

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTES 59

Brian Davis

Buttercups, formerly also known as Butterflowers or Goldcups, come from a surprisingly large family, with such diverse members as Old Man's Beard *Clematis*, Rue *Thalictrum*, Delphiniums and Hellebores. Among the yellow, buttercup-like flowers we have in Easton, there is also the common Creeping Buttercup, tall Meadow Buttercup and Bulbous Buttercup with its sepals turned down below the petals. Then there is Celery-leaved Buttercup, which grows in the Brook, Lesser Celandine, one of the earliest plants to flower, and the dainty Goldilocks recently found in the 'new footpath' spinney near the Treatment Works. This month, too, some ponds have been partly covered by the white, aquatic buttercup known as Water Crowfoot. The allied Marsh Marigold or Kingcup, on the stream bank near Ford Cottage, was introduced by the Hallidays some 6 or 7 years ago, and new plants have now become established down to the footbridge opposite Brook House. Though rare naturally in Huntingdonshire, it paints whole meadows yellow in Upper Teesdale in late May.



49 CLUB WINNER

David Mitchell was the winner of the draw last month.

THE EASTON DAWN PATROL – MAY 2010



A wet morning did not daunt an intrepid ten from turning out at 6 am, nor was the chorus of small birds reduced at all. We tried to distinguish blackcap, robin, wren and chaffinch singing simultaneously, and half a dozen other species around the lanes. The thought of hot tea and coffee *chez* Bell drove us on, but the bacon, sausages, eggs, beans and toast that greeted us there exceeded all our expectations – thank you Pam and Clare. *And those in Easton then a-bed shall think themselves accurs'd they were not there, and hold their resolutions cheap whilst any speaks that walked with us upon the 8th of May.*

CHURCH NEWS

Services in Easton during June will be:

6th June 9.30 a.m. Eucharist;

13th June 6.00 p.m. Evensong

20th June 3.00 p.m. This is the major Church event of this summer as the Bishop of Huntingdon is coming to inaugurate the new facilities in the Church. There will be a tea party at 3 o'clock followed by a short service in Church. We hope that many of the contributors to the Community Project Fund together with representatives of the grant-giving bodies and local council as well as the builders will be able to attend. Why not bring Dad to celebrate Father's Day as well as the completion of this work?!

27th June 8.00 a.m. Eucharist for St. Peter's Day

For the time being, Morning Prayer is said on Saturdays at 9.00 a.m. at *Fiddlers* and anyone may attend.

Next time you look in the Church you will see the new clerestory windows which have been financed by WREN through the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. We are grateful for their help in continuing our care for the building.

The PCC wishes to dispose of the old harmonium in the Church. It requires renovation as the leather bellows have deteriorated. If anyone is interested in acquiring this, please contact a member of the PCC (see last month's newsletter).

HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING TO THE LIBRARY?

If you love reading but struggle to get to your local library because of health or mobility problems, help is available: you can be matched with a friendly volunteer from Cambridgeshire Libraries Doorstep Service who will visit you once a month with a supply of the kind of books you enjoy. To find out more about getting this amazing free service or becoming a volunteer for it, contact Anne Evans, the co-ordinator, by phoning 01480-375023 or by e-mailing anne.evans@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

A big "thank you" to all who supported the Save the Children collection so generously. Easton raised £155.54 – a record – and a wonderful contribution to the Kimbolton area collection. The SCF Committee has passed on their grateful thanks and with your support, the charity can continue to work for children who are suffering from poverty, disease, injustice and violence, both in the UK and around the world. Thank you again.

CYCLE TRACK TO ELLINGTON

The land on which this cycleway runs is privately owned. The owner has kindly agreed to its use for cycles only. For anyone unsure, this track starts just before the 30mph signs entering the village from the A14. Would everyone be good enough to respect the owner's wishes and not walk along this route.