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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: Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358

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Village Diaries October 2012



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 Lower School, 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, Dagnall Village Hall 6.30pm
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, Nadine Morgan 07823 447362
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 Fitness Class, 8.15-9.15pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Zoey 07595 986892
Tuesdays	Circuit Training Edlesborough - Edlesborough School Hall - 7-8pm - £5 per class
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
Wednesdays	Zumba Fitness Class, 9.30am, St Giles Church Hall, Totternhoe, Zoey 07595 986892
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	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	Central Bedfordshire Children's Centres' Toy Library, 9-9.45am, Eaton Bray (School Lane) Public Car Park
Fortnightly	
Fridays	Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576

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Fridays	Hartbeeps Multi-sensory pre-school play & music sessions, Northall Village Hall. Bookings and information: Gemma 01525 381196
Fridays	Zumba Fitness Class, 9.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Zoey 07595 986892
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
1st Sunday	May to September, Edlesborough Church Open, 2-5pm
2nd & 4th Tuesday	TOTS, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2pm
2nd Tuesday	Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable (opposite Wilkinson)
2nd Tuesday	Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
2nd Wednesday	St.Mary's Ladies Guild, 2pm, St.Mary's, Eaton Bray
2nd Thursday	CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
3rd Thursday	Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
3rd Sunday	Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288

Other Regular Events

6th	St Mary's Eaton Bray Coffee Morning 10-12 noon
7th	Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
11th	ELF Lunch
12th	Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am.
13th	Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
16th	Dagnall Over 60's. Sausage & Mash lunch 1.30pm village hall
22nd	ELF Walk 10am E B Church

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

3rd	Tim Sait, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chriss 01525 222288
6th	Dagnall Under Fives Race Night, 7.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Tickets £7.50 Toni 01442 842957
10th	Wednesday Club Coffee Morning, 10-11:30am, Northall Village Hall
12th	Appledown Quiz Night, 7.30pm, Northall Village Hall, Tickets 01525 220383
13th	Moonlight on the Nile, 7:30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Tickets 07927 385833
14th	Gadsden Walk Meeting, Dagnall Village Hall, 3pm
17th	Edlesborough School Open Morning, 9:30-11am
20th	Dagnall Community Choir Concert at Eaton Bray Village Hall 7.30pm. See separate entry in Focus for details
21st	Friends of Edlesborough Church Open Afternoon, 2-3.30pm, Refreshments at Edlesborough Memorial Hall 3-5pm
26th	Eaton Bray - A Century of Change slide show by Peter Mayne, 7:30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall. Tickets Roebuck Garage

Retirement of Dr Martyn R Jones

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Dagnall Hall Villagers

What do you know about Gadsden Walk/Gap?

Your views and opinions are needed

Over 5 years ago, it was proposed that a circular walk be created around Dagnall involving creating a second entrance to the recreation ground, this time direct from Dunstable Road. At the time of the plans, it was proposed that a safe 'crossing' be created here too. In recent years, the Parish Council funding and plans have altered and before any changes are made, we need to know if the views on Gadsden Walk are the same now as they were then.

Please come along to a meeting at the Village Hall on Sunday October 14 at 3pm. We will explain the plans to you and ask you to vote for your preferred option.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to know more and register your opinion, please contact the Dagnall representative on the Edlesborough Parish Council - Brian Holt, on 01442 843202.



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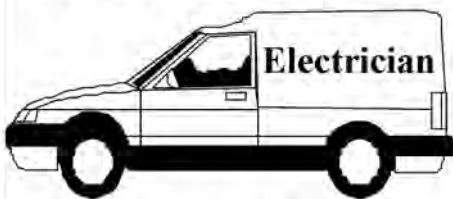
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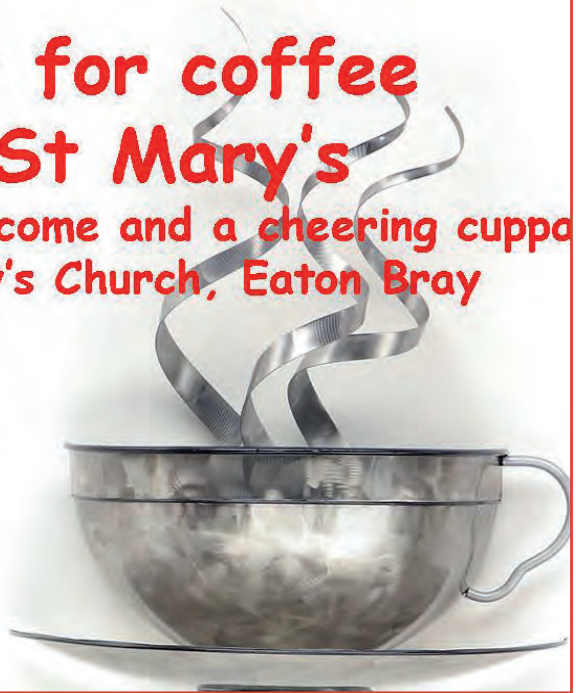
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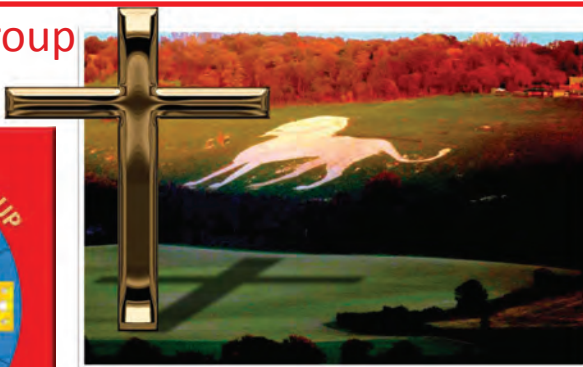
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Other Events

Kensworth: Harvest Supper & Dance
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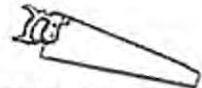
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October is a golden month before the clocks go back on the last Sunday (28th) and the days shorten. Yes we do have a lie in that first morning but it does not compensate for months of dark evenings. I should really have been a dormouse or hedgehog who, having stuffed myself with late Summer berries, fallen fruits, seeds, acorns and the grain spilt during harvest, could roll up into a ball and sleep the Winter away in a cosy nest of leaves, deep in a hedgerow.

Gazing through my office window, seeking inspiration for something more positive to say, I've just caught a glimpse of a lorry piled high with bales of golden straw and am reminded that October is a good month to say, **thank you**.

Thank you for a great summer, it may have been damp but many exciting and amazing things have taken place. Nationally the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was a time for celebration and the rain failed to dampen the joy of village street parties, if the one at my end of Wallace Drive, was anything to go by. The Olympics and Paralympics have been a glorious celebration of individual gifts and talents, supreme skill and perseverance but above all of people of all cultures, faiths and nationalities coming together in peace with hope in their hearts and minds.

Simon Barnes writing in The Times said:

Bliss was it in that summer to be alive, but to be in London was very heaven. It wasn't the finest summer of sport we have ever known: it was much better than that. It was the finest celebration of humanity in a quarter-of-a-million years of our existence. It was the best party in the history of the human race. (Possibly a bit over the top!)

Paul Hayward in The Telegraph wrote:

Austerity, corruption and ineptitude turn out not to be the main picture. The mass of British people still believe in the civilising virtues of friendliness, enthusiasm and respect for the achievements of others.

Sebastian Coe in his closing speech said, *Together these past few weeks we have shared some wonderful days, haven't we? In this country we will never think of sport the same way and we will never think of disability the same way, the Paralympians have lifted the cloud of limitation.*

And finally a Medic, a Games Maker, travelling on the tube with Coe said, *I was on duty on 7/7, that awful day. For me this is closure. I wasn't sure I should come or whether I could face it. I'm so glad I did. For I've seen the worst of mankind and now I've seen the best of mankind.*

Thank you for reading this and may your October be a golden one.



Coralie

From the Parish Registers

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

1st July Aaron, Rocky, Tommy Lee

Simon, Krimea Price

22nd July Lottie Olivia and Archie Alan Driscoll

29th July Benjamin Oscar Brewer Carter-Clout

26th August Isabel Alexa Bideau

2nd September Max Noah Cassidy

8th September Donna Marie Hercock

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

August 24th Lucy Walker and Mark Gaskell

September 8th Ian Forder and Sabrina De Lorenzo

Funerals – “Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest”

9th August Arthur Brooks

21st August Colin Anderson

September 13th Thomas Castle

September 20th Maisie Fountaine

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Eunice



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Cllr Mustoe attended the meeting. She informed the council that the Government is carrying out a major welfare reform programme. Some changes are already affecting claimants, and more changes are happening from April 2013 which will affect many housing benefit and council tax benefit claimants in Central Bedfordshire.

Full details can be found on Central Bedfordshire Council's Website; <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/money-and-benefits/check-eligibility-for-benefits/welfare-reform.aspx>

TRAFFIC/SPEEDING

Motorists are continuing to speed down School Lane, despite the introduction of 20mph restriction on this road. Road users are reminded to slow down and drive at the legal speed limit set for this stretch of road. The police are also aware of this problem.

ILLEGAL CAR PARKING

Motorists are continuing to park their vehicles on grass at the three corners and other areas of common land in the parish. Residents are reminded that cars are not allowed to be parked on these areas at any time and must be kept clear. The police have been informed of these problems and will be monitoring the situation.

PARISH COUNCIL HELPERS

The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to the residents who have kindly volunteered some of their time to help the council in improving the village. With the tidying up of one of the village's bus stops, to the assistance in the preparation of the area for the new playground equipment; your help was very much appreciated.

If any residents would like to offer their help to the Parish Council then please contact the Clerk with your details.

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Cafe Worship on Sunday October 14th will be led by Belinda Freeman.

2012 WINNERS !



Edlesborough is delighted to be chosen as 'Best Kept Village in Buckinghamshire'. This prestigious award was granted despite a higher number of entries than ever this year. The judges were impressed with the obvious dedication of the Parish Council to the general care and maintenance of our public spaces, amenities and shops, war memorial and churchyard; indeed all the villagers had contributed to the overall effect of a well-loved and tidy village where community spirit was very evident. Christine Yates, Chair of the EDaN Beautification Team, proudly accepted the DeFraine Cup from Vice Lord Lieutenant Alexander Boswell, who was accompanied by BALC Chairman Isabella Fraser and her officers, plus the judging party from all over the county. Parish Council and EDaN team members, friends and family enjoyed the presentation where Mr. Boswell and the judges expressed their appreciation of all the efforts made towards the village's success. The wrought iron sign will be displayed by the Memorial Hall for twelve months, hopefully longer, as we will certainly aim to retain the title.

Our flower planters and village sign had been much admired by the judges when making their recommendations in June. Monies raised from a Firewalk and three Mayday events over recent years had greatly contributed to these assets of the village, all enjoyed by villagers and organised by the EDaN Beautification Team, with support from the EDaN Steering Group, the Parish Council and local businesses. The team are involved with many ongoing projects, the largest being the floodlighting of our magnificent ancient church. A new and enthusiastic 'Friends of the Church on the Hill' group has been formed to bring our much loved and well known church back into the heart of the community, to be used, cared for and appreciated in its old age. Local support is always needed, occasionally reaping rewards.

EDaN Beautification Team

Photos on page 72

Eaton Bray Village Hall Car Park Nearly There

As I write in early September the car park at the Eaton Bray Village Hall is being resurfaced, this will include a larger area for parking, along with dedicated disabled parking spaces. We had hoped to be able to have the job finished by the end of August... but the best laid plans of mice and men! When it is finally finished, this will be the end of a 10 plus year period of planning, fundraising and refurbishment of the Village Hall and we will have carried out the works we promised back in 2004. In that time many people have worked extremely hard to achieve what is now a superb village hall fit for the 21st century. All the trustees, both past and present, have given of their time and energy, far beyond the normal and I truly know that without their enthusiasm and dedication we would not have the hall we have now.

Not that this is the end; we will still be looking to improve the Hall and will keep fundraising to that effect, but perhaps not so fervently as before! We will certainly keep up the Quizzes with our friends from Eaton Bray Tennis Club and **the Beer Festival, which will be celebrating its 10th anniversary next May 31st and June 1st!**

Just a quick reminder that the next **Quiz is on Saturday 17th November** and tickets can be obtained from me, Ross, on 01525 221411 or ross.bagni@btinternet.com .

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Poppy Prom – 10th November 2012

This was a tremendous event in 2011 and there has been considerable demand for tickets for this year's Poppy Prom. This article was written on 10th September when there were only 40 tickets left unsold. By the time you receive Focus the event will probably be sold out. There will be a waiting list for return tickets so it may still be worth phoning the Box Office on 01525 222283.

Children's Prom – 2.30pm 9th February 2013

The programme for this afternoon event is designed to appeal especially to children as well as to adults. As well as Prom Concert favourites, including the Sailor's Hornpipe and Land of Hope and Glory, featured music may include extracts from, for example The Jungle Book, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Harry Potter, Aladdin, Pirates of the Caribbean, Nelly the Elephant and Mary Poppins.

The concert will be performed by the Aylesbury Concert Band. Tickets will go on sale at the Poppy Prom and subsequently from 10th November; tickets for adults will cost £7.50, those for accompanied children under 16, £2.50.

Ladies Evening – 11th May 2013

This concert will feature the Cantata Ladies Choir joined by a professional female soloist, Min-Min Peaker, who will be singing Rule Britannia at the Poppy Prom. They will perform a mixture of songs, including songs from West End musicals, light pop songs and spiritual songs. Many of the members of the Luton Girls Choir joined Cantata when it was formed so expect singing of a very high quality.

Other dates for your diary

17th Aug 2013— The saxophone quartet 'Sax on Cue'

9th November 2013 - Poppy Prom

11th January 2014 – New Year's Concert featuring Aylesbury Concert Band

St Mary's Village Carnival

The dust has settled – or maybe I should say that the scars left in the Green have almost healed – and we can say goodbye to Carnival 2012. It is a day that is fast fading into the memory, but one that was marked by some of the heaviest rainfall seen in the village for some time. Fortunately the downpour was short and sharp and the afternoon stayed clement – enough so that we were able to pack everything away dry and safe for another year.

I hope that some of you have seen the information on the Church Notice Board that the Organising Committee raised a remarkable £12,500 – only £500 less than 2011's record. I therefore need to say a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who helped in any way in advance of Carnival, on Carnival day and afterwards to achieve such a total and especially to the Organising Committee who work so hard to make St Mary's Village Carnival such a wonderful community event. Sadly the committee is saying goodbye to Bernie Hillman and Mark Saccoccio who have both given years of valued service. 'Thank you, both' and I'm sure you will both continue to make an important contribution in the future.

I also want to thank Edlesborough Cricket Club and Edlesborough Council (especially Kevin Cabbage) for their co-operation and patience in ensuring that damage caused to the Green by someone's spiteful behaviour was addressed and resolved very quickly and with a minimum of rancour.

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

- 50% to St Mary's Fabric Fund
- 25% to a principal charity – this year 'The Chemotherapy Unit at Luton & Dunstable Hospital'.
- 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.

A meeting took place on 10 September to propose a distribution and the proposal was ratified by St Mary's PCC the same week:

St Mary's Fabric Fund	£6,250.00
Chemotherapy Unit, L&D Hospital	£3,125.00
1st E Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group	£100.00
Air Cadets (L Buzzard)	£25.00
Cheeky Monkeys	£100.00
Dagnall School	£125.00
Dagnall Village hall	£100.00
DILS Tower Breakfast and After School Club	£25.00
Downs Heart Group	£100.00
Dunstable Scouts	£100.00
Eaton Bray Methodist Church	£75.00
Eaton Bray Parish Council	£100.00
Eaton Bray Village Hall	£100.00
EB Academy	£125.00
EB Cricket Club	£100.00
EB Lions FC	£125.00
EDaN	£100.00

Edlesborough Cricket Club	£50.00
Edlesborough Parish Council	£100.00
Edlesborough School	£125.00
Expedition - Alex Mustoe	£100.00
Expedition - Charlotte Nilsen	£100.00
Expedition - Hannah McCloskey	£100.00
Expedition - Scott Mercer	£100.00
Lionheart Explorer Group	£100.00
Orbit	£100.00
Police Charity Fund - Beds	£100.00
Police Charity Fund - Thames Valley	£100.00
St John's Ambulance	£325.00
Taskers Row Social Club	£100.00
The Friends Of The Church On The Hill	£100.00
Toddington Band	£125.00

So now we turn to Carnival 2013, which will be my twelfth as Chairman of the Carnival Committee and 25th year as a Committee member and during which time just under £¼ million has been raised for local good causes. As you can imagine, with three significant milestones for me I hope Carnival 2013 will be as splendid as ever. The theme will be 'SciFi' so, hopefully, there will be lots of scope for colour.

But Carnival does rely on YOU. Please, if you will feel you have a contribution to make to the success of our Carnival, get in touch with me. We need new Committee Members, people to help make the event run smoothly, offers of prizes, advertisers, offers of transport etc.; maybe you have no more use for a frame tent that you could lend or give to us. Carnival is an event for our community of which the community is rightly proud. Please contact me with your offers of help.

Gordon Gray – Chairman, St Mary's Village Carnival Committee, 220136

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For more information contact:

John Hazell 01525 218142

Email 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.

Eaton Bray Village Hall 100 Club Winners August 2012

87	Danny Kerr	£100
58	Margaret Bashford	£25
34	Dave Richman	£25
160	Ian Stubbs	£25

Drawn on 9 August 2012 at Hines the Butchers.

Winners September 2012

54	Bernie Hillman	£100
185	Holly Watkin	£25
13	Shelagh Bagni	£25
180	Ken Coates	£25

Drawn on 10 September 2012 at Eaton Bray Academy. Please direct any correspondence to Ross Bagni 71 Bower Lane Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire LU6 1RB Telephone: 01525 221411.

News from the Lions Den ...

Summer may have been a disappointment for many of us on the weather front but we Lions have been out and about enjoying ourselves never the less.

Our 'free delivery' fish and chip trial has been a resounding success and after just two months, we made the decision to make this a regular part of our community service program. We are delighted with the number of residents who already take part in this but we are still willing and able to deliver to more people. We must say a sincere thank you to the anonymous gentleman who donated £20.00 to Lions after reading about this service. We must stress this is a community service and that the club do not make money from this, however, all donations are used towards supporting local causes. Our next delivery will be taking place on Friday 26th October. Your orders need to be placed with me by Wednesday 24th. Please leave a message on the answer phone if no-one is in.

Eyes Down – we are playing for a 'Full House'

As of Tuesday 6th November, we are starting a monthly bingo night in Dagnall Village Hall. The plan is that this will run on the first Tuesday of every month to keep it nice and simple. Starting at 7.30pm with a complimentary cup of tea or coffee at half time. Free entry ! – just £1.00 per game

We hope to see lots of you there

Helping to keep our young people safe

As you will recall, the funds raised by the Lions at the Edlesborough carnival were used to purchase high visibility waistcoats for our primary school children. At the time of writing this, our first order has been placed and we are eagerly awaiting the delivery. We plan to distribute the first batch to the Eaton Bray Academy towards the end of September before the dark mornings are back with us.

Fancy winning £20 ?

We have put together a cryptic quiz to get you thinking and to entertain you as the darker evenings approach. It is £1.00 to enter and the person who gets the most correct answers will receive £20.00. In the event of a tie-break, all winning entries will be put into a hat and one lucky entry will be drawn. The theme of this months quiz is 'Songs from Yester-years'all entries to be received by 31st October to be included in the draw. Further details accompany the actual quiz in this magazine on the page opposite. For more information on any of the above or about Lions in general please do get in touch by calling Rachel on 01525 229 656 or visit our website www.ebelions.org.uk.

Ordinary people doing amazing things



London Luton Airport

With an increase in aircraft in the area and in particular when the wind is from the East, we are getting some aircraft flying directly over the village to join the flight path into the airport. If you are disturbed by these aircraft flying over the village, there is a complaints hotline number: 01582395382. This is an airport number where you can register your concerns. It is important to do this if we are to reduce these disturbances over our village.



Lions Cryptic Quiz

Songs from Yester-year

£1.00 per entry – winner receives £20.00 to them or the charity of their choice

All completed entries to be sent to 9 Eaton Park, Eaton Bray along with your

£1.00 entry fee

- 1) The initial letters of the next 19 answers
- 2) Childhood dream of Michael and Carols eldest daughter (4,3,2,6,4,4)
- 3) A problem for a gamekeeper of the shires (3,12,7)
- 4) Beyond the visible spectrum (4,3,7)
- 5) Will you stop making a fuss (4,2,4,8)
- 6) The Lords promise in 'footprints in the sand' (5,5,4,5)
- 7) Mr Wise, the dashing dairyman from Tombstone (5,3,7,7,2,3,4)
- 8) A diamond, 24 hours a day (4,6,3,5)
- 9) Gordons, Gordons, Gordons, Gordons, Gordons doubled (3,5,7)
- 10) 'and someday it may happen'; perhaps MMDXXV (2,3,4,4 or 20)
- 11) Ultrasonic tango (anagram) (15)
- 12) Party of ex PM's parent (5,2,6,5)
- 13) This flower is wrongly classified as dianthus (4,3,4)
- 14) Only Adam didn't have to serenade his lass with it (2,3,4,3,4,4,2,3,5)
- 15) Le petite moineau montre certainement pas de remonds (3,2,2,8,4)
- 16) Sea lough between Connacht and Muster (6,3)
- 17) Only a cocktail maid (4,2,3,9,4)
- 18) Father Thames (3,3,5)
- 19) Saltie boulder (9,4)
- 20) Castle, an Englishman's castle, sacks alight (4,3,4,5,7)



Please ensure you include your name and contact details with your entry. All entries to be received by 31st October

Would you like to learn to play Bridge?

Wardown Bridge Club will begin its next series of classes on:

Wednesday 3 October 2012 7.30pm

at the Luton Town Cricket Pavilion,
Wardown Park

For more details please contact Brian Edwards **01525 860428** or **brian.edwards60@btinternet.com**

Eaton Bray Cricket Club 100 Club Winners

Aug 2012

£25	Mrs M Jones	Nr 109
£10	A Todd	Nr 26

Sep 2012

£25	Mr E Pratt	Nr 30
£10	P Bearton	Nr 23

Eaton Bray Cricket Club is kindly sponsored by F.A. Hawkins Transport Ltd & M&M Properties

Edlesborough Parish Council News

Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

Allotments

A reminder to allotment tenants that rents are being collected for The Green, Cow Lane and Northall on Saturday 6th October at Edlesborough Memorial Hall between 9am and 12noon, and on Sunday 7th October between 10am and 12noon at Dagnall Trading Hut. In order for the Parish Council to save on administration expenses it would be much

appreciated if tenants could pay their rents on the specified date or arrange for them to be sent to the Clerk as soon after as possible thereafter. If the rent is not paid at the appropriate time the Council may apply an administration charge.

Appointment of Manager/Assistant Clerk

Penny Pataky has recently been appointed Manager of the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, Green and Play Area from 1st September and will also take on the role of Assistant Clerk from 1st October. Penny can be contacted on 01525 229358

Best Kept Village

The Parish Council were delighted to receive news that Edlesborough had this year won the Defra Cup for Best Kept Village in Buckinghamshire. Edlesborough is the only village within the parish that meets the criteria for being able to enter the competition.

Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Edlesborough Under 5's have now moved into Edlesborough School enabling the Memorial Hall to be available for additional hiring - see advert on the right.

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

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

Penny Pataky – Manager/Assistant Clerk

Contact number 01525 229358

e-mail: assistant.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk

Edlesborough Memorial Hall Booking Secretary: Penny Pataky: Tel: 01525 229358

e-mail: assistant.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk

Website: www.edlesborough.gov.uk

Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings

3rd Thursday monthly

7.30pm Memorial Hall

Next Meeting: 18th Oct

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**To arrange a booking please contact
Penny Pataky on 01525 229358**

Edlesborough W.I.

At our last meeting Christine Yates made the exciting announcement that Edlesborough had been awarded first place in the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village competition. We all felt very proud and looked forward to the presentation of this award and the erection of the sign.

A few weeks later a group gathered outside the Memorial Hall, where the sign was erected. Chris had been asked to receive the sign and certificate in recognition of the part she had played through leading the EDAN Beautification Team. Our institute has every reason to be proud of her. Well done Chris!

At our last two meetings we had talks on Ethiopia and plants for small gardens. Ethiopia is a country many of us know little about, and we learned some very interesting facts from our speaker Wendy Black. For instance, their calendar is 7 years and 8 months behind ours. We saw slides of their churches (they are orthodox Christians) many of which are built down as much as twelve metres, and this is done by hand. The churches are full of beautiful paintings, which our speaker viewed on her journey through Ethiopia. Two hundred languages are spoken by the people there, who gave a very friendly welcome to the tourists. Oxen and wooden ploughs are used on the land, and fishing on the lakes is done in boats made from rushes. Donkeys are also used in their work but, sadly, many of them are ill-treated. However, this situation is improving with help.

The scenery in Ethiopia is very beautiful in the mountainous regions, with outstanding waterfalls. The ladies do their washing in the rivers, and the children look after the animals. There are numerous wild animals including wolves, wild dogs, monkeys and baboons. Birds such as cranes, flamingos and love birds are also to be seen, as are the most beautiful butterflies. Coffee is something grown in many parts of the country. It certainly was a side of Ethiopia that many of us did not know existed, and proved to be a very interesting talk.

At our last meeting we listened to Edwin Rye on the subject of plants for small gardens. Edwin and his wife open their garden in Wendover in order to raise money for a school in South Africa. He told us his garden appeared in last year's T.V. programme "Love Your Garden" with Alan Titchmarsh. Edwin has a vast knowledge of plants, and brought some lovely specimens with him. He also passed round photos of many of the flowers in his garden. He gave many tips on the treatment of different plants, and answered a variety of questions asked by members. Edwin obviously loves his plants, and it was a pleasure to listen to him. At the end of his talk, his wife spoke to us about a crèche in South Africa for which they raise money and visit each year. During the evening we ran a plant stall, and many ladies went home with bargains!

A week after our last meeting a number of us went to the White Lion in Dunstable for a tasty pub meal. It was a really enjoyable evening, as usual on our jaunts. We always have a great time.

Val Harris

Dagnall Village Hall 100 Club Winners – August 2012

38	Sharon Quinn	£50
32	Jan Robinson	£25
15	Colin and May Provis	£25

Drawn on 2 August witnessed by Bev Way at 13 Dunstable Road.

Please call on 01442 842129 if you would like to join and help the Village Hall Funds

Dunstable Downs Events

Dunstable Downs Chilterns Gateway Centre, Whipsnade Road, Dunstable, Beds LU6 2GY

Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunstabledowns

Email: dunstabledowns@nationaltrust.org.uk Car parking charge of £2 applies

History Walk

Date: Saturday 6 October 2012, 11am - 1pm. All Tickets £2 per person, Booking advisable. Telephone: 01582 500920. Learn about the intriguing history of the Downs as you walk. Enjoy a 2 hour stroll and find out how Dunstable Downs has been used by people for thousands of years. The walk from the Chilterns Gateway Centre to the Five Knolls and back can be muddy and slippery in places.

Make A Bird Feeder/Nest Box

Date: Sat 13 October 2012, 11am - 4pm. All Tickets £3 (for peanut bird feeder) £7 (for nest box). Cost includes materials and tuition. Booking advisable. Telephone: 01582 500925. Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-dunstabledownscountrysidecentrewhipsnadeestate Help your garden birds this winter. Feed the Birds! Give them a snug home for their family next year! Help our feathered friends get through this chilly winter by making a wooden peanut bird feeder or cosy nest box. Our countryside team will be on hand to help you build.



Halloween Happenings

Date: Daily from 27 October to 31 October 2012, 11am - 3pm. All Tickets £2 (from £2 for activities) Telephone: 01582 500925. Halloween Family Fun at the Chilterns Gateway Centre. Come along and join in the fun. Make a spooky mask, creepy spider or witches hat and much more. Give apple bobbing a try or if you dare try out our feely boxes.

Spooky Walk and Pumpkin Carving

Date: Daily from 28 October to 31 October 2012 15.30 – 19.00. All Tickets £8 (Includes Supper). Booking Essential 01582 500920. Booking Fee Applies. Please bring a pumpkin to carve and warm clothing. Telephone: 01582 500925. Bring the family for a fright in the night! Join our witches, ghosts and other Halloween hosts on this spooky guided walk over the Downs. Enjoy our tasty supper, before joining our team to help you carve pumpkin lanterns to light your way through the wild woods.



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Friends of the Church on the Hill

INVITE YOU TO VISIT EDLESBOROUGH CHURCH AND JOIN US FOR A GLASS OF WINE - OR A CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE - AND SOMETHING TO EAT ON THE AFTERNOON OF 21ST OCTOBER

It is almost 7 months since a group of local people met at Edlesborough Memorial Hall to talk about the future of Edlesborough Church - the "Church on the Hill". It was declared "redundant" 30 years ago when it came into the care of the Churches Conservation Trust (the CCT). Over that time, although open to visitors on some summer Sundays, and occasionally used for services and concerts, it has stood empty. As a result of that meeting a friends group was formed with the aim of encouraging more people to visit the church and increasing the number of occasions when it is used for events and activities.

Were you at that first meeting but have since lost contact with the Friends?

Are you amongst the vast majority of local people who would like to visit the church but have never got round to it?

Would you like to help to ensure a viable future for the church as a community resource?

Did you pick up a leaflet at the village carnival and wonder what it was all about?

Do you like old buildings?

If your answer to any or all of these questions is YES why not visit the church on October 21st?

The church will be open from 14.00 to 15.30, and members of the Friends group will be on hand to show you around and answer your questions. After your visit you are cordially invited to take refreshments with us at Edlesborough Memorial Hall. We will be serving glasses of wine, tea and coffee, and something to eat, from 15.00 to 17.00. Come and talk to us about the church and the friends group and hear what we have done so far and what we hope to do in the future?

Do you think you might be interested in joining the Friends group?

Over the last 30 years the CCT has spent a great deal of money maintaining and repairing the crumbling exterior of the church. But the building needs more than physical support if it is to survive. It needs to be used and visited and to play a part in the life of the community which once supported it. If you think you could play a part in this and would like to help preserve this wonderful old building and see that it is put to good use please come along and tell us on the 21st October. OR if you cannot be there contact Mark Wilson, Chairman of the Friends of the Church on the Hill on markandrewwilson@yahoo.com or call 07519 663274

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU ON THE
21st**



Dagnall News

Dagnall Garden Show

It was a nice sunny day for the Dagnall Show but due to unprecedented poor weather over the last few months, coupled with some of our regular exhibitors being away that weekend, the entries were down. This is not just Dagnall Show, all the village shows and even the Bucks Show were down on entries, some by 50%. We hope for a better growing year in 2013.

We were supported by the local growers and, as normal in the open classes, by people from the surrounding villages and towns. The flowers looked great, also the vegetables, especially the French Beans which were the best we've ever seen. These were exhibited by David Elkins.

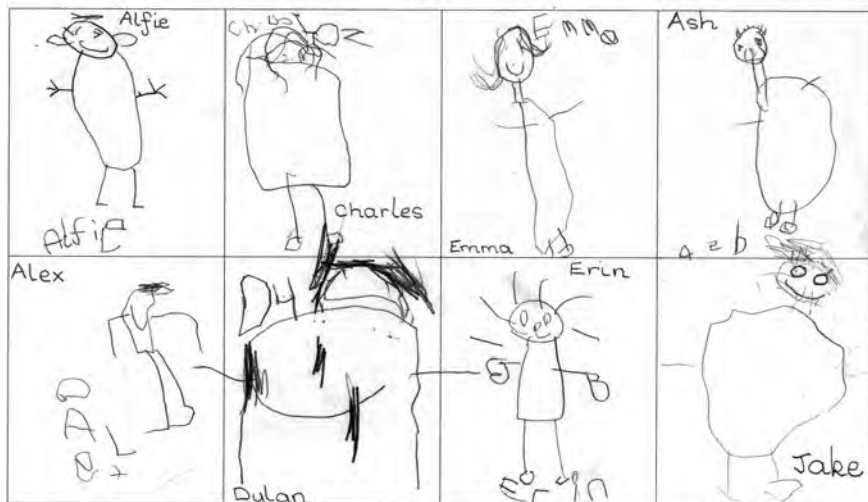
The children from Dagnall school once again provided their art work, which this year was judged by Mr B Frost the flower judge and the society secretary Angela Allen.

List of prizewinners:

Founders Cup for most points in residents' vegetable classes 1-24	R (Bill) Pratt
Nash Cup for most points in residents' flower classes 29-43	Kathryn O'Connor
The A M Fehr Rose Bowl for most points in the pot plant classes 44-46	Doug Leslie
The Society Cup, Open Vegetable for the most points in vegetables classes 59-84	Ernie Hull
The Society Cup Open Flowers for the most points in the flower classes 89-110	Ernie Hull
The Wells Cup for the most points in show by a resident	R Pratt
The Clark Cup for the most points in the domestic classes 139-155	Maureen Sear, David Thorne, Don Moseley
The Society Cup, Children for the most points in classes 160-167	Cerys & Ishbel O'Brien
Edlesborough Parish Council Shield for the best exhibit in the residents' section	Kathryn O'Connor
The Society Cup for the best in domestic classes 139-155	Maureen Sear
£5 hut voucher for the best flower exhibit	Alan Bunting
£5 hut voucher for the best vegetable exhibit	David Elkins
£3 hut voucher - exhibitor draw prize	Ann Elkins
£5 hut voucher - best resident's exhibit	Kathryn O'Connor
The Dagnall best kept resident's front garden	Richard & Cindy, 35 Dunstable Road

Dagnall School

Welcome to the new Chaffinches at Dagnall School.



Community Choir

Advice On Buttock Tension

At one of our recent Monday evening practice sessions it became clear that our revered Choir Master was not only musically accomplished but also had a certain amount of physiological knowledge as well.

We normally start our sessions with breathing and voice exercises during which the matter of buttock tension arose. He let us know that he had not got to where he is today by having tight buttocks and advised us to relax our shoulders and buttocks whilst singing. Unfortunately one of our bass section may have taken this advice a little too far and apologised to those around him.

Despite these “hiccups” we are rehearsing hard to expand our repertoire for a busy Autumn Season in prospect.

We will be in Concert at Eaton Bray Village Hall at 7:30 on 20th October. There will also be guest performers including “Memory Lane”, the band that was so well received at our last Concert.

Tickets are on sale now at £7:50 to include an interval drink and can be reserved by phoning Val Lumley on 01442 842214, Geoff Ward on 01442 843515, Jackie Smith on 01442 843104 or Penny Tooth on 01582 515535.

Soon thereafter we will be part of The Poppy Prom at Eaton Bray Church on November 10th. and then on 13th. November we will be performing in “Dunstable Sings” at The Grove Theatre.

As you can see we are in for a very busy period and our thanks go to all members for constant good humoured effort, to Joe Leslie our accomplished and tolerant accompanist and to Stuart Harding our long suffering Choir Master.

We hope that we may see many of you at our October Concert so that you can enjoy for yourselves the progress of your Community Choir.

Over 60's

Our July visit to the Lavender Fields at Hitchin was lovely. The sloping fields of glorious shades of purple was a site for sore eyes! We were guided through the fields and given an interesting talk about the cultivation of the crop and the subtle differences between the varieties grown there. We were able to pick a bunch for ourselves and purchase items from the huge range of products in the shop. Lunch at the Green Man was as delicious as usual and we ended the day at Poplars Garden Centre at Toddington. In August our Speaker at the Village Hall was Darryl Carr from Sportspace who talked to us about the kind of exercises we should still do to keep ourselves supple and mobile. We joined in some of these sitting in our chairs, which was surprisingly effective. Most of the club enjoyed this rather different activity!

In September we are joining a Theobalds Day Trip to Bishop Stortford and Finchingfield. We are still appealing for any over sixties in the Villages to join us at any meeting. We can help with transport if necessary. Phone Rosemary at 01442843202

Senior Lunches at the Red Lion, Dagnall

We are starting lunches every Thursday from October 11th at a special rate for our senior customers (over 60s which also includes Martin!) This will be a two course meal with a choice of main courses and puddings for the great value of £6.00. It would be helpful if bookings were made in advance on 01442 843020 or just turn up! We will be serving from 12.30 until 2.30 p.m.

Thank You for your Support

Through Focus I would like to thank everyone from the villages that supported me when I had the huge honour of carrying the Olympic Torch in July.

Firstly a big thank you to the carnival organisers for asking me to lead the carnival procession on July 7th and especially to all those people who gave me a cheer, especially when the heavens opened and we all got soaked. It was a great practice run for the real thing on the following Monday, when thankfully the weather was much kinder.

Being part of the Olympic Torch Relay was an amazing experience and it was a huge honour to represent people with Down's Syndrome from around the world and of course our local area. It was fantastic to see so many people lining the streets in Dunstable and to see familiar faces from the villages on my stage of the route. And afterwards, friends who had left home in the early hours to travel from as far afield as Cardiff, Northampton, Harrow and Nottingham were treated to an amazing Breakfast Reception at The White Horse in Eaton Bray, where they benefitted from the wonderful hospitality of Tom, Jade and their team.

Thanks to the generosity of Coca-Cola I am fortunate to be in possession of my Torch and of course I also have the official Torchbearer uniform and have already attended a few engagements providing the opportunity for people to see and touch the Torch (which everyone seems to be keen to do). If there are any other groups or organisations in the area who would like me to visit them and say a few words about what it was like to be part of the Torch Relay or the reasons that I was chosen, please get in touch. Penny Green, Call 01525 220379 or email ganggreen@onetel.com

Photos on page 72.

‘Lights, Camera, Action... a Film Made in Edlesborough’

The clapper-board snapped shut in front of the camera, as I hovered behind the film crew. It wasn't exactly Leavesden Studios, but I was still pretty excited!

Every now and then we all see cameras and lighting equipment and wonder what's going on. This occasion, up at Edlesborough church in mid-June, was the making of a short film accompanying an original song by a local artist – Soffia Osk.

Soffia is an 18-year old singer-songwriter, originally from a tiny fishing village in Iceland, who moved to Beaconsfield a few years ago, and attended Berkhamsted School. The video was made by volunteers, using the song as a backdrop to its story. I knew Soffia from school so I went up to the church and helped out with a few odd jobs on the filming: making cups of tea; fashioning the daisy chains, (an important part of the storyline); making a hundred cheese and tomato toasted sandwiches; and generally trying to stay out of shot!

Watching the film being made was a fascinating process, but what surprised me most was the hours and hours of waiting around – you don't see that on the DVD extras.

And so that was my Edlesborough film-making experience. Next time I drive past a camera crew I will be reminded of a day spent making daisy-chains, toasties, and a lot of hanging around.

If you want to see scenes of the village and the church you can watch the video on YouTube – just search for Soffia Osk; the video is called ‘God I Love You’. The song has also just been released as a single - a local/Icelandic connection!

Dance Your Way to Well Being!

Britain's best kept secret is that Movement and Dance is a fun and effective way to keep fit and active. There has been, in recent years, a renaissance concerning participation levels in movement and dance. The benefits are numerous - it is great way to build up your stamina and strength, so you don't get so tired and can keep going for longer. You find it is easier to reach up high and bend down low because you are more flexible and supple.

As we are all living longer our mental agility is taking on greater importance. Medical research is underpinning what, we in the dance world, have known for a long time, that movement and dance improves all your motor skills – coordination, balance, posture and reaction time. Challenging the brain-muscle link is vital to offsetting the ageing process.

Movement and Dance, because it's non-competitive, because it is an activity that involves meeting people and is performed to music, lifts the spirit. It is a great antidote to loneliness, depression and stress. There are no barriers to participation. It is non injurious and anyone can do it, from any age and up to any age.

Our bodies are designed to move and be active – we are not happy unless we are moving. We need to be stimulated, challenged and active. Movement and Dance is a fantastic way to achieve all this.

To find your nearest class, or even better to find out about becoming a Movement and Dance teacher just visit www.emdp.org/teacher-training ♦ email trainingenq@emdp.org ♦ call 01403 266000 ♦ text "teachit" to 07551 656420.

World Challenge – Argentina 2012

Many thanks to everyone who helped us raise the funds necessary for our expedition to Argentina by collecting clothes and household textiles, empty printer cartridges and unwanted mobile phones.

We set off in the middle of July and arrived at Buenos Aires in the morning after a 16hr flight with a transfer in Frankfurt. As we were in different teams this is where we parted company and went to different hostels which were arranged by World Challenge. The next day Stuart had a bus to catch. This bus journey took 24 hours to the beginning of the trek phase in the Andes.

Both of our teams had arranged to complete our trek in the same sort of area, and everyone agreed that the mountain scenery was absolutely phenomenal. The night sky was alive with stars and shooting stars while the sun rises and sunsets were just breathtaking. The trek took 7 days to complete and we climbed to 4300 metres, with mules carrying our big rucksacks and we carried our smaller (but still sizeable) day sacks. Our mountain guides, Juan and Jen were both lovely people, and also very interesting to talk to as they had many exciting experiences to talk about.

In the project phase of our trip Stuart had to help out at a school with a nursery, which was close to the Iguazu National Park and near to the town of Andresito. Here I helped to build a storage shed made of wooden planks which would be a great benefit to the school and also helped to paint wooden toys for the children in the nursery. The children took to the toys so much that they started to play with them, giving little time for the paint to dry! After losing embarrassingly to a group of teenage girls in a game of volleyball we said our goodbyes as we left for our next destination.

Meanwhile Alex's project was based in a city just outside of Buenos Aires called Tigre. We were welcomed into a school with about 50 children varying between the ages of 8 and 15. During our project we formed close relationships with some of the children which helped as we were able to teach them English. Outside of the classroom we were asked to paint a mural on the inside of the playground wall along with 3 hopscotches and a volleyball court. We decided that for the mural we would involve the children and paint the name of the school 'SAN ANTONIO' with different children helping to hold the letters up. We drew and painted 3 different designs of hopscotch and also an extra mural on the outside wall which gave the place much nicer atmosphere than when it had graffiti written all over it. On the last day we had a fun sports day with the children, getting involved in 3 of their favourite sports, volleyball, football and dodge ball.

After all this, we had time for rest and relaxation. We went zip-wiring high across a wide river in a deep valley and white water rafting where we got very wet and saw many kingfishers. We also visited the world-famous Iguazu Falls which were breathtaking. In the last days of our trip we were able to spend a couple of days in Buenos Aires and visit many different parts in the vibrant city, such as the spectacularly brightly coloured La Boca area and the Plaza de Mayo, where Eva Peron gave her speeches. We also saw the March of the Mothers whose children disappeared under the military rule. We also managed to squeeze in some tango lessons before we came home!

We have been given a great opportunity to explore a completely different culture in

a country half way around the globe, which is very different from England. We met so many different people who were surprised we had travelled so far, and we had a fantastic time. Alex Nilsen and Stuart Ranson



P.S. Alex's sister, Charlotte Nilsen, is going to Borneo on her World Challenge expedition in July 2013. She needs to raise £3695 so is collecting textiles & printer cartridges as we did. If you are able to help, please call her on 01525 223185. She is also available for babysitting.

Dagnall School Fundraiser

Family Fun Day and Hog Roast held at the Red Lion in Dagnall on Saturday 21st July

Dagnall School would like to thank everybody involved in the organisation of the Hog Roast on Saturday 21st July and also a very big Thank You to everybody who supported us by attending and donating goods/prizes to the school.

The sun finally shone down on us for our Family Fun Day including a fabulous Hog Roast and everybody had a fantastic day and raised almost £1000 along the way.

We couldn't have done this without the tremendous support we received from the local community. We would like to Thank Julie and Will Cutler from Cross Keys Farm in Dagnall for very kindly donating the hog and Rob Cutler for transporting the hog and barbeque to the Red Lion for us. We would also like to thank Paul for doing a fabulous job cooking the hog and to Tim and Dee for helping all over. I think the empty plates said it all!!

We would like to thank Karen and Dave Copen from Highbury Horseboxes in Dagnall, who kindly donated hay bales for use on the day and to Rob and Sharon Quinn who copied the tickets and posters for us.

A big Thank You also goes to Jodie and Tony Witchell and Dave, whose band, "Acoustic Stuff" donated their time and entertained us for the afternoon into the evening.

Thank you to Graham from the Swan in Northall, who very kindly lent us a Marquee and a Giant Jenga, Mrs Perkins from Dagnall School, for painting the children's faces and Kathryn Day for the loan of her gazebo. Thank you also to Christine Yates for kindly lending us her Tug of War rope and to Philip Lee for organising the Tug of War on the day. The children had such fun with this as the attached picture shows!

Dagnall Church for the loan of some tables and Dagnall Village Hall for the loan of tables and chairs.

Thank you to all the parents and Governors who helped with setting up and taking down and generally helping during the event, we couldn't have done it without you all. The biggest Thank You of all to Ali and Martin, landlords of the Red Lion in Dagnall for allowing us to use their premises and for their wonderful donations and generosity in helping Dagnall School raise so much money.

This was a wonderful event that brought the whole community together on a wonderful sunny Saturday afternoon in July. Hopefully we will be able to hold it again in the future as it was enjoyed by so many people, young and old alike!!

Kathy Bovington and Jenny Bennett (Fund raisers for this event for Dagnall School)

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St. Mary's Guild Eaton Bray – August & September Meetings

Deirdrea welcomed members to the meeting on August 8th, and gave out birthday cards for Sheila Heffer and Joan Packer. Devotions were led by Celia.

Joan Fossey demonstrated how to make table decorations, there were four in total which were different in shape and size and a selection of beautiful and colourful flowers were used. These decorations were given as raffle prizes together with three others made prior to the meeting. Joan was thanked by Deirdrea and given a gift and thank you card. A lovely tea and social time followed.

September 12th Meeting – Deirdrea welcomed Fay and Joan to the meeting and birthday cards were given to Maureen Cecil and Joan Chappell.

A prayer was said for Maisie Fontaine who died recently; the funeral took place on Thursday 20th September at St. Mary's Church.

Coralie led the devotions. Notices were read by Deirdrea. The trip to Henley on 9th August was a great success. Coralie gave the Guild members a blessing before the coach left the church, the day was spent either browsing, eating in various restaurants or taking a most relaxing boat trip on the river. A stop was made on the way home for the customary wine and nibbles followed by a very "different and interesting" raffle where everyone had a prize. A very special day was had by all.

A provisional booking has been made for a Christmas meal at the Traveller's Friend on 28th November at 1pm, full details will be given at the next meeting on 10th October, the speaker will be Eileen Bennett 'A Cruise to New York'.

Deirdrea introduced the speaker, Jean Johnson whose subject was 'Service Providers'. Members were very surprised to learn that Service Providers didn't mean gas, electricity or water providers but prostitutes! Jean explained that she was campaigning to get prostitution decriminalised which would contribute to the health and safety of the girls involved. June thanked Jean for a very entertaining and informative talk.

After the closing prayer, refreshments, raffle and social time followed.

Church Mouse

The Parochial Church Council met at All Saints Church Dagnall on Thursday 13th September. A range of matters were discussed including, the discovery of early signs of woodworm in church fittings which are to be treated. A donation has been made towards the Eaton Bray Village sign.

A men's Breakfast Club is due to commence in January with quarterly Saturday morning meetings. The first meeting will be a talk about the work of Bletchley Park. The St Albans Diocese has produced a leaflet explaining the benefit to churches of legacies in wills.

The PCC approved the distribution of the proceeds from the 2012 St Mary's Village Carnival, with £6250 going to the Church fabric Fund; £3125 to the Chemotherapy Unit at the Luton & district Hospital; and the remaining £3125 being divided between 30 local charities, appeals & good causes

Coralie reported on the start-up of Messy Church – after two trial sessions in August, Sunday afternoon Messy Church began noisily in September and will be happening on the first Sunday of each month – watch out for details.





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Edlesborough Book Group

The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins



The Woman in White is famously described as the first in the genre of "sensation novels". First published in serial form in 1859 and then as a novel in 1860, it has been in continuous print ever since. Given that Wilkie Collins was a friend and protege of Charles Dickens, a certain level of writing and story telling is to be expected and this book does not disappoint. The prose is rich, descriptive and easy to read pulling us into the very complicated story a little at a time, so that we have time to digest each twist and turn of the plot. The characters are colourful and varied, each taking a definitive role in this Gothic tale of love, mystery, greed and deception. We have heroines to cheer and villains to boo; all the fun of a Victorian melodrama.

A young impoverished drawing master, Walter Hartright has an eerie encounter with a mysterious woman in white one evening, little realising that his impulsive action in saving her from her pursuers will entangle him with a dastardly plot against Laura Fairlie, a young and beautiful heiress living in Cumberland. Fate takes him to Limmeridge House where he meets Laura and her half sister Marian. Marian is the polar opposite to Laura, not possessing the good looks of a stereotypical heroine, she is blessed with inner beauty of spirit and bravery. However, the inevitable happens and Walter is drawn to and falls in love with Laura. Alas, Laura is promised to Sir Percival Glyde and the lovers part as honour dictates. Now, we are introduced to Sir Percival and his cohort Count Fosco, a very dubious character, and the plot thickens. The ensuing convolutions of the story are very entertaining and the surprises come thick and fast. The device of having various characters narrate the story as if they are giving evidence is an excellent one as it underlines the plot very well.

Everyone in the book group enjoyed this book and the style and content was highly praised. We also noted the suffocating lives of Victorian women. Even those blessed with an independent spirit would have found it hard to live independently in those days. It is also interesting that when we have read the classics of times gone by, we have always enjoyed them and agreed on the excellence of the writing. We are now going on to read "The Moonstone" as our first taste of Wilkie Collins has made us want to read him again.

So Much for That by Lionel Shriver

A brief synopsis of this book's theme, does nothing to encourage the fainthearted Lionel Shriver is a courageous and original writer who takes controversial subject matter and deals with it honestly, not sparing the reader from unpleasant facts. So Much for That, is the rather ambiguous title of her novel which deals with the dilemma many Americans face when dealing with serious illness, that of the extent to which they can afford medical cover.

Shepherd Knacker has a dream, one he has nurtured for many years, to escape from the rat race at an age when he would still be able to enjoy his life in a tropical paradise. To this end he has already sold his successful handyman business in New York for one million dollars and is living in rented accommodation, whilst he tries to persuade his wife and son to go with him to Pemba, his East African spice island of choice. His wife, Glynis procrastinates, and frustrated, Shep delivers his ultimatum. If Glynis and Zach

will not join him, he will fly out alone. At this point Glynis reveals that she has been diagnosed with mesothelioma, a deadly form of cancer and now, Shep's life changes; he is now the carer with all the responsibility and drudgery that that role entails. We see the debilitating effect terminal illness has on all the family members and what a small proportion of the medical bills are actually covered by insurance. This puts even more strain on an already tightened budget; but the sick person is still sick and the bills have to be met. Somewhere along the line a decision has to be made as to how effective all the procedures are. Shepherd's best friend Jackson and his wife are also caring for their congenitally sick teenage daughter. Jackson is an armchair politician and spends a lot of his time railing against life in modern America.

Lionel Shriver uses this novel as a vehicle to vent her rage about the relationship between health and wealth in America and the disadvantages of being an honest working class man in the clutches of bureaucracy. She is fearless in her choice of subject and eloquent in her tirade against injustice. Although the subject matter is dark, the story is told with ease, is excellently written and has lesser characters who add a little lightness to the plot. The book raised many issues to discuss and all who had read the book, praised its intelligence and courage.

Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship (ELF)

Hello everyone, we hope you have enjoyed the last couple of months. The Olympic athletes were a joy to watch and gained so many medals. We should be proud of them. Apologies for the August walk date but the entry had already been sent when the date was changed to August Bank Holiday Monday, the 27th. The group started the walk in Ashridge with high hopes for decent weather. Unfortunately there was a heavy rain fall and the group decided to return to the starting point at The Bridgwater Arms, disappointed but good humoured.

The trip to The Shuttleworth Collection on 12th July was enjoyed by all who went. Thanks go to Brian Wyke who arranged such a busy, full day.

We were blessed with fine weather for the Cream Tea in Val and Alan's garden on 16th July. Thanks to them for allowing us all to enjoy their garden. Also to Viv for the lovely scones and to Audrey for the excellent jam which tasted good with the cream.

Vic led the walk on July 23rd and it was completed in fine weather. The walk started at Whipsnade Church, continued past Kensworth Quarry, over the face of Dunstable Downs, past the Tree Cathedral and back to the start. Lunch was enjoyed at The Hunters Lodge.

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Village Hall – Time: 1-3 pm



SUN 02 December – Christmas Party for Dagnall Children
Village Hall – Time: 11-1pm, babies to 7 years old; 2-4 pm, 8 to 11 years old

WED 05 December – Christmas Bingo in memory of Basil Thorne
Village Hall – Time: 7.30 pm



FRI 07 December - Christmas Extravaganza
Time: 6.30 pm - Father Christmas and his elves tour the village
7.30 pm – Father Christmas switches on Dagnall Christmas lights at Village Hall

SAT 08 December: Christmas Coffee Morning
All Saints Church – Time: 10.30 - 12.30



SUN 09 December – Christmas Carol Service
All Saints Church – Time: 4.00 pm

SUN 16 December - CAROL Singing

Touring the Village – Time: 6.30 pm onwards



TUES 18 December – Over 60s Christmas Lunch
Dagnall Village Hall – Time: 1.30 pm

WED 19 December – Craft evening: Create Your own Christmas wreath
Dagnall Village Hall – Time: 7.30 pm Cost: £15.00



THU 20 December - CAROL Singing

Village outskirts – Time: 6.30 pm onwards



TUE 25 December – Christmas Services at All Saints Church

Time: 9.00 am, Communion Service

Time: 10.30 am, Family Service

SUN 30 December - Carol Praise Service
10.30 am: All Saints Church



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*Dagnall Family Fun day
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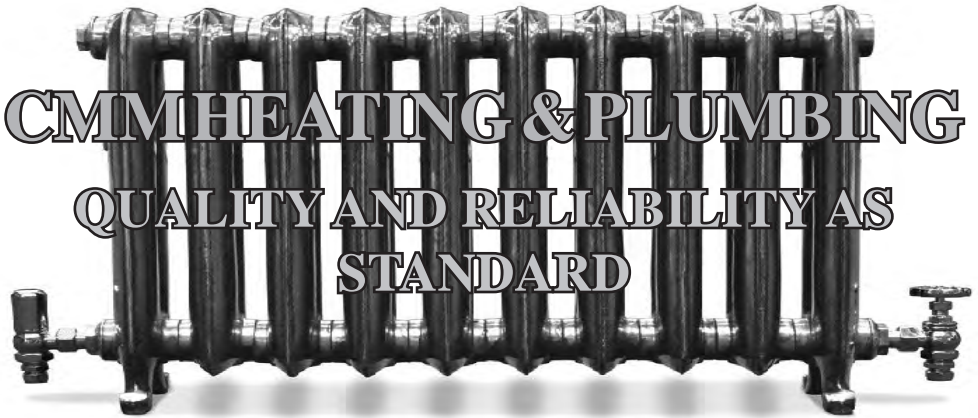
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How fortunate are we, those of us who can see? Not many of us have perfect sight. I have recently had one of my cataracts removed; and am in the queue for the sight of my other eye to be improved. What a difference the operation made; the faces of people on the television screen became clearer, colours were brighter, I could read the road signs as I approached them when driving...but...I can't see to read properly, because the eyes now don't work well together and I am not to have new 'specs' until the other cataract is removed! But that really is not for much of a hardship. Our Father God has a special kind of love for the afflicted. The song writer Annie Johnson Flint put it well when she wrote: "To added afflictions He addeth His mercy."

A lady who went totally blind at the tender age of four was asked what colours meant to her. She said "texture and taste. Red is warm and velvety. Green is wet grass smell, it is restful. Blue is like water. Yellow has a sound; that of laughter. Violet is soft and quiet. Purple is dark, intense. Orange is loud, shouting, like the smell of the fruit, full of zest, a banner of colour. Brown is the smell of leather. White is the colour of summer. Black is like night, giving the comfort of a warm blanket and assurance. Grey... I don't like grey, it's an inbetween colour; like a dull, rainy day, waiting for the sun to shine again."

How favoured we are to have healthcare. Saul, on the way to Damascus was blinded by the Light of the Lord, his companions took him into the city, some three days later, days in which he neither ate or drank, he was visited by a man, a disciple of Jesus, who said to him "Brother Saul, receive thy sight". The whole purpose of Saul's life was now permanently changed. You can read his story in Acts 22. What a difference those days made to him; he turned from doing evil to doing good.

Our sight is a gift from God, not a fringe benefit, a gift that makes joy possible. One cannot but help add that there many more gifts to be had from Him. If you love and serve the Lord He will continually add His blessings.

There are occasions in our spiritual experience when it is necessary for us to take off our spectacles and look at ourselves with true eyes. There was darkness in the world when Christ was crucified, there is still darkness today. He died because dimmed and blinkered eyes could not see what was happening and so sat back and did nothing. There is ugliness, sin, depravity and injustice still in our world today. We are responsible for this world, and each other.

Have your eyes checked; then look around with clear and rational vision, and be thankful for the beauty of this place where we live and for the scenes set before us which because they are there every day, we do not really see. As summer departs the bright display will soon be gone and we will experience October's mists...

"Courage, brother! do not stumble, though thy path is dark as night; there is a star to guide the humble; trust in God and do the Right."

Macmillan Charity Balloon Race Carnival 2012

During the Carnival, Macmillan Cancer Support held a fundraising Charity Balloon Race. After careful scrutiny the winner has been declared. We are very pleased to announce that Phoebe Dent, a young resident of Northall, had the winning balloon and has received her prize from Macmillan. The kind person who returned the label has also received a prize. We would like to thank everyone who supported the charity at the carnival and at our other events. Your contributions go a long way to helping people living with cancer and their families and carers.

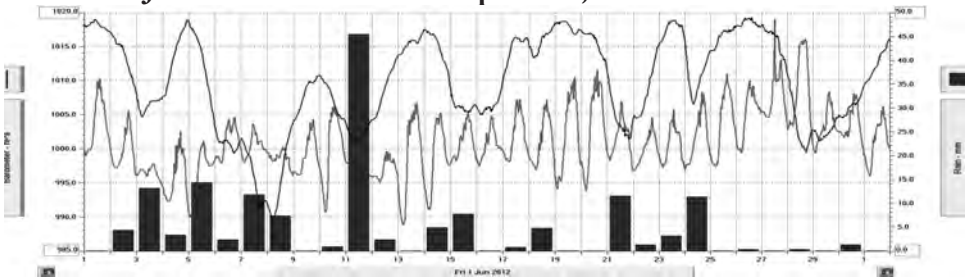
Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for June 2012

It was the wettest June on record with 154.0 mm of rain that's almost 300% of the average rain fall over the last 5 years. Although we had a temperature high 26.8°C on the 28th, it was not a warm month with only 67% of the average sunshine for June.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	26.8°C	28 June 15.00	3.3°C	11 June 05.00
Mean Temp	13.7°C	Dominant Wind:	SSW	
Humidity:	Failed	June	Failed	June
Barometer:	1019.1 hPa	26 June 11.30	990.0 hPa	8 June 04.00
Wind Speed	37 mph W	8 June 15.00	Months avg.	7.2 mph
Wettest Day	11 June		Corrupt	reading
Monthly Rain:	Total	June 2012	154.0 mm	6.062 ins

June 2012 Plots shows Temperature, Barometer & Rain

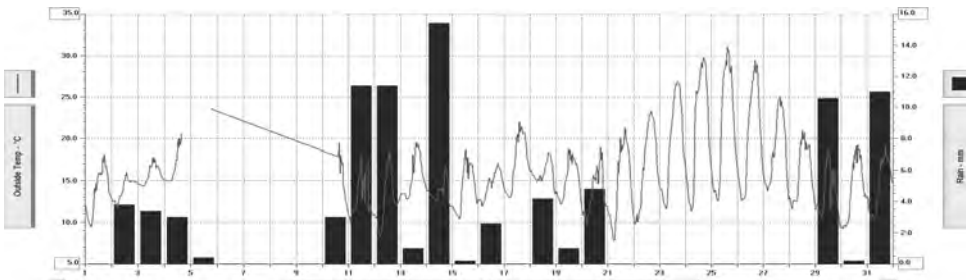


Weather Conditions for July 2012

July: Yet another wet month with 112mm of rain, this time almost 200% of the monthly average. A cold and wet start to July, but at the end of the month we recorded the highest temperature this year, of 31.2°C

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	31.2°C	25 July 15.00	7.7°C	21 July 06.00
Mean Temp	16.1°C	Dominant Wind:	W	
Humidity:	97%	21 July 07.00	28%	4 July 09.30
Barometer:	1026.5 hPa	22 July 09.30	999.1 hPa	13 July 16.00
Wind Speed	33 mph SW	6 July 12.30	Months avg.	5.0 mph
Wettest Day	14 July		15.39 mm	Ins 0.605
Monthly Rain:	Total	July	112 mm	Ins 4.409

July 2012 Plots shows Temperature, Barometer & Rain

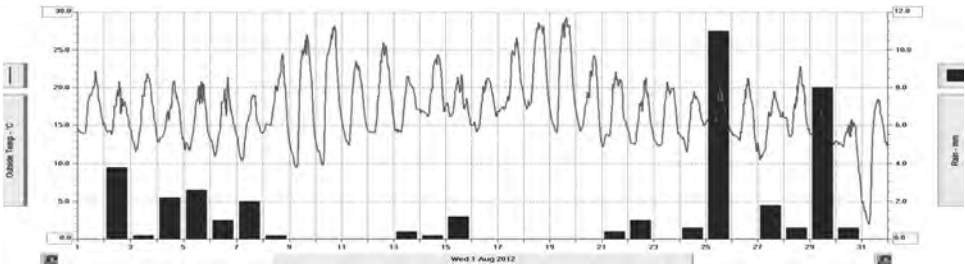


Weather Conditions for August 2012

August: Although the Met Office recorded a wet August with above average rainfall, here in Dagnall we had below average with only 37.8mm of rain. The middle of the month was exceptionally dry. It was, overall, a disappointing picture and has been a relatively cool summer with less than average sunshine.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	29.8°C	19 August 16.00	1.9°C	31 August 6.30
Mean Temp	17.0°C	Dominant Wind:		S
Humidity:	97%	9/19 August	35%	10 August 16.00
Barometer:	1026.3 hPa	10 August 08.00	997.8 hPa	25 August 06.00
Wind Speed	31mph SSE	15 August 16.00	Months avg.	5.3 mph
Wettest Day	25 August		11.0 mm	0.443 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	August	37.8 mm	1.488 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	8 Months	602.1 mm	23.704 ins

August 2012 Plots shows Temperature & Rain



Notice:-Dagnall WeatherStation has experienced problems with the Humidity and Dew Point sensor which has been replaced. Sorry for any problems you may have encountered on the web sites

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	10.30 am	Morning Service	
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion	
Wed. 10th Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting - Speaker: Revd Neil Drayton	
Sun. 14th Oct.	10.30 am	Morning Service	
Sun. 21st Oct.	10.30 am	Family Communion	
	6.00 pm	Evening Service	
Sun. 28th Oct.	10.30 am	Family Service	
	6.00 pm	Eucharist	
Wed. 31st Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting - Speaker: David Heffer	
Sun. 4th Nov.	4.00 pm	Family Communion for the Festival of All Saints	

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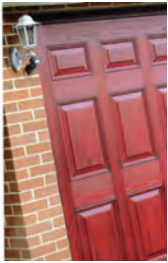


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