



Easton Village Newsletter

Easton Village Newsletter

Issue 11

November 2005

NATURE IN EASTON 7

by Brian Davis

When does a Wood-pigeon slide along the ground on its back? Answer: when it is being dragged by a stoat! Thank you, Wendy Kruger, for this observation (including the black tip to the tail). Thanks also to Gill Burton who has given me a record of successful nesting by Spotted Flycatchers in her garden this year. Everyone who puts out bird seed will have seen Great and Blue Tits and occasionally Long-tailed Tits, but Val Ellis has had daily visits from a small black-headed tit which could be either a Willow or Marsh Tit. I have had one fleeting view so far but they are very difficult to distinguish so I phoned an old Monks Wood colleague. He told me that Marsh Tits breed regularly in most woods over 10 acres while 1994 was the last year Willow Tits bred at Monks Wood. Two years ago the Cambridge Bird Club included the Willow Tit in a county-wide survey of 'scarce woodland birds' and had very few sightings - another species in national decline. After an unprecedented warm end to October are you prepared for a 1963-type winter, as some forecast? *Meanwhile each severed leaf / Becomes a new good-bye - / The year's a callous thief.*

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY



There will be a churchyard tidy-up (weather-permitting) on Sunday 20th November from about 10 o'clock onwards. This is always good fun and suitable refreshments are generally kindly provided mid-morning. Do turn up to help if you can, for an hour, for a morning or even for all day! Please bring what you can in the way of shovels, rakes, barrows, secateurs etc. so that we can make a good job of removing ivy, sweeping leaves and clearing gullies.

CHCT BIKE RIDE

Very many thanks to everyone who worked towards raising this year's splendid total of £215.92 - to the church-sitters and of course to those who actually cycled! Half of this sum will come back to St. Peter's Church and the rest goes towards maintaining other historic churches in Cambridgeshire.

4th DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

The Easton Fund & Social Committee will again be organising a Sherry & Mince Pie morning on the first Sunday in December. This annual event is always popular and tickets will be on sale shortly. Do come if you can.

STAINED GLASS MUSEUM

Did you know that the Ely Stained Glass Museum at the Cathedral is unique in the United Kingdom and exhibits over 100 backlit panels from the 13th century to the 21st century? There are some leaflets about this in Easton Church and if you have visitors over the Christmas period, the museum might be somewhere different to take them. The Curator tells us that the exhibition is particularly stunning in winter when the outside light levels are low. (Email: info@stainedglassmuseum.com - tel: 01353-660347).

COMMUNITY ACCESS POINTS

Huntingdonshire District Council has installed computers, complete with scanners, printers and internet access, for public use in various buildings. Locally there are two computers in each of the following: Spaldwick Primary School and The Royal Oak, Hail Weston. The only charge for users is to cover printing costs. The hosts determine the times when these computers can be accessed: for further information ring Rachel Carpenter (01480 376140). If you would like to learn how to use a computer, help is available at both of these locations. This is a new venture and the arrangements may change, but the current situation is as follows:

Hail Weston: by appointment: - ring Rachel Carpenter for contact details;

Spaldwick: Wednesdays during school terms, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

If you would like to know more about the services available, Ian Stokes would be happy to discuss them with you (01480 861591).

CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

6 th Nov. -	9.30 a.m. Eucharist	13 th Nov. -	6.00 p.m. Service of Remembrance
20 th Nov. -	9.30 a.m. Sunday Worship	27 th Nov. -	8.00 a.m. Eucharist

Pram Service: 2.15 p.m. on 18th November (Easton Church).

6th Dec. - 9.30 a.m. Children's Eucharist to celebrate St. Nicolas (adults also welcome).