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November 2011



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**Don't forget to send in your December & January entries**

**by 10th November**

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# Village Diaries November 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 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 Zumba Fitness Class, 8.15-9.15pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Zoey 07595 986892
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's playtime, 1pm - 2.45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, contact Rachel on 07789 760007
- Weds (term time) 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, 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. <a href="http://www.wendy-pool.co.uk">www.wendy-pool.co.uk</a>
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

6th	Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall.
9th & 23rd	Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall 8pm
11th	Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am. Hand-made Xmas cards
12th	Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
15th	Dagnall Over 60's Speaker from Dogs for the Deaf

### One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

2nd	Edlesborough Under 5's Autumn Bazaar, 2-4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
4th	Dagnall Community Choir in Concert. Dagnall Village Hall at 7.30pm.
12th	Do it for Anne Charity Ball, 7pm, Pendley Manor, £60, 01442 842748
12th	Poppy Prom at Eaton Bray Church 7.30pm. Featuring Dagnall Community Choir, St Mary's Choir and many more - <b>SOLD OUT</b>
13th	Remembrance Sunday Service at Edlesborough War Memorial, 11am
15th	Dagnall Community Choir in Grove Sings Concert at The Grove Theatre Dunstable
17th	ELF Meeting, Coffee Tavern, 10.30am
19th	Lions Club Race Night, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, £12.50, 01525 229656
19th	St Mary's Christmas Fair, 11.30am-3pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
26th	Eaton Bray Academy's Christmas Fayre, 12.30-3.30pm
26th	Fire Walk, 6-10pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
28th	ELF Walk

## **Police Contact Numbers...making neighbourhoods safer together**

### **Bedfordshire Police (Eaton Bray)**

General Assistance (Recommended Number): 101

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Typetalk: 18001 01582 437418

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### **Thames Valley Police (Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)**

General Assistance: 0845 8505505

PC Jared Levens Mobile: 07773 398 727

PCSO Jackie Dodson Mobile: 07800 703 524

PCSO Chris Baker Mobile: 07974 973 866

Email: WingSouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

## **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 229358

### **Eaton Bray Village Hall 100**

#### **Club Winners**

#### **August 2011**

50	Frank Pell	£100
16	Rachel McVeigh	£25
18	Vivienne Grundy	£25
181	Anne Moxey	£25

Drawn on 9th Aug 2011 at Hines The Butchers.

#### **September 2011**

73	Dave Fensome	£100
80	Sue Hounslow	£25
107	Suzanne Hawkes	£25
21	Cheryl Dear	£25

Drawn on 9th Sep 2011 at Eaton Bray Academy.

#### **October 2011**

48	Mike Martin	£100
63	Brian Chapman	£25
183	Heather Abrams	£25
7	Ross Bagni	£25

Drawn on 7th Oct 2011 at Eaton Bray Academy.

Please direct any correspondence to Ross Bagni,  
71 Bower Lane, Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, LU6  
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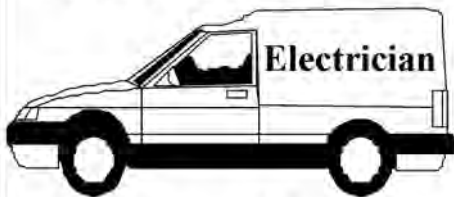




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## Dagnall News

### **Over 60's**

Our September meeting was a lunch out at the Green Man, near Stanford in Beds followed by a visit to Poplar Nurseries at Toddington.

In October, we had our Sausage and Mash Lunch at the Village Hall, followed by entertainment from a visiting group.

On November 15th we have a Speaker from Dogs for the Deaf, followed by Tea and Raffle.

Now we are planning our Christmas Lunch on December 13th, while waiting to hear if the Village Hall kitchen will be ready for us to use.

The Programme for 2012 is in the planning stage, but should be ready for distribution by our Xmas meeting.

### **Community Choir**

#### **Hectic Period for Dagnall Community Choir.**

November threatens to be a very hectic and exciting month for our Community Choir. On Friday 4th. we will be giving a concert at Dagnall Village Hall at 7:30. Unfortunately, with the choir now being so large there can only be a limited number of tickets available at £6 each. We apologise if you have been disappointed. (We have it in mind to do a larger summer concert at "The Church on the Hill" in Edlesborough for which more tickets will be available.)

The following week on Thursday 10th most of the choir members are going on a coach outing to The West End to see Les Miserables and enjoy hearing the music that we have been striving to perfect.

Two days later we will be appearing at "The Poppy Prom" at St. Marys Church, Eaton Bray at 7:30. This promises to be a moving occasion with an old-fashioned, British "Last night of the Proms" feel about it.

In a further two days we will be rehearsing at The Grove Theatre for our appearance on Tuesday 15th in "Grove Sings".

We will then have a few days off to get our breath back before resuming our normal Monday evening practice sessions at Dagnall Church at 7:45. All welcome.

### **Dagnall School**

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'Horses pulled the bathing machine down to the sea'

Lacey Mills

'100 years ago there were bathing machines on the beach.'

Aimee Skinner

'The bathing machine had steps. You went in to get changed. It had swimming costumes inside'



Lewis Brown

'Ice cream was put in paper and not in a cone'

Toby Bennett

### **A White 'Tail' from Main Road South**

Residents of Main Road South, Dagnall will be sad to learn that the white pheasant which we named (all differently) as Chalky, Sonny, or Matey Boy died on September 22nd, killed by a speeding motorist.

Much to our delight this unlikely visitor arrived some months ago, originally from London Colney, then Studham and eventually Dagnall. He has been the topic of many a conversation between the neighbours of Main Rd. South. A popular visitor arriving at both front and back doors, demanding food, which he mainly received.

He would often be seen admiring himself in shiny car doors, or strutting around our gardens and roosting on conservatories, and on the hedge tops. You may have been lucky enough to have seen him in the lay-by.

There has also been the odd case of mistaken identity with people thinking that one of Ivor & Lisa's white chickens had escaped!

In all he was a quiet character and I know that quite a few residents will miss his amusing antics, and his presence, on Main Road South.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Chris & Sue are pleased to tell you that their coffee morning in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Support raised £240. Thank you to everyone who contributed and attended.

## **Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning**

This year saw the 21st birthday of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. This coincides with the centenary of the charity. This has always been a well supported event in our villages and this year was no exception. The Coffee Morning hosted by St Mary's Church Eaton Bray was a spectacular success this year and raised over **£720**. This is a testimony in these times of economic recession to the generosity of local people and the support and recognition given to the work of the charity. The coffee morning provides a chance to enjoy a social occasion with friends and raise money for a good cause, an irresistible opportunity. Such events cannot happen without help from our many supporters, so an enormous thank you to everyone who helped in any way either before or during the event.

Sheila Banks, Chairman, Leighton-Linslade Fundraising Group  
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## **A Small Snippet of History for those at the Village Hall Quiz**

...Where Roman Watling Street crossed the old Icknield Way a town grew up for the first time. It was called Durocobravis. We know its name because it was written down in a Roman guide book for travellers, which said it was 12 miles from Verulamium. There had been no towns in Britain before this time - only farms, settlements, inside hillforts, sometimes collections of wooden homes making a village.

Watling Street came from London and passed through Verulamium, near where St.Albans is now, and then went on through Durocobravis.

*For those not at the quiz, Durocobravis was the name for Dunstable in Roman times.*

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## News from the Lions Den ...



We are busy getting ready for our Race Night being held on 19th November at the Eaton Bray Village Hall. Tickets are already on sale and it seems that lots of you are hoping to come along and join us for the evening. It promises to be a great night and we hope to see you there. On the next page you will find a cut out form that you can use to purchase tickets or indeed you can even buy and name your own horses. Full details are given on the next page.

Our next event after the race night is being held in Dagnall on Saturday 10th December from 10am til 4pm. We are holding a Christmas, craft and second hand book sale. Santa has promised to join us for the day and will be in his grotto waiting to meet any of our younger (or young at heart) residents. Entry is free (£5.00 to visit Santa including a gift) and hot and cold refreshments will be available throughout the day. This will be an ideal opportunity to pick up some gifts, last minute stocking fillers, tasty festive foods or simply treat yourself to something special. Closer to the event we will be publishing a full catalogue of all of our books for sale on our website so keep checking [www.ebelions.org.uk](http://www.ebelions.org.uk) for further details. We still have some spaces available for stall holders so if you want pitch, please do get in touch by calling Rachel on 07815 067 556.

Last month we told you about the Lions message in a bottle campaign and how it can make a difference to the lives of everyone. This month, we are covering a subject with both local and global impact. Sight.

Lions International are recognised worldwide for it's service to the blind and visually impaired. The organisation initially became involved through a challenge issued in 1925 by a lady called Helen Keller, an advocate for the blind. She challenged Lions to become the 'knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness'. In 1930, Lions introduced the white cane which we wrote about in an earlier entry and is still widely in use today around the UK and the world.

Working in partnership with other organisations in countries of the developing world, Lions work provides 600,000 professional glaucoma screenings and provides 20,000 corneal transplants each year.

We collect more than 5,000,000 pairs of used eyeglasses each year and distribute these to developing countries. We provide thousands of people each year with free, good quality eye care, glasses, Braille writers, large print tests, white canes and guide dogs. Campaign SightFirst is Lions most ambitious and most successful initiative ever. Lions operate this program, which is the worlds largest blindness prevention programme, with the aim of establishing long terms solutions for eliminating preventable and reversible blindness. The major causes of blindness come from cataracts, river blindness, trachoma and, especially in developed nations like the United States and the UK, diabetic eye disease and glaucoma.

Thanks to this program, Lions can proudly report that they have restored sight to 4,600,000 people through cataract surgeries. Further serious vision loss was prevented for 20,000,000 people and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions were improved.

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- Built or expanded 207 eye hospitals, clinics and wards
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- Provided management training at 92 facilities
- Trained 83,500 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, other professional eye care workers and village health workers
- Launched the world's first ever initiative to combat childhood blindness in partnership with the World Health Organisation. Thirty paediatric eye centres will be established as a result of this.

Lions Eye Health Programme (LEHP) is a community based public awareness initiative that encourages the early detection and timely treatment of glaucoma and diabetic eye disease and the appropriate treatment for low vision. The programme is run in collaboration with the International Glaucoma Association (IGA), Diabetes UK, the Irish Glaucoma Association and the Diabetes Federation of Ireland.

Importantly, now everyone with an interest in eye health care can participate in LEHP, not just Lions clubs !

We plan to start collecting eye glasses to continue supporting this work so if any of you have an old pair of glasses that you no longer require, please send them to Rachel at 9 Eaton Park, Eaton Bray. Lions World Sight Day was launched in 1998 by Lions International. It is a global event that focuses attention on the problem of preventable blindness. The shocking fact is that **every five seconds one person in the world goes blind and one child goes blind every minute.**



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\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets required

Total payment enclosed £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions and send your completed forms to :-

Rachel Arnold, 9 Eaton Park, Eaton Bray, LU6 2SP

Every winning owner will receive £10.00 so even if you can't make it on the evening you can still participate in the fun !





# Eaton Bray Academy



Please come and visit our friendly village school.  
Phone 01525 220468 or email [admin@eba.ec](mailto:admin@eba.ec)





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**Play tennis   Have fun   Socialise   Feel good   Join our club**

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## **101 Non-Emergency Number**

Bedfordshire Police have launched a new number providing people with a new way to get in touch about non-emergency issues. 101 is now the main number to call Bedfordshire Police when it is less urgent than 999. As well as making the police more accessible to communities, it is intended that 101 will reduce the number of inappropriate 999 calls. There will be a single flat charge of 15p per call, regardless of the duration, time of day, mobile or landline. You should call 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response. For example:

- Stolen cars
- If you suspect drug dealing/taking
- To give us information about crime in your area
- To speak to your Local Policing Team

In an emergency, always call 999 when you need an immediate response, For example:

- Because a crime is in progress
- Someone suspected of a crime is nearby
- When there is danger to life
- When violence is being used or threatened

101 will not:

- Change the way in which we respond to non emergency calls
- Connect people to a large national call centre
- Result in calls receiving a lower priority than if 999 had been called for a non emergency issue

101 should not be used to report:

- Fly tipping
- Noise pollution
- Stray dogs

These should be reported to your local council:

- Central Bedfordshire Council: 0300 300 8000
- Luton Borough Council: 01582 546000
- Bedford Borough Council: 01234 267422

*Opening hours for  
Ivinghoe Library*

**Tuesday 2-5pm**

Pre-school storytime

2.15pm-2.45pm (during term time)

**Thursday 2-5pm**

**Friday 2-7pm**

**Saturday 10am-1pm**

*Tel: 0845 230 3232*

## 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)**

Do you remember *him, her, when, what, why, the horror, how beautiful, that night, the time we laughed 'till we cried?*

Each one of us carries around a vast array of memories some filled with joy, others painful or sad, things we'd like to forget or images we want to hold onto forever. They are part of us, moulding who we are and influencing our progress through life.

November is a month for remembering.

On Sunday 13th November Remembrance Day services and parades remind us of those who have died fighting to protect us, to bring peace and justice for all people and continue to do so throughout the world today. There will be a Remembrance Day service at 9.30 in St Mary's Eaton Bray followed by laying of wreaths at the Edlesborough War Memorial. I hope that many of you will be able to join me in prayer for the peace of the world, for a safe future for our children and future generations. We may feel safe, far removed from the horrors of the world here in Eaton Bray, Edlesborough, Northall and Dagnall but so did those who today live in fear in the war torn areas of the world.

On Sunday 30th October we will have celebrated All Saints, giving thanks for all the Saints who have helped us and guided us through life as well as those who have for two centuries dedicated their lives to sharing the Christian Gospel in the footsteps of Jesus even to the Cross.

Wednesday 2nd November is All Souls' Day when the Church remembers all those who have died. There will be an 8pm service at St Mary's when we will read the list of names of those who have died in the Parish in the last year and others we continue to remember. If you would like me to include anyone in the list please drop a note into the Rectory or sign the list in the church porch.

Finally on Sunday 27th the new Church year begins with Advent Sunday. There will be a North Chilterns Group Advent service at St Giles Church Totternhoe at 4pm in addition to the normal Sunday services.



*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*

## All Saints' Church, Dagnall - Services & Meetings in November 2011

Wed. 2nd Nov.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting led by Revd Lucille Rogers
Sun. 6th Nov.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Wed. 9th Nov.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting - Speaker: Revd Wyn Jones
Sun. 13th Nov	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Eucharist
Wed. 16th Nov.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting - Speaker: Revd Tom Heffer - Mission to Seafarers
Sun. 20th Nov.	10.30 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Sun. 27th Nov.	10.30 am	Family Service
Wed. 30th Nov	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting - Speaker: Capt. Jenny Dibsfall, Waterways Chaplain



Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am.

## The Travelling Crib 2011

St Mary's sent out its first Travelling Crib during Advent 2004. Now the Travelling Crib is an established feature of December in the villages with our Mary and Joseph crib figures travelling from one house to another until they arrive back in church for our popular Candle Services on Christmas Eve.

Each day the family with whom the figures spent the previous night deliver them to the next recipients. It is an opportunity for two families to conduct a brief act of worship together and, in many cases, share some simple seasonal refreshments. As such it is a way of bringing a little religious focus to the run up to Christmas and an opportunity to get to know some other people in the villages a little better.

If you would like to take part in this delightful custom please sign up on the notice board in St Mary's church – the church is open every day so you can call in any time. For more information please contact Gordon Gray – 220136.



# Thames Valley Police Wing South Neighbourhood Update

From Police Constable Jared Levens:

## Recent News

Children at Edlesborough School bought their bicycles and scooters to school on 28th September and PCSOs Jackie Dodson and Chris Baker spent a busy day marking them with house numbers and post codes. This is done using specially designed stickers which tear into very small pieces if attempts are made to remove them. If you have a bicycle and would like to have it marked in this way do get in touch with us. We can give you the stickers and instructions on how to apply them to your bike. We just need to know your post code and house number or name.

We have recently had a meeting with Adult Social Care, one of our partner agencies, about a new initiative called the in touch scheme. The Adult Social Care team have identified some of our more senior community members who may benefit from a periodical visit from one of our team members. For us it is an opportunity to meet more members of our community and the benefit is that we can feed back any concerns to the adult social care team and we can also offer advice and guidance around crime prevention and other matters to our community members. This is a voluntary arrangement and we will only be visiting people who wish to see us. We hope that this will be a positive example of how we can work with our partners to the benefit of the community.

## NAG info

During October/November we will attend all the parish meetings in the neighbourhood in order to hold our Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meetings within their agendas. Do please come along if you have any issues you wish to raise. The dates are as follows:

Thursday 20th October: Edlesborough

Remember if you have something that you wish to speak to us about but can not attend a NAG meeting then please either visit us at one of our Have Your Say meetings (published below) or email us at [WingSouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:WingSouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

## Road Safety issues for the bad weather

- Stopping distances are 10 times longer in ice and snow.
- Gentle manoeuvres are the key to safe driving.
- Wear comfortable, dry shoes: cumbersome, snow-covered boots will slip on the pedals.
- Select second gear when pulling away, easing your foot off the clutch gently to avoid wheel-spin.
- When **climbing a hill** it's important to avoid having to stop on the hill by waiting until it is clear of other cars or by leaving plenty of room between you and the car in front. Try to maintain a **constant speed**, choosing the most suitable gear well in advance to avoid having to change down on the hill.
- When driving **downhill**, reduce your speed before the hill, use a low gear and try to avoid using the brakes. Leave as much room as possible between you and the car in front.
- Always **apply brakes gently**. Release them and de-clutch if the car skids.
- If you have an automatic, then under normal driving conditions (motorways, etc)



it's best to select 'Drive' and let the gearbox do the work throughout the full gear range. In slippery, snowy conditions you can make driving much safer by selecting '2', which limits the gear changes and also makes you less reliant on the brakes. Many modern autos have a 'Winter' mode which locks out first gear to reduce the risk of wheel spin. Check the handbook if you're not sure.

- If you do get stuck, straighten the steering and clear the snow from the wheels. Put a sack or old rug in front of the driving wheels to give the tyres some grip. Once on the move again, try not to stop until you reach firmer ground.

### **Recent Ivinghoe “Rave”**

At approximately 01.50hrs on Sunday 2 October Police were notified of a "rave" occurring at Ivinghoe Beacon. Officers from Thames Valley and Bedfordshire Forces deployed to the location. On arrival officers found between 600-800 persons attending the rave many of whom had travelled to the location by vehicle. Attempts were made by Police to block access routes and legislation was used to direct persons to leave the site. By 15.00hrs on 2 October the location was clear. An investigation is underway to identify and prosecute the event organisers for holding an unlicensed event of this kind and bring to justice those responsible for causing damage. CCTV footage from the Police helicopter will assist the investigation. We recognise the disruption that this event caused many local people with loud music being heard across a number of surrounding villages. The Police will be working closely with the National Trust to review this incident and consider future options to deter people from using this particular location in this way.

**Why did the Police not stop the event straight away?** The Police did not have any prior knowledge that this event was due to take place. Officers were deployed as soon as we were informed but on our arrival officers discovered that the event was already well under way with in excess of 600 persons already at the location. The poor visibility due to time of night, the geography of the area and the ratio of police officer to party goer numbers did not allow for an immediate dispersal of persons to take place.

**Is anyone being prosecuted?** There were a number of different organisers involved in this event. An investigation is under way to identify these persons and put them before the Courts. Sound equipment and vehicles were seized from some people on the night as part of this ongoing investigation.

**Do the Police need my help?** A number of people phoned us on the night reporting loud music and traffic congestion. If you have information which you think may be relevant to assist our investigation please phone 08458 505505 and quote reference number 227 2/10/11.

### **Remember to Have Your Say online**

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. For you to do that please follow the link <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-about-nh-pol/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n257-hys> Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box only at certain times of the day.

**If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 0845 8 505505 or email [WingSouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:WingSouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk). Please note this email address**

cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. Alternatively visit the force website at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) to view information on your neighbourhood. Follow us on twitter @ TVP\_Aylesbury

## Thames Valley Police Press Release

### Man Arrested After Illegal Rave – Bucks

Thames Valley Police has arrested a man following an illegal rave at Ivinghoe Beacon, Buckinghamshire on 2 October.

On Monday (10/10) a 20-year-old man was arrested in Haverhill, Suffolk on suspicion of causing a public nuisance and organising an unlicensed music event. He was bailed to return to Aylesbury police station on 16 November, having been given conditions not to enter Buckinghamshire.

PC Gareth Morley from Aylesbury CID said: “We will not tolerate illegal raves. They cause disturbance to local residents and damage to the environment, especially in areas of scientific interest and natural beauty such as this.

“We will seek to robustly prosecute organisers of such events, and part of this action will involve the seizure of vehicles and sound equipment.

“Thames Valley Police is committed to identifying those people responsible for the misery and upset caused on 2 October and pursue and arrest them wherever they may be.

“It is hoped that this arrest will be the first of many in this investigation.”

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to contact PC Morley via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505. If you don't wish to speak to the police or leave your name please call the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Issued by PC 5946 Gareth MORLEY, Aylesbury Police Station CID, 12 Sep 2011

## A Big Thank You

Just to say a very sincere thankyou for all the kindness shown to me on the occasion of my 80th birthday. The flowers, cards, presents etc., I will never forget and I shall always treasure those memories.

Thankyou all so much.

*Barbara Adams*

### Eaton Bray Cricket Club 100 Club Winners

#### September 2011

£25	Glenn Hearn	No.125
£10	E.B.C.C.	No.68

#### October 2011

£25	Paul Harris	No.88
£10	June Jarrett	No.114

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

### NORTHALL BAPTIST CHAPEL

Chapel Lane, Northall

(just beyond the speed limit signs on the road to Leighton Buzzard)

Everyone is welcome to our Sunday worship each week between 11am and 12.30pm including tea/coffee and time to talk together.

For more information contact:

John Hazell 01525 218142

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

There has been a Baptist Chapel in Northall for more than 200 years. Today we continue to seek to worship God, serve him in our daily lives and support and encourage one another in the difficult and the joyful times.

## Highlights of the Meeting for Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held in The Coffee Tavern on Monday 3rd October 2011 at 7:30pm

### VILLAGE POLICING

The police urged residents to contact the police when encountering an incident, with as much detail as possible, to aid the police in their investigations. The non-emergency number is 01582 401212 and is the best number to get in contact with an officer or PCSO.

### CENTRAL BEDS REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Mustoe wished to inform residents that if they wished to speak to a planning office regarding local planning issues, there is a Planning Officer based on Monday mornings at the council offices in Dunstable. She also wished to remind all residents of the Lets Talk Together Meeting being held in Eaton Bray Village Hall on 6th December 2011.

### VILLAGE TRAFFIC

The Parish Council are still looking into the options available for the village with regards to better speed control of vehicles driving through the parish. Central Beds Council has been chased up regarding a speed assessment being carried out in School Lane.

### RECREATION GROUNDS

The Community Team has nearly completed all painting of play equipment within the parish recreation grounds and the council are very pleased with the work carried out. The council were informed that the Community Team can also carry out other work within the parish, i.e. clearance work; the council are looking into this further.

### PARISH TREES

The Parish Council are awaiting final quotes for tree work.

**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

Parish Office: 20 Good Intent,  
Edlesborough, LU6 2RD

Tel/Fax 01525 221464

Email [clerk@ebpc.co.uk](mailto: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 7th Nov  
Mon 5th Dec

### FOR SALE

### BABY EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING

Mamas & Papas Car Seat

John Lewis Moses Basket & Stand

White Dresser/Changing Station

Fisher Price Linkadoos Rocker Seats

Baba Sling Baby Carrier

Activity Play Ring

Stroller Umbrellas

Baby Boys clothes 0-6 months

Please call Andie on

07966 437673

## Winter Draws On!

Yes, the old ones are the best! But if the old joke helps to draw your attention to help for local older people, then it has worked.

We all know that a long, cold winter can have a devastating effect on older people. Remember last year when we were snowed in? Some people could not get to the shops for food and supplies, and many older people were scared to turn their heaters on much for fear of the big utility bills that they knew would come along later.

How can we prepare for this winter? If you are a neighbour to an older resident, regularly checking that they have supplies in would be a great help. Make sure you have exchanged phone numbers so you can keep in regular contact. Perhaps heat up food if they are off-colour or find it a struggle.

Older People can contact Age UK Bucks for help in many ways. Checking welfare benefits entitlements, advocacy support when a problem arises that you can't sort out, or wanting a befriender to visit during long, lonely winter days. Our Information & Advice service has a wealth of expert information at their fingertips.

Extra support at home can be provided by Handymen, Neat Feet toe nail cutting service, Clean Up home cleaning & laundry, One2one Computer lessons in your home, Gardening, Seamless Relocation, MobileHairdressing, Therapeutic Massage of shoulders, hands, feet. Also Age UK Bucks can arrange stairlifts, personal alarms, bath lifts, assistive furniture and much more.

Ring 01296 431911. Our staff are very helpful and friendly and all information is treated confidentially.

Age UK Buckinghamshire

145 Meadowcroft, AYLESBURY, Bucks HP19 9HH

Registered charity no. 1139423



## Northall Wednesday Club

We shall be enjoying many activities in the run-up to Christmas. We have arranged pottery painting for our members to create some unusual gifts for friends and family, with Crockadoodledoo coming to visit us and provide artistic help and instruction. Watch this space for an update as to our efforts! There were some murmurings about this event, but if small children can manage it, we are sure we can! Once we have decorated our pieces they are taken away to be fired and returned to us the following week . . . .we shall be waiting with baited breath to see our masterpieces!

We are also holding a Christmas sale table on 23rd November - a sort of mini Christmas Fair, with all sorts of gifts, cards, wrap etc on our weekly sale table.

We are also going on our winter outing on 30th November - destination is still a mystery as I write, though maybe it will not be a secret by the time you read this. Anyway, you can be sure it will involve food, drink, good company, laughs and a short run in our lovely new bus.

May we thank everyone who attended and supported our recent Coffee Morning, and I hope to provide you with a total raised in the next update.

For any details on the Club and how to join, please contact Anna 221996 or Julie 220153. Anyone over 65 who is looking for friendly company each week is welcome to join.



# Christmas Tree Festival

St Mary's Church  
Eaton Bray

**3-4 December**

**11am – 6pm**

Fantastic trees - dreadful puns  
Christmas gifts

If you would like to dress a tree  
contact Jenny Hewett: Tel 220295

Refreshments, lunches from 12-2  
Admission £2.50



## ToWn FaRm ART SHoW

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Mick Randall > James Sansome > Justine Thorpe  
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Free entry & refreshments

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room overlooking magnificent  
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Private parties catered for

Booking essential

All bookings must pre-order by 1st December

£5 deposit per person taken at time of booking

All deposits are non-refundable

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# **Edlesborough Parish Council News**

## **including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall**

### **Manager:**

As reported last month Beverly Sage has now become the Assistant Clerk and the Parish Council wish to appoint a Manager who will take over all responsibilities for the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, the Green (including regular inspection of the play area and all sport related events which take place on the Green) and who will also act as Booking Secretary taking bookings and signing hiring contracts for the Memorial Hall, collecting Hall hire fees and issuing receipts and to arrange issuing and returning of keys as appropriate. To make regular checks of the Memorial Hall and Pavilion and liaise with the Cleaner to ensure that all cleaning activities are carried out.

If any parishioner wishes to apply for this position please contact the Clerk, Lin Sargeant, whose details are at the end of this report.

### **Speed Limit Review – Area 13**

The latest information from Bucks CC is that the Speed Limit Review will not now be implemented until January 2012.

### **Car Parks**

Signs are to be erected in both the Memorial Hall and Pavilion Car Parks stating that they are not to be used after 11.00pm. The Police will check on any vehicles parked after this time.

### **Litter Bins**

3 larger litter bins to be purchased, 2 to be installed in the Pavilion car park and 1 in the Memorial Hall car park.

### **The Green**

The football clubs who currently use the Green have volunteered to carry out minor repairs to improve the condition of the football pitches, the cost of materials being paid by the Parish Council

### **Cemetery**

Despite the ‘No Parking’ notices on the gate, cars are still parking in this area and although it is very difficult to park close by to the Church and Cemetery the bridleway must be kept clear for reasons reported in the October Focus.

### **War Memorials**

Work will commence on the refurbishment of both Edlesborough and Dagnall War Memorials on 11th October.

### **Remembrance Sunday – 13th November 2011**

The Remembrance Service will this year take place at Edlesborough War Memorial at 11.00 am. The A4146 will be closed from its junction with Eaton Bray Road to the junctions with Cock’s Close and Ivinghoe Way from 10.50am – 11.20am. Diversions will be manned and sign-posted through Eaton Bray Road - Eaton Bray – Moor End –Edlesborough High Street – Pebblemoor.

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

The Council are waiting for a response from Bucks CC.

### **Allotments**

The majority of rents have been collected with some outstanding and until all rents have been received it is uncertain at the moment whether any allotments will be

available for re-letting. If, however, anyone wishes to go on the waiting list for an allotment at Dagnall, Northall, Cow Lane or The Green please contact the Clerk. Priority is given to parishioners.

Full details of all General Purpose Committee Meeting and Parish Council Meeting minutes are available on the parish website [www.edlesborough.gov.uk](http://www.edlesborough.gov.uk) after they have been approved and signed at the following meeting.

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

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

Beverly Sage – Assistant Clerk to Edlesborough Parish Council – 01525 229358

E-mail: [assistant.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk](mailto:assistant.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk)

Website: [www.edlesborough.gov.uk](http://www.edlesborough.gov.uk)

Edlesborough Memorial Hall Booking Secretary: Beverly Sage – Tel. 01525 229358

**Edlesborough  
Parish Council Meetings  
3rd Thursday monthly  
7.30pm Memorial Hall  
Next Meeting: 17th Nov**

## **EDaN Buses and Transportation**

### **Community Car Service for Dagnall, Northall and Edlesborough**



We have a volunteer driver in Dagnall who is willing to collect prescriptions for residents in Dagnall who have a problem collecting from Edlesborough Surgery. Please call our co-ordinator Peter on 01442 842506 and he will make the necessary arrangements for you.

If you would like to book a trip with Community Transport please call Peter on 01442 842506.

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.

Kathy Bovington

On behalf of the EDaN Community Transport Team

EDaN – helping in the local community

## **Local Teenager on the Way to World Karting Championship**

Back-to-back victories for Ed Brand ensured the Dagnall teenager won the Ginetta Super One Rotax Karting Championship with a round to spare recently. Brand took his tally of wins to eight this season at PFI – one of Britain's best and, at times, most treacherous circuits.

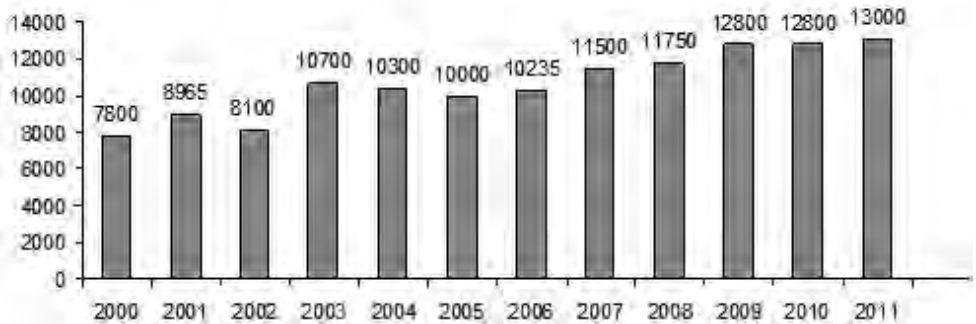
Right from the beginning of the preliminaries Brand was amongst the front runners. He quickly stamped his authority on the penultimate round by winning both his heats in emphatic style, ensuring that he was given pole position on the starting grid for the first of the two finals.

Despite thunder, lightening and a heavy downpour preceding the final, which resulted in a huge crash and red flags from the officials, Brand established a commanding lead at the second attempt and recorded the fastest lap as he cemented the championship. Such is his dominance that he can afford to miss the final round.

One race he will definitely not be missing is the Rotax Grand Finals in Abu Dhabi on November 26th, where he will be one of the favourites for glory in what is effectively the World Championship.

## St Mary's Village Carnival 2011

The Organising Committee for St Mary's Village Carnival is delighted to announce that this year it has been able to distribute £13,000 to local good causes. This is a record amount and thanks must go to everyone who worked so hard to achieve this outstanding result, especially in the present economic climate.



The Carnival Committee has a well publicised formula for establishing the distribution from the Carnival:

- 50% to St Mary's Fabric Fund
- 25% to a principal charity – this year two charities were chosen to share this portion – The Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted, and Weatherfield School, Dunstable.
- 25% distributed among local (or locally connected) good causes, in line with commitments resulting from the Carnival or as requested by people in the villages.

The Committee met on 19 September and its recommendations have been underwritten by St Mary's PCC. The following distribution has been made:

St Mary's Fabric Fund	<b>£6,500</b>	Expedition - Alexander Nilsen	<b>£100</b>
Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted	<b>£1,625</b>	Friends of Ashridge	<b>£75</b>
Weatherfield School, Dunstable	<b>£1,625</b>	Friends of Dagnall School	<b>£150</b>
1st E Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group	<b>£100</b>	Herts Mind Network	<b>£100</b>
Dagnall Village Hall	<b>£125</b>	Iain Rennie Hospice at Home	<b>£100</b>
Downs Heart Group	<b>£100</b>	Repairs at Icknield Farm	<b>£66</b>
Dunstable Round Table (Charity A/C)	<b>£50</b>	Lionheart Explorer Group	<b>£100</b>
Eaton Bray Academy	<b>£150</b>	Luton, Dunstable & District Cats Protection	<b>£50</b>
Eaton Bray Methodist Church	<b>£75</b>	Medical Detection Dogs (EB Lions)	<b>£100</b>
Eaton Bray Parish Council	<b>£100</b>	Orbit – Charity A/C	<b>£100</b>
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Edlesborough Parish Council	<b>£100</b>	Salvation Army	<b>£50</b>
Edlesborough School	<b>£150</b>	St John's Ambulance	<b>£325</b>
Edlesborough U5s	<b>£100</b>	The Swan Northall FC	<b>£100</b>
Expedition - Amy Ryder	<b>£159</b>	Wednesday Club (Age Concern)	<b>£100</b>
Expedition - Stuart Ranson	<b>£100</b>		

Over the past 16 years St Mary's Village Carnival has raised over £158,000 for local good causes, with 133 different organisations / good causes receiving money.



## St Mary's Village Carnival 2012

Next year's Carnival will take place, as usual, on the first Saturday in July – 7 July 2012 – the theme will be 'Kings and Queens'. As ever, the success of the event is reliant on the goodwill of the local community so we have some requests for help.

1. The Carnival generally supports one local organisation as a principal charity to receive 25% of the money raised by the Carnival Committee. We would welcome your nominations.
2. If you have contacts with a well-known personality who might be prepared to open our Carnival then please let us know.
3. The Carnival Committee is looking for a Minutes Secretary to attend 8 to 10 meetings through the year (usually on 2nd Monday of the month). Could you help?
4. The business that has supplied bridesmaid's dresses for the Carnival Queen and her entourage is no longer able to do so. Do you have one or more bridesmaid's dresses, suitable for 8 – 12 year old girls, hanging up in a wardrobe gathering dust? If so, please could you consider letting us borrow them for next year's Carnival.

If you can help with any of the above please get in touch with Gordon Gray, on 220136.

## Table Corner and a Multitude of Scents

As we all know, a smell can bring on a flood of memories. Mr Boiler, who came to bring back some heating to the Searle household earlier this year, entered and immediately had a beaming smile. Those who have seen me in my cooking outfit will immediately know it had nothing to do with my attire, which is far from fetching. "You are cooking with butter!", he exclaimed, "I love that. It reminds me of my childhood. My mother was French and she always used butter. The wife will have none of it now – 'bad for the heart' she says..."

Cooking can bring about a wonderful range of flavours and aromas, and a few undesired ones as well. Garlic for example is an incomparable seasoning ingredient used in many cuisines yet it does leave a lingering presence on fingers and on wooden chopping boards, which can invade the next item handled or rested on the surface. The same is true of smoked salmon. Yet the simplest remedy is simply to rub your fingers or the surface with a slice of lemon. What better way to use up those damp husks left over after juicing or slicing for drinks and decoration?

One last tip before we leave this column until next month - I am often asked, "but how do you get rid of the smell of fish from a kitchen?" The answer to this is equally simply and doesn't require any scented candle or those dreadful atomising aerosols: just place some vinegar in a wide bowl - with hot or warm water – close by the cooker if you can, and it will absorb the smell, like putting a genie back into its bottle.

Until next month when we will write about seasonal mulling of wine with fragrant and evocative spices.



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### **Dunstable & District Local History Society Tuesday 8th November, 7.45pm Officers in Albania**

Neil Rees, whose talk about King Zog of Albania was so well received last year, relates further tales about our local connections with that little-known country.

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## What a Day!

It was Saturday October the 8th, having spent the previous evening worrying about how England's footballers would get on, well what can you say about that, the alarm goes off at 5.45am and I am up with the lark to watch the Wales v Ireland rugby match, soon to be followed by England v France! Again least said about the England match the better but at the time of writing I think our vicar was a happy person!

You would have thought that competition could not get tougher!!.....fast forward 12 hours and 21 teams were raring to go in the Eaton Bray Village Hall and Tennis Club six monthly Quiz. The atmosphere was more tense than at Eden Park at the start of the Rugby World Cup Final.

The winning team, after hours of hard concentration, was The Grape Vines, who narrowly beat Andy's Cross Friends. This year we had the rather odd experience of two teams stating with great confidence that they would come last. A strong warning had to be handed out to both teams just in case they knew the answers but failed to put them down correctly! Not to be thwarted, the organisers cunningly had two losers' prizes so no real advantage could be gained! Then another team turned up calling themselves the Untouchables, as they were coming in a gallant last

What was all this tension and grey matter effort in aid of? Well between us we made nearly £1200. This is shared equally by the two organisations, not to mention a very good time being had by all.

Our thanks as always go to Keith Blackburn who sets the quiz and keeps us all in order during the night.

As usual we have already booked the hall for the next two events and the first of those is on Saturday April 21st 2012. Hope to see you all then.

In case you think the Trustees of the Hall had gone to sleep, nothing could be further from the truth. It is our intention to try and get the carpark resurfaced in August next year. We will try and do it then as it is traditionally our slowest time, with the children out of school and on holiday. Obviously it will cause a little inconvenience to those users who carry on through the summer but I can assure you it will be worthwhile.

Lastly on a more serious note. The Hall has had nearly £300,000 spent on it and is ready for the 21st Century. We have a very committed group of trustees but with few exceptions we are of a more mature age than we would like (me included).

The future of the hall depends on volunteers who give their time up so the majority can enjoy the facilities which the trustees have provided. Have you ever thought what you could give? Just few hours a month, even less most of the time and you get a true sense of achieving something, you get to make new friends and even a laugh, (sometimes).

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## Christmas Events at Dunstable Downs

### Dunstable Downs Chiltern Gateway Centre

#### Christmas is Coming at Dunstable Downs

**Date:** 4th, 11th & 18th Dec 2011 **Contact:** Pat Redman **Tel:** 01582 500922

Father Christmas will be here once again along with bags of other festive happenings. Free seasonal tastings, together with roast chestnuts, mince pies and mulled wine on offer and many seasonal craft & local produce stalls. There will be carol singers and live music and surprise visits from local Panto characters. 11am to 4pm. There will be a small charge to see Father Christmas and normal admission charges apply.

#### Children's Christmas Cake Decorating Workshop

**Date:** Wed 21st Dec 11 **Contact:** Beverley Cook **Tel:** 01582 500920

Decorate Christmas goodies with Hayley at our cake decorating workshop. Have festive fun with Hayley decorating cupcakes into Christmas designs. Then take away your tasty creations to show off and eat. Sessions from 10-11am, 11am - 12pm and 12-1pm. All Tickets £6 (includes 4 cakes and tuition) and normal access charges apply. Booking Essential

#### Christmas Burn off Walk

**Date:** Monday 26 Dec 11 **Contact:** Beverley Cook **Tel:** 01582 500920

Overindulged this Christmas? Walk off all those extra calories over Christmas, with our countryside team over Dunstable Downs. Enjoy the spectacular views and fresh air as you enjoy a healthy walk. 11am-1pm. Tickets £6 and normal access charges apply.

## Cheeky Monkeys Autumn News

First of all a BIG thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox full of gifts for the Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child project that we participated in this year. We hope to get more people filling boxes next year.

We are also planning our Christmas Party which will be held on the 14th of December. We are trying to arrange for an entertainer for the children, so if you know of anyone who is willing to give us 20 minutes of their time please tell them to get in touch. If you would like a ticket for the party please come along any Wednesday to Cheeky Monkeys and we'll be happy to sell you some. For more information on our weekly events and much much more, please visit our website. [www.cheekymonkeys.btck.co.uk/](http://www.cheekymonkeys.btck.co.uk/)

On the 9th November Paula from Bookworms will be selling her books that are aimed from baby to around 7 years old...she have a mixed range from board books, cloth books, bath books, Disney Princess, Cars, Toy Story, CD Books, A Good Range of Floppy and Activity Books... all books are half RRP or less, so come along and have a look.

We are also looking into becoming a registered charity and are still looking for people to support us. If you would like to support us maybe you would like to join our newly formed committee. It currently consists of Heather Burrows, Kara March and myself Rachel Turner! Yes not many, so if you would like to help us but can't commit to come along weekly, maybe you could join the committee. Please feel free to call me on 07789 760007.





**Some comments from our recent Ofsted report (Jan 09):**

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## Edlesborough Book Group Book Review

### Everyman's Guide for Scientific Living by Carrie Tiffany



When this book was short listed for the Orange prize in 2006, one of our book group members read it and recommended it. It is a debut novel, written by English born Australian author Carrie Tiffany who, drawing on her experience as an agricultural journalist and park ranger, has written a book set in Australia during the years of drought in the late thirties, leading up to World War Two. It begins on the Better Farming train, which was an actual train, sent by the government across the country, with experts on board who could lecture the farmers and their wives in the outback, on husbandry agriculture and also domestic matters such as needlework and child rearing. On board are, Jean Finnegan a young needlework expert and Robert Pettegree who is a soil scientist. A relationship quickly develops between them and they leave the train to marry and set up home together. Jean is very young and as this is her first experience of love she is determined to make a success of her marriage. Robert is older and has very firm ideas about his way of life, which he believes should be approached scientifically. He is convinced that by adding phosphates to the drought ridden soil of the Mallee Valley, he can improve its quality and produce better crops. He is blinded by his beliefs and his faith in science and sets out to prove his methods by taking note of his experiments, making lists and crop comparison year by year. Jean is supportive of her husband, in spite of common sense telling her that the experiments are not working and that things are getting worse not better. Her marriage imitates the aridity of the Mallee Valley, but she persists, writing endless lists and charts for Robert as he continues his fruitless experiments.

The book is written in the form of Jean's notebook and includes photographs and charts, which make it appear more authentic. It is written in her voice, very simply, but the short sentences make it seem rather journalistic in style. Jean is a very well drawn character, with whom we all sympathised and the impact of drought, the depression, and the onset of war was well described.

The book had a very mixed reception from the group, but overall it was well received.

### Eaton Bray W.I.

The theme for the October meeting was 'Ghosts', so images were placed around the room and Sheila provided a flashing, cackling ghost to add to the atmosphere.

A birthday card was presented to Helen and a Golden Wedding card to Deirdrea.

The speaker was Tony Woodhouse who spoke and showed pictures of ghosts in and around our area. There have been reports of sightings still. An excellent speaker who held everyone's attention, no one dared 'drop off' and all were rather wary as they made their journey home, just incase an apparition appeared. No sightings have been reported-yet !!

The gifts that members have collected of new toys, clothes etc. will be collected in both November and December and given to Dunstable Salvation Army to distribute.

The 90th birthday of Eaton Bray WI will be a special occasion when past members will be remembered for their contributions, as the present members celebrate the achievements. The next meeting on 7th November takes the form of a 90th birthday buffet, followed by Susan and Jeff's special quizzes and the cutting of the birthday cake. On Monday 14th November a 90th birthday meal will be enjoyed at the White Horse.

## Edlesborough W.I.

We were transported back in time at our recent meeting when Mrs Janet Dineen gave a talk entitled "Buckinghamshire Cooking". Way back in years, when lace making was a very successful trade in Buckinghamshire, the lace makers had one day off a year on 25th November. This was a special occasion known as Tanders Day or Catterns Day, according to which area of the country it was celebrated. A great deal of cooking was done for this festival day, using a variety of locally provided ingredients, and Janet passed around details of recipes used. In Bucks. metheglin, a spiced mead known as 'bee wine', was drunk. The lace makers bought this from Honey House in Olney.

Janet told us some interesting facts about Bucks. cookery. For instance: Aylesbury ducks were not allowed to swim if they were to be eaten. Many of them were kept in the house, where children helped to rear them. The Vale of Aylesbury was evidently the biggest beef area in the Kingdom, and provided meat for royalty. Aylesbury game pie was a very popular dish served by local inns. Another meat dish was Stokenchurch pie, made up with 'odds and ends', including macaroni. Crayfish used to be found in the chalk streams. They were known as crawleybobs, and a popular meal was crawleybobs duff. However, there are no crayfish found locally now. Watercress beds were found in many areas, but none are to be seen today. The same applies to the cherries which were made into pies and eaten at Cherry Feasts.

Edlesborough features in the history of Bucks. cooking. Figs were grown here and were used for fig pudding, which was eaten at gatherings on Dunstable Downs on Palm Sunday. Also, as is well known, Aylesbury prunes were used to dye straw which was plaited for the millinery trade. The Luton hat trade employed many of our local people, particularly women and children, who carried out the plaiting in their homes. Janet showed us examples of straw plaiting she had done.

Whilst she was talking to us, Janet made up a mixture for biscuits using one of the old recipes. Members were able to sample some made earlier, and agreed they were very tasty. The recipes we studied certainly created a great deal of interest amongst the ladies and they enjoyed learning about cookery in times gone by.

Val Harris

## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Our Harvest Celebrations were a great success and all the dry goods, tins, jars and bottles were given to a local refuge in Leighton Buzzard. Our service was followed by an excellent lunch, prepared, cooked and served by the gentlemen of the Chapel. A special thank you to Geoff and his helpers for all their hard work.

The Charity to be supported for the next quarter by Cafe Community donations will be Amnesty International in their 50th Anniversary year. With this in mind the November Theme on Saturday November 12th will be "Who are the peacemakers?"

Once again a group of our ladies have been very busy making really special handmade gifts for Christmas and these will be on sale at our Cafe Community on 12th November from 11-00am to 1-00pm. All proceeds from the Craft Stall are for the Chapel Maintenance Fund.

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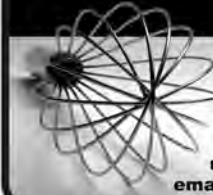
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## Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club



Cometh October, cometh the Quiz. So say the respective committees of the Village Hall, and EBLTC (they also say it in April, except they don't say 'October' then). It's become the unmissable bi-annual event in South Bedfordshire, and so it was that at 7pm yesterday evening, with the aid of my toolkit, I prised my good lady wife from her prime-viewing position in front of Bruce Forsyth and a host of C-list celebrities attempting to rekindle their fading careers by shuffling uncomfortably around a dance floor whilst being chastised by the most unlikely panel of 'judges' imaginable. If Bruno is an 'Italian Stallion' then I'm Danny La Rue. And don't even start me on Craig who always looks like he's swallowed a wasp. And how we all laugh when Len says 'Seven'! And there's another one who doesn't appear to know anything about dancing, uses all the wrong grammar but tells everyone to 'go for it'. I think she used to be in Eastenders. Anyway back to the quiz. I dragged my other half kicking and screaming 'I love you Anton' to the car, bundled her into the boot (having drilled an air hole through the boot lid (well it was her car after all) and got us both to the Village Hall in time to take our places with our team – Strictly Come Quizzing'. Needless to say I objected to this name, but was out-voted by the 'Seven' other team members, who were all clearly deranged and didn't fill me with confidence for our forthcoming questions.

The usual format followed with quizmaster Keith Blackburn (I must remember to ask him how Tony is these days) testing our knowledge on everything from oven temperatures to aircraft manufacturers of World War 2. Tension rose after our cheese and pate supper, but that was probably the pickled onions. No, it was because the leader board was so tight (see they've got me at it now), and it all rested on the final dance round. The crown was eventually awarded to the 'Grape Vine' team (another blinking dancing parody – what's going on?) who narrowly pipped a team curiously named 'Andy Cross's Mates', none of which I'd ever met before but they seemed nice so I'll track them all down for a drink. One by one. They're obviously a fickle bunch as they were Keith's Best Mates last April. Still, they're my friends now for the next 6 months, and I can't wait, as all my previous friends kept being moved abroad by their companies, or went on holiday and never came back.

Shock Horror! Despite another craftily devised plan by that dangerously armed gang of chocolate hoarding ladies to change their name to the 'Booty Ladies', their devious disguise was quickly seen through by another team, the 'Untouchables', who proved that in terms lacking ordinary quickness and keenness of mind, they certainly were untouchable, by winning just one point from each of the last 2 rounds. Bringing mental incapacity to a new level, this amazing lack of knowledge and learning propelled them backwards into last place, thus depriving the Booty Ladies from their latest supply of chocolate goods. The villages should beware though – these ruffians will stop at nothing to secure their next fix of the sweet brown stuff, so lock up your Lion Bars, secure your Snickers and guard your Galaxies against the marauding gang of hooded ladies in search of revenge after being thwarted by their new chocolate adversaries.

Finally this month, we pass on thanks to members Roger and Jacky Bowden who, despite warnings to the contrary, held an 'open day' at their Totternhoe farm for our members on a recent hot and sunny Saturday in October. We swam, barbecued,



played table tennis, jacuzzi'd, had a few beers and probably frightened the horses (we won't bring the Chairman next time), and an excellent few hours was had by all. The Bowdens have somewhat recklessly agreed to repeat the event maybe next year; I expect it will take that long to clear up the mess from this time. Roger, please check your pool when you drain it for the winter, I appear to have mislaid my false teeth and bottle of Steradent.

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 filling holes in my boot lid, then me, Andy Cross, on 01582 477114.

## **ELF - Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship**

We hope that you have all enjoyed the beautiful warm weather we have experienced during the last part of September. The walking group have been very lucky with the weather on the last two walks and enjoyed being together again. The November walk is on the 28th.

On 13th October, the Elf group had a speaker, Tony Woodhouse, who spoke about Castles in this Area. It proved very interesting. The talk was followed by refreshments; tea, coffee and cakes, as an afternoon tea. There was a charge of £1.50. Everyone was welcome. A report will appear in the December issue of Focus. There is a list in the north porch of the church for anyone to sign if they are interested.

The next meeting at the Coffee Tavern is on November 17th. All will be welcome to join in at 10.30, for refreshments and a chat.

At our last meeting, several ideas for future outings were mooted. They included; The Transport Museum at Stondon; St Albans Organ Museum; Bletchley Park; The Shuttleworth Collection; The Wind Farm headquarters at Kings Langley; Theatre visits etc.

Vivienne has arranged for a group to visit Waddesden Manor on December 2nd to see the Christmas decorations. We look forward to that. A list, to be signed, will be in the north porch in Eaton Bray Church, for those persons wishing to go.

The Christmas lunch outing will be on December 8th. There will be mince pies, sherry etc at the Coffee Tavern on December 15th.

It is all happening for the group of Elves and if only some of the suggested events take place that would be very good. Everyone would be made welcome if they wish to join in the happy group of people enjoying all times they meet.

Thanks go to Alan for arranging the very successful outing to the paper mill at Apsley. Everyone enjoyed the tour, the lecture, the demonstration, the lunch, the Canal trip.

Thanks, as always go to Val and Alan for arranging a very nice Cream Tea in their garden. Not forgetting all the helpers. A great afternoon was enjoyed after the morning's deluge!!!!

Enjoy the oncoming Autumn and all the colours to come.

### **DECEMBER DATES FOR THE ELF GROUP**

DECEMBER 2nd	Visit to Waddesden Manor for Christmas decorations
DECEMBER 8th	Christmas outing for lunch
DECEMBER 15th	The Coffee Tavern for mince pies, sherry etc.

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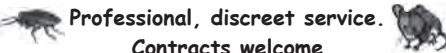
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## Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP Unveils Northall's Village Sign

The EDaN Beautification Team was delighted to welcome John Bercow to Northall on 1st October to unveil their second pictorial village sign. His sincerity and quick wit put everyone at their ease and an enjoyable afternoon followed in the mini-heatwave, organised by them...

We are indebted to Mike Scott, Kevin Cabbage and Mick Yates for all their hard work, both installing the bollards and planter and hauling the very weighty sign up on to its post in time for the unveiling ceremony.

### Northall Village Sign

At the top in gold, the Edlesborough rose brass, now kept in church archives in Bedford, a treasure from our 13th century church on the hill.

Flanking this are straw plaits, a very lucrative former trade enjoyed by these three villages, used by the Luton hat trade. The prune plums were sent in baskets by pony and trap to nearby Stanbridgeford station to catch the London train and used to dye sailors' uniforms in the 19th century.

The main picture at the top depicts Butler's Manor, first mentioned in 1302. The current house dates in part from the early 1600's. Butler's Manor is a good example of a double island moated site. Most such sites date from the medieval period and demonstrate continuity of occupation. Such moats were for prestige and food (fish), not for defence. Patricia and Steve Harrison who own the Manor have been very supportive of our team and Patricia has been instrumental in raising funds for this project, also donating towards the sign. It is a local legend that Dick Turpin watched from the attic room for coaches to plunder and he is shown here with Black Bess. The red kite, soaring aloft, is now a familiar sight locally, as is the green woodpecker and the rare Duke of Burgundy butterfly.

Pratts Farm supplies us with goose, duck and quails' eggs, the former noisily 'strutting their stuff' when strangers approach, especially nearing Christmas! The Swan pub is a popular local attraction – one of the last few remaining in the parish villages, after the loss of at least ten over the past 100 years.

Lastly, the war memorial separates these bottom two pictures, commemorating the fallen from Northall and Edlesborough; a sobering touch to a beautiful sign.

The sign has been installed on AVDC's S106 Knolls View Amenity Lane which has served no useful purpose for many years. Now, with AVDC's active support,



*It wasn't all plain sailing when John Bercow unveiled the village sign - the long arm of the law was summoned for assistance!*

the area of land is being transformed into a real amenity for the village. The sign, surrounding flower bed and bollards were installed by team members' husbands and planted and cared for by the EDaN Beautification Team. In an arc at the back of the Amenity Land, we have sown a wild flower meadow and plan to install cycle racks and benches in this welcoming space when funds permit.

**The Dagnall sign** is now well on its way to completion. The unveiling will take place on the wide verge opposite the Red Lion on Saturday 3rd December at 12.00 p.m. John Bercow will be doing the honours for us once again, when you can also enjoy singing along with Dagnall Community Choir. We are then all off to the roundabout, where Mr. Bercow

will commemorate a plaque on the flower planter to the memory of our dear Anne Thompson, a great lady who always had the interests of Dagnall at heart.

We might well need warming up by then – so come and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies at the Dagnall School and Under 5's Christmas Fayre in Dagnall Village Hall. Father Christmas is expected to put in an appearance and there will be plenty of stalls where you can buy gifts for family and friends. See you there!



*The ladies of EDaN Beautification Team with Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP  
Photos by Jim Wright*

## House of Commons Speaker opens Northall Playground

John Bercow, MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, took great delight in trying each piece of play equipment at Northall Village Hall when he opened the extension to the playground on Saturday, 8th October. Alan Tipper, Chair of the Northall Village Hall Management Committee, said 'Costing approximately £60,000, the playground extension provides much needed equipment for the village's older children and complements the playground for the under eights which was opened in 2008.' The new Playground was funded by grants from Big Lottery Fund Community Spaces, WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd),



Aylesbury Vale District Council, and Northall Village Hall Management Committee. Mr Bercow was presented with flowers by Isabel Dorrance, Henry Dorrance and Eloise O'Sullivan. After the opening, Mr Bercow and villagers joined in celebrations in the grounds of the Village Hall, with cream teas, beef-burgers and hot dogs served by the Management Committee.

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# Edlesborough School Contributions



At Edlesborough School we have been getting into the spirit of the forthcoming London 2012 Games. It all started last October when we entered an Olympic competition, launched by the BBC and The British Council called 'BBC World Class Dreams'. This gives winning schools in the UK a chance to link up with the school of an international athlete. As winners, our school was linked with a school in Mongolia, attended by BADAR UUGAN gold medallist in boxing in Beijing.

Since then we have taken part in many projects promoting the Olympic values at our school. We had the pleasure of welcoming the Paralympics GB Basketball coach Haj Bhanja and one of his players, Judith Hamer. Pupils have taken part in Seated Volleyball training at Stoke Mandeville with members of the Paralympics team, and also had the opportunity to visit the Olympic Park.

To celebrate our Mongolian links, in the summer we had a Mongolian week which was very successful. Activities included craft making and Mongolian crafts, sampling Mongolian food, Mongolian sport including archery and karate. In addition the children sampled Mongolian life in a Yurt by having lessons in a tent. Extracts from our week are now showing on the BBC World Class website. You can watch this clip by Google searching 'BBC world class dream'. First click on the home page then click the section with 'School teams catch up', on there is a blue link that says- 'Team Bader Uugan'. Here you will be able to see our clip on Mongolian week.

Rekha Slatter



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## Salvation Sound - November 2011

Words - What are they? The dictionary states that a word is a unit of spoken language: a written sign representing such an utterance. It has been estimated that a talkative person may speak 30,000 words a day! Phew! but we must ask the question: how do our words, whether many or few; effect others?

A chef was asked to prepare his best possible dish for a feast, to be given by his master for a group of wealthy guests. The chef prepared a dish of tongue - being a wise man he explained "It's the best of meats because it reminds us that we may use the tongue to bless and express happiness, dispel sorrow, remove despair and spread cheer.

Sometime later he was again asked to prepare a meal, but not to take too much trouble. In fact the worst of dishes would do, for the master was having to feed some of his unwelcome relatives! The chef again prepared a dish of tongue.

He said "This is my most worthless dish - it reminds us that we use the tongue to curse and break hearts, destroy reputations, create strife and set families and nations at war with each other."

Think about the chef's point of view. We may not have to eat tongue, but we sometimes have to "eat our own words", before we learn to avoid sayings things that we wish we could retract. Without our tongue we would have great difficulty in making ourselves understood, but often times we speak without thinking; and that can cause many a problem. We should remember that the tongue is not in control, the person behind it is. Our morning prayer should include these words from an old song,

"Direct, control, suggest, this day  
All I may think, or do. or say."

Proverbs 12:18 says "There is one whose rash words are like swords thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."

If you want your tongue to boost someone's moral and not belittle them, ask God to make you a wiser person.

"A wise old bird at on an oak -  
The more he saw the less he spoke,  
The less he spoke the more he heard:  
Lord, make me like that wise old bird."

### Dagnall Village Hall 100 Club Winners – Oct 2011

33	Mr Andy Hunter	£50
61	Stephanie Willson	£25
103	Mr Robert Wood	£25

Drawn on 1st Oct 2011. We are still open for new members. Please contact Sharon Quinn, 01442 842129

### The Salvation Army, Booth Place - Weekly Activities



#### Sunday

Footprints (Sunday School)	9.45-10.45am
Morning Worship	11.00am
3rd Sunday of the month	
No footprints	
Family Worship	11.00am
Songs of Praise	4.00pm

#### Monday (term time)

Champions Challenge Club (Ages 5-10 years)	5.30-6.30pm
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#### Tuesday

Coffee Morning (alternate weeks)	10.00 - 11.30am
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

Parent and Toddler Group (Term time)	9.30-11.30am
Bible Study (1st & 3rd weeks)	7.30pm
Ladies Fellowship (Last week of month)	7.45pm

*See website for updates:*

*www.salvationarmy.org.uk/eatonbray  
Captain Jenny Dibsdall 07717 813682  
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# Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

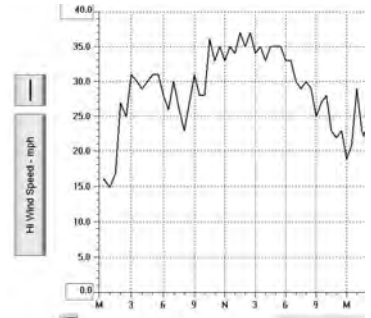
## Weather Conditions for September 2011

September clearly shows that the British weather can give us all seasons in one month. We started the month with a temperature of 26.4°C followed by high winds from the west/north west, giving us storm conditions. By the 15th, night temperatures were down to 4.4°C and signalled autumn. But then summer returned for the last few days of the month, reaching 27.7°C — only 1.9 degrees lower than the highest temperature in June. In the midst of all that, we had average rainfall.

**NEWS:** I am very fortunate this month to have been given a barograph and a thermograph which were used in Wallace's nursery for many years. Although old, they are still in good working order and replacement parts are readily available. I'd like to thank Mrs Bashford for these instruments which I will use daily and treasure.

The Dagnall weather station can now bring you weather data 24 hours a day, updated every 15 mins via the web: <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/dagnallweather> and [http://bit.ly/weather\\_dagnall](http://bit.ly/weather_dagnall)

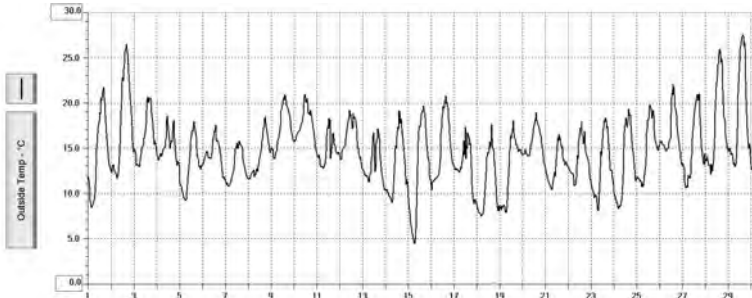
If anyone has a question, comment or wishes to contact me please email: [davidkillick@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidkillick@tiscali.co.uk) or 01442 843883



Wind speed on 12th September

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

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	27.7°C	29 Sept 14.44	4.4°C	15 Sept 07.00
Mean Temperature	14.9°C			
Dewpoint:	17.9°C	10 Sept 10.30	3.5°C	15 Sept 06.30
Humidity:	97%	27 - 28 Sept	43%	30 Sept 16.00
Barometer:	1028.1 hPa	27 Sept 12.00	998.1 hPa	12 Sept 08.00
Wind Speed	37 mph W	12 Sept 15.30	Months avg.	6.6 mph
Wind Chill:	27.6°C	29 Sept 15.30	4.5°C	15 Sept 07.00
Dominant Wind:	W			
<b>Rainfall</b> * T = total rain days and moisture. R = Actual rain				
* Rain Days: 21 (T), 18(R)	Wettest Day 4 Sept		22.61 mm	0.890 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Sept	59.6 mm	2.346 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	9 Months	454.3 mm	17.885 ins



Temperatures during September 2011



## Cheque Guarantee Card Scheme Closure

On 30th June, the UK Domestic Cheque Guarantee Card Scheme was closed. This means that it is no longer possible to guarantee a cheque using a plastic card.

After this date, clients will still be able to pay for goods and services by cheque but just cannot use a plastic card to guarantee it. As now, a trader may decide whether or not it is prepared to accept a cheque in payment. The trader will have the certainty that under cheque clearing rules, a cheque will be cleared and will not bounce at the end of the sixth working day after the cheque has been paid into the trader's account. The trader will know it is safe to release goods or services at this point.

Clients should be advised that there are also other alternatives to guaranteed cheques such as debit or credit cards, cash payments, online payments, phone banking payments. The end of the Cheque Guarantee Card Scheme does not mean the end of the use of cheques. In December 2009, the Payments Council set a target date for the closure of the central cheque clearing in 2018. However, closure will only be confirmed if, by 2016, suitable alternatives to cheques are in place and are being successfully used by individuals and businesses.

UK Payments Administration have produced a leaflet which clients may find useful. It is available on their website at [www.ukpayments.org.uk](http://www.ukpayments.org.uk).



## HMRC Tax Telephone Numbers

The HMRC Taxes helpline 0845 300 0627 replaced about 60 old numbers last year. This change was made to try to give taxpayers a better service by making it simpler for them to contact HMRC. There are now four HMRC Taxes phone numbers  
In the UK: PAYE 0845 300 0627 Self assessment helpline 0845 900 0444  
International: PAYE 0044 135 535 9022 Self assessment helpline 0044 161 931 9070  
HMRC would be interested in any feedback advisers get from customers complaining that the old numbers no longer work. This would help them gauge customer reaction to the changes. Please contact [shirley.hawkridge@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:shirley.hawkridge@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk) with any feedback.

## Wills Drawn up by a Solicitor in Exchange for a Donation to Charity

November is Will Aid month. This is a partnership between the legal profession and certain charities. Every November, participating solicitors waive their fee for writing a basic will. Instead, they invite you to make a donation to the Will Aid charities. Suggested minimum donations are £85 for a single basic will or £125 for a pair of basic mirror wills.

More information about Will Aid is available on its website at [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk). The website contains a useful will planner to help prepare for the meeting with the solicitor and a tool to enable you to search for a participating solicitor by postcode.

## Winter Fuel Payment

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### Edlesborough Under 5's

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

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

**For registration details, please phone Angela Paine on 01525 229529**

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## St Mary's Ladies Guild

The October meeting began with a welcome and sharing the wonderful news that £350 had been raised at the Guild coffee morning, in aid of Mission to the Seafarers. Thanks were due to the efforts of the members that had supported it. Tom Heffer will be presented with the cheque for £350 at the November meeting and accept it on behalf of the Mission to Seafarers. The members will continue to raise funds for this cause by holding a sales table and a raffle each month.

The devotions were led by Wendy. Deirdrea was presented with a lovely planted arrangement and a card on the occasion of her and Michael's Golden Wedding.

The notices were given out, Wednesday 16th November there will be a visit to World's End for lunch and viewing the Christmas display. Wednesday 7th December, a visit to Poplar's garden centre for a Christmas lunch and some shopping. The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th November when Joan Fossey will be arranging flowers, with the theme of 'Remembrance'.

Deirdrea then introduced Dave Richards, with his able assistant Val, who showed slides and led us through their trip to Chile, The Falklands and the Antarctic in 2008. Everyone was enthralled at all the details that Dave gave and most especially all the slides of the massive icebergs, the penguins and so many other interesting facts. It really seemed as if we had been on a journey. Dave and Val were thanked by Marjorie and given a gift. Everyone enjoyed the social time, with plenty of chat and the tasting of the lovely tea. The meeting finished with the Guild closing prayer.

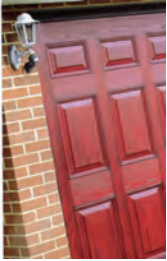


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