

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTES 50

At the end of May this year Beth and I spent a week in Teesdale enjoying the magnificent threads of Marsh-marigolds along the riversides, carpets of Globeflowers in some meadows, and a few bright blue Spring Gentians around Cow Green reservoir. A month later we were transfixed by the richness of the alpine meadows in the eastern Pyrenees, where we found all these in profusion in several places with dozens of other plants including White and Scottish Asphodels, Bird's-eye



Primrose, Wild Narcissus and Fragrant, Frog, and Marsh Orchids – all present but local or rare in Britain now. Interesting to think that much of Britain might have looked like this after the retreat of the Ice Age some 15,000 years ago, before arable agriculture and sheep 'reclaimed' the land; though even the poet Clare would have walked through meadows around here burgeoning with wildflowers in a way that would astonish us now. The shy Frog Orchid was last recorded in Hunts in the early 20th century but still occurs at Barnack Hills & Holes near Stamford. Talking of frogs, my garden has been hopping with young froglets (progeny of the Brook), and I have also found a Toad, and Smooth and Great-crested newts this past week. However, Angie and Matt's pond at *Coniston* must claim this month's local prize for nesting Moorhens, a visiting Kingfisher and the first record of Horned Pondweed in this part of Huntingdonshire since 1972.

Brian Davis

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The lucky winners of the June draw were Kate and Hannah Saunders, who share the prize.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Lisa Maith and John Timothy who were married in Easton Church in June. Not only the bride and her attendants but also the church looked really beautiful for the occasion. We all wish them every happiness and good fortune for their future together. *(Photo: Caroline Wood)*

CHURCH NEWS

Services during August will be:

2nd August - 9.30 a.m. Eucharist

9th August - 6.00 p.m. Evensong

16th August - 9.30 a.m. Sunday Worship

23rd August - 8.00 a.m. Eucharist

30th August - No Service in Easton but there will be a Group Eucharist at 11.00 a.m. at Barham to celebrate their Patronal Festival, to which all are invited.

CHCT CYCLE RIDE / PONY RIDE / WALK – SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2009

Please think about taking part in this annual event that supports the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. Our beautiful churches do need all the help that they can get in order to maintain them in good condition. Easton Church has benefited from grants made by the CHCT. This is a very worthwhile cause so do take part or sponsor a participant. Details from Roger Silcock (890455). Half of any funds raised will go to the Church nominated by the participant and half to the CHCT.

HINCHINGBROOKE SUMMER BALL

Many thanks to those from Easton who kindly supported this event, which raised £660 for school resources. The Ball was attended by 115 people who enjoyed Pimms on the terrace and a lovely 3 course meal, followed by an evening of live music. Hopefully a few more may come next year and as soon as I have a date I will let Easton villagers know. *RB*

SPALDWICK SCHOOL

We would also like to thank everyone in Easton for supporting Spaldwick School's *Bags2School* appeal. The amount raised is yet to be known but we will let you know ASAP. Please keep collecting clothes for the next one, later in the year. *RB*

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

Sharon Saunders would like to thank the residents of Chapel Lane for supporting the Marie Curie Cancer Care collection; the amazing total of £65.00 was raised.

SUMMER CONCERT

Barham Church is hosting a concert by a duo known as "*Church Inspires*" at 3pm on Sunday 9th August. Tickets are £7 each and include refreshments. Please contact Jenny Harrison (890933) or Jane Watson (891004) for further details.