

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## NATURE NOTES 66



**Brian Davis**

Hornets mating? No, these are Hornet moths, the largest of fifteen species of clear-wing moths found in Britain. I photographed them in the main ride of Brampton Wood on 19<sup>th</sup> June. The caterpillars live on the roots and lower trunks of poplar for about three years before emerging as adults. Unlike other moths, they rarely come to light traps, so they are generally under-recorded, but our local Moth and Butterfly Recorder, Barry Dickerson, has offered to come to try out some pheromones in our garden. These chemicals mimic natural hormone scents with which females attract males, and he has found them most effective in another friend's garden in Hilton. He is looking for three

species - Orange-tailed, Red-belted and Red-tipped clearwings - whose caterpillars live in old apple trees, willow trees and wayfaring tree, *Viburnum Lantana*, respectively, and we can provide all these. When I was a boy, I spent many hours searching poplar, aspen and willow bushes in June and July for the 'aristocratic' caterpillars of Puss Moth and Eyed-hawk Moth. The habit dies hard and I have found five Puss Moth caterpillars this last week, which I shall introduce to my grandchildren.

## THE FIVE PARISH AUTUMN FAIR

For various good reasons, the Five Parish Autumn Fair is now to be held a fortnight later than originally planned, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September in Grafham Village Hall. Offers of help will be very welcome. Can you run a stall? Can you help with refreshments? Can you organise a game or competition? Can you look out raffle prizes, tombola and bottle stall prizes? In fact, start looking out for anything useful that we can sell to make the occasion the best ever! Peter Gould will be very grateful for any items for his jam, pickle and chutney stall. Offers and ideas please to Sue on 453350.

## 49 CLUB

The winner of the May draw was Brian Davis and the final winner of the current series (the June draw) was, amazingly, Brian Davis again!! In order to have a chance of joining the list of winners in 2011-2012, may we remind you that your £12 subscription is now due. We must have 49 subscribers before the next draw (due at the end of July) can take place. This is a valuable means of raising money for the Church Fabric Fund, which last year paid for the clerestory windows to be replaced, and that small "windfall" of £22.50 is always a welcome surprise to the lucky winner! Please give your £12 to Peter Gould or John Maith as soon as possible. Thank you.

## SERVICES IN JULY

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	-	9.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
10 <sup>th</sup> July	-	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
17 <sup>th</sup> July	-	9.30 a.m.	Eucharist
24 <sup>th</sup> July	-	6.00 p.m.	Eucharist
31 <sup>st</sup> July	-	11.00 a.m.	Patronal Festival Eucharist <u>at St. James, Spaldwick.</u>

## RACE FOR LIFE

**Rebekah Bell**

Some of you may have seen me running around the village: rain or shine, I've been running! It is all for one big event happening on 24<sup>th</sup> July. I have signed up to run the *10k Race for Life*. I have never had to run so far in my life so this is a real challenge, but one that is worthwhile and one for which I am enjoying training because the work of Cancer Research is so vital. I am not running for anyone in particular as I know too many people who have been affected one way or another by cancer. I have set up an online page so that if people would like to sponsor me, they can. The web address is: [www.raceforlifeforsponsors.org/rebekahbell1210](http://www.raceforlifeforsponsors.org/rebekahbell1210). If you do not have access to the Internet but would nevertheless like to sponsor me, I have forms which can be filled out. Without sounding "cheesy" or plagiarising Tesco, every little does count! I will be so grateful for your support.