

Easton Village Newsletter

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FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



As always the weather plays an important part in my life (rather like Jill!). This week I really would like it to stay dry for another two days so I can get my hay baled but I would also like some rain for my wheat which looks rather thirsty - but not heavy, thundery rain as this could flatten my wheat and knock the seed out of my oilseed rape which should be ready to harvest in around 10 days (who said farmers were difficult to please?). Oilseed rape has very black, small seeds which are like poppy seeds to look at and it is cold pressed for its oil. This has a good health profile, being low in saturated fat and high in Omega 3. It can be heated to a high temperature without burning and it is being called Britain's answer to olive oil (try it on your roast potatoes!).

One part of England has started to harvest winter barley but in East Anglia it will be late due to the cold weather earlier this year. I have been looking at what to grow for the coming year: it is important to choose the right variety for your land as, if you get it wrong, it can spell disaster. Do I grow wheat for animal feed or higher risk milling? Who will buy my crop after harvest, not to mention the future and GM crops or NOT GM.? Barclays Bank have done a survey showing consumer resistance in the UK to GM; only 21% of consumers are willing to support GM food but with a world population expected to increase from 7 billion now to 9 billion by 2050 is it inevitable?

SERVICES DURING AUGUST

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| 4 th August | - | 9.30 a.m. | Eucharist |
| 11 th August | - | 6.00 p.m. | Evensong |
| 18 th August | - | 9.30 a.m. | Sunday Worship |
| 25 th August | - | Nearest services: 9.30 a.m. Spaldwick/11.00 a.m. Ellington | |

Reminder:

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| 28 th July | - | 9.30 a.m. | Patronal Festival Eucharist at Spaldwick (with Fr. Stephen Bowring, Rector of Kimbolton). |
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Advance notice:

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| 8th September | - | 6.00 p.m. Harvest Festival |
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KIDS' STUFF

John & Nina



On August 2//3/4 weekend, Nina and I are having a family get-together here in Broadweir. All together there will be 12 adults and 12 children (grandchildren and great grandchildren). Some will be staying at Brampton Hut. Most of the children are under the age of 6. Please does anybody have any kids' garden toys they could lend us for the weekend... things like a slide, a swing, a portable trampoline or a Wendy house (that sort of thing)? Must be portable so that I can carry it, though, and it would be just for the weekend. We would be very grateful and they won't get too bored. Please let us know if you can help on 896444 or at 3 Broadweir. Thanks.

EASTON BELLS



You may have noticed that for some weeks now the bells in the church have not been rung on Sunday. There are only two bells where once there were four; the two oldest bells were re-hung in the bell frame in 1970 when the other two bells were sold to the Loughborough foundry of Taylor and Sons to cover the cost of restoring the tower and the bells. The two ancient bells have rung in Easton for over four hundred years, they were cast in the tower by John Newcome in 1520 and 1560 and we found the casting pit when the new floor was laid in 2010.

The Huntingdonshire Church Bell Restoration Society silenced the bells in June while carrying out some necessary work to release the rusted clappers and to repaint the framework, (they give their time freely but ask the parish to cover the cost of materials), but other urgent work is still needed, and more equipment to move the bells in order to free a rusting bolt from the hanging frame. The cause of the rusting is the weather - the open spire lights and belfry windows have some protection from birds but none from the wind and the rain. The proposals from the Bells Advisor are that the belfry windows should have a full set of louvers with a floor inserted above the bell frame to protect the bells. It is 40 years since the last restoration. It is quite an experience to climb the belfry stairs up to the bells! The bells weigh several hundredweight and are very impressive. The belfry stair can be opened on request, remembering it can be dangerous and children must be accompanied by an adult.

"BIG BREAKFAST" THANK YOU!

As the "fried bread" man and as Kathy is away at the moment, John Hill would like to thank all those who attended the Big Breakfast in July where we served well over 60 people. It has to be said that about half of those come from the surrounding villages (are we getting

amouds;) but many thanks to those from the village who attended. There are more times when we were full on our feet.... and of course many thanks for those who helped out. Didn't they do well!!!

BROADWEIR BRAIN-TEASER No.1

The idea is to match 2 words to the clues to make a pair. You should be left with one!

Example:

2 associated with tea..... party.....pot; 2 make a bird.....Bill Horn
 A part of London.....Hamlets Tower; A town..... Hampton....Little.

Get it?

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| a) An Anagram | | 1. Admiral |
| b) Large ship | | 2. Ark |
| c) Two make a bird | | 3. Black |
| d) Mooney songs | | 4. Blue |
| e) Fit for Royalty | | 5. Broads |
| f) Two to go with cross | | 6. Cat |
| g) Russian fish to divert attention | | 7. Cement |
| h) Waterways | | 8. Check |
| i) Prison or conservatory | | 9. Command |
| j) Two associated with french | | 10. Compress |
| k) Resistance or tube | | 11. Dawn |
| l) Announcer on television | | 12. Expand |
| m) To make a drop of the hard stuff | | 13. Farthing |
| n) Two opposites | | 14. Forty |
| o) Colourful tune | | 15. Glass |
| p) Two body parts | | 16. Green |
| q) Two make a bike | | 17. Ground |
| r) Short nap | | 18. Herring |
| s) Top man aft | | 19. House |
| t) End of the game | | 20. Lap |
| u) Two fish | | 21. Liver |
| v) A northern football club | | 22. Mate |
| w) A merry man | | 23. Mixer |
| | | 24. News |
| | | 25. Norfolk |
| | | 26. Patient |
| | | 27. Penny |
| | | 28. Performance |
| | | 29. Pool |
| | | 30. Reader |
| | | 31. Rear |
| | | 32. Red |
| | | 33. River |
| | | 34. Roads |
| | | 35. Royal |
| | | 36. Scarlet |
| | | 37. Senator |
| | | 38. Skate |
| | | 39. Sleeves |
| | | 40. Sole |
| | | 41. Stick |
| | | 42. Stitch |
| | | 43. Treason |
| | | 44. Under |
| | | 45. Will |
| | | 46. Wing |
| | | 47. Winks |

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Last word.....

Answer next month, or telephone John on 896444.