

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE IN EASTON 5

by Brian Davis

I have been watching Common darter dragonflies in the Brook opposite my house, flying 'in tandem' just above the water among the Water Plantain and Celery-leaved Buttercup, the red male in front dipping regularly to allow the female to test the water for oviposition sites. Immature males avoid water until they are ready to compete with other patrolling males for the opportunity to mate. August has been an especially good month for Hedge Brown butterflies this year; now you should look out for autumn broods of Common Blues and Comma butterflies. My garden has been crawling with Grass snakes this summer and Geoff Prigmore saw one on the 'Baker' path above Hartham Street. Has anyone else seen one? Botanically, August has been noteworthy for two rare plants: I discovered some Winter wild oats among a lot of Common wild oats in a bean field along the Spaldwick track, and Saw-wort in an old meadow on the Burton's Lodge Farm. Winter wild oats has only been recorded once before in Huntingdonshire and there are only four other known sites for Saw-wort. I found it in two Easton meadows in 1969, both long since ploughed up.

THANK YOU

The PCC are very grateful to the Easton Fund & Social Committee for giving the cost of the new shed, and also a generous donation for the church notice board. We now have planning approval and the faculty is about to be granted which allows us to put them up. We are therefore setting up a working party on **Sunday 2nd October**, starting at around 10.45 a.m. to make a start on this and would be very grateful for volunteers. Refreshments will be provided!

PRAM SERVICES

Pram services will resume this month on the following dates:

Friday 9 September at 2.15 p.m. in Grafham

Friday 7 October at 2.15 p.m. in Grafham

Friday 21 October at 2.15 p.m. in Easton

CHURCH KNEELERS

The PCC would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has so generously donated and worked kneelers for the church. There are now over 27 already in use, 14 of which were dedicated in May 2003. Since then, a number of people have kindly placed theirs in the church as they have finished them and some are still being worked. We are most grateful for the continuing support for the project and all the kneelers have been very much admired. We hope to be able to dedicate any kneelers which have been finished since May 2003 at Evensong on 9th October at 6.00 p.m. and do hope you will be able to come if you would like to.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday services for the next few weeks will be:

11 September – 6.00 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving

18 September – 9.30 a.m. Children's Eucharist.

This service is intended to introduce children to the Communion service, looking forward to the time when they will be able to receive Holy Communion themselves. Adults are also very welcome at this service. (No Pram Service at Easton in September).

25 September: - 8.00 a.m. Eucharist (said); 2 October - 9.30 a.m. Eucharist ;
9 October - 6.00 p.m. Evensong

PLEA FOR HELP!

Please Is there anyone who might be kind enough to offer to clean the church once a month? If you can possibly help (ladies or gentlemen!), please contact Stephanie Silcock (890455) or Jenny Hyde (891454).