



Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE IN EASTON 12

Brian Davis

Early March gave a return to winter. *This is the weather the shepherd shuns, [When] meadow rivulets overflow, And drops on gatebars hang in a row, And rooks in families homeward go, And so do I.* We still need more 'overflowing' but, talking of rooks, I counted over 200 at the end of January assembling at dusk around four groups of old nests between Mad Bridge and the Sewage Treatment Works. Now they are busy repairing and building new ones and I counted some 90 nests on 25th March. How do they get the sticks to stay up there, I wonder? Some nests must consist of hundreds. It is now quite common to see a barn owl in the village, but what a thrill to watch a *pair* of barn owls quartering the central field at 5.30 on March 3rd. (Thank you Marilyn Jolly for alerting me.) The Ellis' Marsh-cum-Willow tit paid our bird feeder a fleeting visit on 6th March. And the auction continues to mount for goldfinches seen at one time – 18 by Gill Burton, 22 by Geoff Prigmore and 25 by John and Nina Hill about the 8th of March. There should be several nesting pairs in the village this year. As for rabbits, I must amend my November figure for the numbers caught by ferreters in Easton to 300! My first sighting of a Brimstone butterfly was 25th March and first bumblebee on the 26th. A small working party has started to clear a narrow footpath through the trees to offer an attractive walk along the former public lane beside Derek Jolly's charity field.

49 CLUB WINNERS

Marjory Ellis was the lucky winner of the February draw. In January, the winner was Sharon Saunders.

CHURCH NEWS



April brings the most important time in the Church's year. We try to follow Jesus in heart and mind through the gathering darkness of the days leading to His death on the cross and so come with Him to the joy of His risen life.

On Palm Sunday we remember His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The Palm Sunday Eucharist will be in Easton Church at 9.30 a.m. Those who would like to begin with a walk across the fields are invited to gather at Ellington Church at 9.00 a.m.

The nearest service on Maundy Thursday will be at Ellington at 7.30 p.m. On Good Friday Morning Prayer will be said at Easton at 8.00 a.m. The Easter Day Eucharist in Easton will be at 9.30 a.m.

As well as the contrasting moods of Holy Week and Easter, April brings a welcome and a farewell in our parishes. On Sunday 2 April the Revd. Martin Kettle will be licensed as our new curate, in Buckworth Church at 6.00 p.m. The Archdeacon of Huntingdon & Wisbech will preach. On Sunday 23 April we have to say goodbye to Father John Hare after nearly four years as our curate. His farewell service will be at Spaldwick at 10.30 a.m. There will be no service at Easton that day.

SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK SERVICES (All in Easton Church unless otherwise stated)

2 nd April	-	8.00 a.m.	Eucharist
		6.00 p.m.	Evensong at Buckworth (licensing of Father Martin Kettle)
9 th April	-	9.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Eucharist
		6.00 p.m.	Evensong at Ellington
13 th April	-	7.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Eucharist at Ellington
14 th April	-	8.00 a.m.	Good Friday Morning Prayer
16 th April	-	9.30 a.m.	Easter Day Eucharist
23 rd April	-	10.30 a.m.	Group Eucharist at Spaldwick (farewell to Father John Hare)
30 th April	-	11.00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday Group Eucharist at Barham

Morning Prayer is said at Easton at 9.00 a.m. every Saturday.

There will be a Pram Service at Easton at 2.15 p.m. on 21st April.

EASTER FLOWERS

We shall be decorating the church for Easter from 2 o'clock onwards on the afternoon of Saturday, 15th April and would be most grateful for gifts of spring flowers and/or help with arranging them.

