

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## NATURE NOTES 62

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Many of you must surely have seen Red Admiral butterflies in your garden this summer, especially if you have Buddleia in flower. I haven't seen a single one in *my* garden even though I have lots of fallen apples and they often come to those, too. And I have only recorded a few Small Tortoiseshells anywhere this year, and no caterpillar webs on nettles, whereas they used to be one of the most common butterflies. This species has been declining for a few years now, apparently because of a parasite. On the other hand, I have seen more White Admirals this year than ever before, probably because I have been to Brampton Wood at the peak flying period, at the beginning of July. A friend saw Purple Emperors and Purple Hairstreaks in Fermyn Woods, Northamptonshire, at around the same time, so that

is in my diary for next year – along with the first week in May for Nightingales at Little Paxton Pits. At present it is just lovely to watch House Martins and Swallows wheeling around the skies hunting for aerial plankton, with the occasional Buzzard drifting lazily above them. Can anyone tell me where the House Martins nested this year?

## 49 CLUB WINNER

Newcomers to the village, Maureen & Ed Sloper from Grange Croft, were the lucky winners of the August draw – a suitably warm way of welcoming them to the village, we hope!

## CHURCH NEWS

Services in Easton for the next month are:

3 <sup>rd</sup> October	-	9.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
10 <sup>th</sup> October	-	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
17 <sup>th</sup> October	-	9.30 a.m.	Eucharist
24 <sup>th</sup> October	-	6.00 p.m.	Evening Eucharist
31 <sup>st</sup> October	-	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday (All Saints).	No Service in Easton. We are invited to the Patronal Festival Eucharist at Ellington which will take place at 11.00 a.m.

Those who came to the Harvest Festival service on 12<sup>th</sup> September will have seen how lovely the Church looked, and a big **thank you** is due to everyone who helped with the decoration as well as to all those who generously donated flowers and produce. The produce was greatly appreciated by the residents and staff of the Manor Cheshire Home at Brampton who are always grateful that we think of them.

## FIVE PARISH ADVENT FAIR

The proposed date for the Advent Fair this year is Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November in Ellington Church. As usual, Easton has agreed to supply and man (woman?) the "Jam & Pickle Stall" so if you are making jams, jellies, chutneys or pickles over the next few weeks, please keep this in mind! All donations will be very gratefully received.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The annual churchyard tidy-up (which this year will include some interior work cleaning the tower and the glass of the new meeting room) is planned for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, which allows for a fall-back to 28<sup>th</sup> November should the weather be too wet. Everyone is welcome and it can be fun! Refreshments are usually provided – but please bring your own garden tools etc.

