

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## NATURE NOTES 71

Brian Davis

I joined the Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire Wildlife Trust in the early 1960s and have seen it flourish and combine with the Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Trusts to become the strong force for conservation that it now is. In my early days we kept trying to break the 2,000 membership 'barrier'; today it is over 36,000 I believe, but way behind the Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire Wildlife Trust with 54,000 members! Altogether, our Trust owns or manages more than 26 reserves in Bedfordshire, 51 in Cambridgeshire (including Huntingdonshire) and 40 in Northamptonshire. These range from Woodwalton Marsh (2 acres) to Brampton Wood (327 acres) and cover all types of habitat from open water and marsh to grassland, heathland and woodland. Most of these reserves depend on volunteers to manage them for their diversity of wildlife under the guidance of a professional and highly motivated staff. I have kept an eye on Shepherds Close since it was given to the Trust in 1966 and have seen it pass through many phases. I planted most of the trees in 1984 that are there now (above) but it could really do with more active management than I can provide these days, so I am looking for someone who might be interested to take this on. On the other hand, I would be happy to lead a group to see Purple Emperor and White Admiral butterflies in early July this summer. Let me know if you are interested (890625).

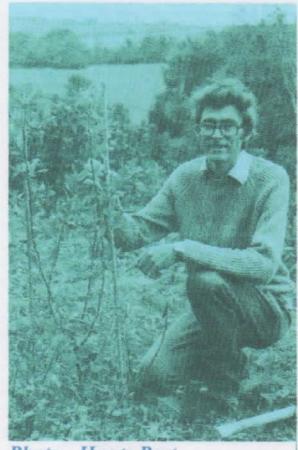


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## 49 CLUB

Congratulations to Ted Mills on being the winner of the March draw!


## MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Thank you to all those who have been sending cards, messages and even presents to me (and to Sue) since I was taken ill in January with meningo-encephalitis. I am now recovering quite well and undertaking some work. Unfortunately, I have been left with a voice problem and at present I am unable to take main services. I hope to be able to take services again later in May or in June. Meanwhile our thanks are due to the churchwardens, PCC members and others who have kept everything going.

## SERVICES DURING MAY

6 <sup>th</sup> May	-	9.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
13 <sup>th</sup> May	-	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
20 <sup>th</sup> May	-	9.30 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist ( <i>provisional</i> )
27 <sup>th</sup> May	-	<i>No service in Easton.</i> (Nearest Eucharist 9.30 a.m. at Ellington and Spaldwick).	

## WARNING

 Our sympathy goes out to the Perry family who have lost two of their pet cats within six months, and the vet has confirmed that this most recent loss was due to poisoning and most probably antifreeze. Apparently cats have an unfortunate taste for drinking it due to its sweet taste, and whilst they would not normally have such an opportunity, it may be that they came across some that had been spilled and decided to drink some of that. One cannot be too careful when it comes to disposing of chemicals and the Perry family are anxious to spare anyone else the trauma of losing a pet in this way.