

Easton Village Newsletter

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Did you notice the horse chestnut trees on the way into Huntingdon looking very sick this summer, and elsewhere over much of southern England too? Close up you may have seen that the leaves looked very blotchy. This is all caused by little caterpillars of the Horse Chestnut leaf miner which turn into rather beautiful russet-coloured moths, about 5 millimetres long, with white bands across the wings. It was only discovered just over 20 years ago in Macedonia since when it has been migrating across Europe and entered England in 2001 or 2002. It is too early to know what effect it will have on the growth of the trees but should not kill them, unlike Weeping Canker which attacked our churchyard trees. Presumably, a parasite will eventually control its numbers. Talking of migrants, how far do you suppose our regular visitors travel in a lifetime? Red Admiral butterflies can reach the Orkney Islands from southern France, some 1000 miles, but they don't go back. An Arctic Tern, which had been ringed as a chick in 1982, returned to the Farne Islands this year. The warden estimated that this bird had already flown 624,000 miles during its round trips to Antarctica and back over 26 years!

Brian Davis

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The winner of the September draw was Gwen Spedding.

ANNUAL CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP

Just a reminder that the annual churchyard tidy-up will take place on Sunday 30th November starting at around 10.00 a.m. As usual, refreshments will be provided so if you can spare a morning or just an hour, please come along!

CHURCH NEWS

Services during November will be:-

2 nd November	-	9.30 a.m.	Eucharist for All Saints Day
9 th November	-	6.00 p.m.	Evensong – Remembrance Sunday
16 th November	-	9.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
23 rd November	-	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

On 30th November there will be a Group Eucharist for **Advent Sunday** in Spaldwick Church at 10.00 a.m. Please come before going on to the Churchyard Tidy-up in Easton afterwards!

FIVE PARISH ADVENT FAIR

The five parishes of Easton, Ellington, Grafham, Spaldwick, Barham and Woolley are holding their Advent Fair in Ellington Village Hall on 22 November from 1.00 - 4.00pm. Please think of anything you can do to help. Can you make items for the craft stall or provide materials for someone else to do so? Could you find bottles for the bottle stall, large or small, or provide raffle prizes? Can you make pickles, chutneys, jams or freeze items for the cake stall in advance? Can you look out gifts and presents, candles, toys, children's tombola items and white elephant treasures? Could you organize a game or competition? We would welcome any new ideas and more offers of help to Sue on 455080. Main collection point from now on can be the Rectory, 1 Parson's Drive, Ellington or contact the individual stallholders below:

Refreshments	Ellington W.I.	-	455080
Cake stall	Romi	-	890287
Honey, pickles, chutneys and jams	Peter	-	891043
Gifts and presents	Sarah	-	891496
Craft stall	Jill	-	810157
Candle stall	Val	-	812390
Children's tombola	Sylvie & Muriel	-	891964
Bottle stall	Jonathan	-	891695
Raffle	Marian	-	890561
Treasures and white elephant	Doreen	-	891452 or Ann - 891372

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE

Very many thanks to everyone who joined in this, the 25th anniversary of the event, which took place on a glorious day in early September. Particular thanks also to those who provided exceedingly generous sponsorship that enabled Easton participants to raise a record total of £350. Half of this sum comes back to the Fabric Fund of our Church and the rest is put towards the maintenance of other historic church buildings in Cambridgeshire.