

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTES 72

Brian Davis



A juvenile Spotted Woodpecker broke its neck flying into our kitchen window, no doubt mistaking the reflection of trees for a throughway garden vista. Such are the casualties of youth and inexperience! We saw it only the day before having a whole body rinse in our bird bath and then being joined by its mother (with no red on its head) which had been feeding from the peanut dispenser outside the kitchen. Luckily, there was another chick which I photographed and we have enjoyed watching the mother feeding it on a branch. Sarah Harrison rescued a young Robin from her cat recently and I let it hop under a broken pot on our side of the fence where it could still call its parent. It had moved by the evening and more recently we saw the adult in a tree with two speckled young so perhaps it survived. Years ago, Michael Picton told me he had found a dead Kingfisher on his lawn under a

window. This must be a very rare visitor to Easton, although one was seen along the Brook in the late 1970s in the days when it held water, and Beth met the judges for the 'Best kept village' in the Leightonstone district. They commented on how lovely the brook-side was, awash with Queen Anne's Lace, and said they would be nominating Easton, though there is no record of our actually receiving the award. Tony Ellis told me another story of yesteryear about finding a cuckoo's egg in a Spotted Flycatcher's nest on the front of his house. A pair of Spotted Flycatchers appeared in our garden on 13th June this year; no Cuckoo but we heard the first gentle purring of a Turtle Dove in the Playing Field on the 19th – a herald of summer at last?

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Terry Allum was the lucky winner of the May draw.

SERVICES DURING JULY

1 st July	-	11.00 am	Sunday Worship (celebrating St. Peter, our patron saint) <i>(also 3.00 pm Annual service at Woolley church ruins, followed by tea at New Manor Farm)</i>
8 th July	-	2.30 pm	Sunday Worship and Holy Baptism
		6.00 p.m.	Evensong
15 th July	-	9.30 a.m.	Eucharist
22 nd July	-	<i>No service in Easton.</i> Nearest service: 11.00 am Eucharist at Ellington	
29 th July	-	<i>No service in Easton.</i> Group Eucharist at Spaldwick (celebrating St. James, patron saint of Spaldwick church) at 9.30 a.m.	



Save the Children

Thank you to those who so generously supported the Save the Children house-to-house collection at the beginning of May. Easton raised £124.25 – a wonderful contribution to the Kimbolton area total of £2,656. SCF works in more than 120 countries to help children who suffer from poverty, disease, injustice and violence. They also assist with relief work in disasters and emergencies: at present their teams are caring for the traumatised children who have managed to escape across the border from Syria. In the UK, SCF works with children in six regions of high social need. They also work directly with other organisations to help young refugees and asylum-seekers, providing drop-in centres, advice on housing and schools, etc. Thank you again – your help is so much appreciated.