	6.7°C	10 August 05.00
Mean Temp	15.4°C	Dominant Wind:	WNW	
Humidity:	98%	13 August 05.30	37%	1 August 19.00
Barometer:	1025.5 hPa	9 August 23.30	999.6 hPa	8 August 01.30
Wind Speed	28 mph S	4 August 16.30	Months avg.	4.6 mph
Wettest Day	26 August		22.40 mm	0.88 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	August	76.8 mm	3.02 ins

Yearly Rain:	Total	8 Months	394.8 mm	16.60 ins
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NEWS: - Dagnall Weather Station is now providing up-to-date weather on a new site: 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

The Dagnall weather station now updates the web every 15 minute 24 hours a day and can be seen <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/dagnallweather> and at http://bit.ly/weather_dagnall

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Vivien was fostered as a baby and lived with her foster mother until her death in 2002. In 1971 they went to live in Wing in a purpose-built bungalow provided by the council, and Vivien still lives there. There are hoists in the bedroom and bathroom, and the T.V., hi-fi, curtains, front door, etc. are worked with a fob similar to a car fob-key. She has a car, but needs to be driven by a carer. At one time she had artificial limbs fitted at Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, but was unable to cope with them. She does have an electric chair for moving about.

As a girl, Vivien attended primary & secondary school in Wing. She learnt to swim in the school pool, and joined the school orchestra where she played the mouth organ. She told us of the time she met Larry Adler, the famous harmonica player, and proudly played music with him on the stage of the Festival Hall. She played 'In an English Country Garden' to us - what a fantastic lady. In fact, she said she could play music before she could speak!

Vivien was able to pass her exams by using her right hand for the written work. College followed school where she studied music and English, and she gained a place at the London School of Music. In 1983 she started teaching at a Leighton Buzzard school and has worked there ever since. She has many hobbies, including singing, painting & needlecraft (some examples of which she had with her). She also finds time, when not working, to compete in bar skittles, table tennis & darts. Another enjoyment of hers is travelling abroad, when accompanied by a carer. In 1979, at the age of 17, Vivien made contact with her natural family, when she discovered she was one of four children, and they still see each other from time to time. She has never wished for children of her own, but enjoys teaching them and helping with families of friends. Friends and carers play a big part in Vivien's life, and have helped her over many years. She told us of one occasion which they kindly arranged for her: to meet Lesley Garrett. This was when they went to Milton Keynes Theatre to see the musical 'Carousel'. After the show Vivien was invited to meet the singer in her dressing room, which was a great thrill to talk to the 'lovely lady' (as she described her).

Vivien is a happy lady who leads a very busy life. She is someone who deserves a great deal of admiration, and she certainly raised feelings amongst our members that evening. What a great lady!

Val Harris

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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.**

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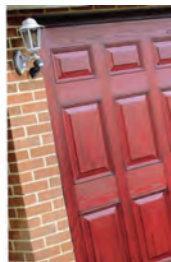


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