

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



As a new year starts, I wonder what 2014 will bring. With our weather out of character, all farmers hope for a balanced year. On New Year's Day I was greeted with a large bumble bee buzzing around Jills' cyclamen at our back door, which shows how mild it has been. I would like to moan (I can hear you saying that farmers don't moan!) about how wet our fields are, but after seeing how wet other parts of the country have been, perhaps I won't! I am concerned about disease that can be caused by very wet and mild weather: Yellow Rust is a problem in wheats this year. We could really do with a dry, cold patch and a few good frosts would be nice.

I have just spent the day at a farming event called LAMMA which was held at the East of England showground at Peterborough. LAMMA is the UK's largest farm machinery equipment show, with 800 exhibitors and 40,000 visitors, showing everything you could wish for your farm. (I was very sensible and left the chequebook at home!). The event is a bit like *Tomorrow's World* for farming (for those who can remember

*Tomorrow's World*). In the future the emphasis will be on improving data management, field mapping and soil analysis to variable rate fertiliser/spray application and satellite positioning. Next it could be driverless tractors - good for my back, but would any of you be safe on the Easton roads?! Thankfully, these are a few years away from Lodge Farm!

## FROM REV. STEPHEN BOWRING

It's going to be a busy month in the life of our churches! Jonathan's farewell service will be here at Easton at 11.00 am on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, and my licensing will be just a fortnight later on the 16th at 4.00 pm at Spaldwick St James. When you know that the average length of a vacancy in incumbency in the Church of England today is somewhere between one and two years, I think we can all be grateful that good planning has meant an immediate 'handover' for us.

We had an excellent joint meeting recently of the PCC's of Easton, Spaldwick and Barham and Woolley at which I was able to share some of my thinking for the future of our group and hear what people had to say. There was widespread support, and I hope to have an occasion soon when everyone who is interested can come along and contribute to the ongoing discussion. It was also the opportunity for me to outline a proposal for a Sunday service plan across the whole new group of seven churches.

February's service plan for Easton is broadly in accordance with recent tradition, apart from Jonathan's special service on the 2nd. So, there will be Evensong on the 9th at 6.00 pm, and a Communion on the 16th at 9.30am. From March there will be a slight re-adjustment of the rota, with the normal pattern being as follows: First Sunday of the month: 09:30 Morning Worship; Second Sunday 10:45 Communion; and Third Sunday 18:00 Evensong. On the Fourth Sunday there will usually be a communion at Spaldwick at 09:30 or at Stow Longa at either 15:00 (GMT) or 18:00 (BST).

I look forward to seeing you at any of the services, but your support at the licensing would be especially welcome; as would your prayers for me and for the rest of our ministry team as we embark on this new phase in the life of our parishes.

Stephen

## CHURCH SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY

<b>Sunday 2 Feb:</b> <b>(Candlemas)</b>	08.00 KIM Communion BCP 09.30 COV Eucharist 10.45 KIM Family Service <b>11.00 EAS Fr. Jonathan's Farewell</b>	<b>Sunday 9 Feb:</b> <b>(Lent-4)</b>	08.00 KIM Communion BCP 09.30 SPA Eucharist 09.30 TIL Family Service 10.45 KIM Matins 15.00 STO Evensong <b>18.00 EAS Evensong</b>
<b>Sunday 16 Feb:</b> <b>(Lent-3)</b>	09.30 COV Matins <b>09.30 EAS Eucharist</b> 10.45 KIM Family Communion <b>16.00 SPA Service of Licensing of Rev. Bowring to new Benefice.</b>	<b>Sunday 23 Feb:</b> <b>(Lent-2)</b>	09.30 TIL Eucharist 09.30 SPA Eucharist 10.45 KIM Eucharist 15.00 KIM Evensong

Note: KIM = Kimbolton; COV = Covington; EAS = Easton; SPA = Spaldwick; STO = Stow Longa; TIL = Tilbrook.

Before the Easton Quiz Night at the beginning of February, here are some practice questions, and after you have honed your skills why not make up a team to take part in the *Save the Children* Quiz which will take place in Kimbolton on 15<sup>th</sup> March?

**HISTORY**

1. Who made the first Atlantic crossing by aeroplane?
2. On which ship did Sir Frances Drake navigate the world?
3. Which age occurred between the Stone Age and the Iron Age?
4. Name the famous winged horse of Greek mythology?
5. What was a Sopwith Camel?
6. Who was the mother of Queen Elizabeth 1?
7. What name was given to six farm hands arrested for forming a trade union?
8. Where was Thomas a Becket murdered?
9. Which royal house ruled England between 1603 and 1714?
10. Who was king of England at the battle of Agincourt?

**GEOGRAPHY**

1. Of which country is Katmandu the capital?
2. By what name does Argentina refer to the Falkland Islands?
3. In which country was the Battle of Waterloo fought?
4. What was Ho Chi Minh city originally called?
5. Which UK county has the longest coastline?
6. Where is the Sugar Loaf mountain?
7. In which Indian City is the Taj Mahal?
8. Which is the largest state of Australia?
9. What is the principal language of Brazil?
10. In which county does the River Thames rise and originate?

You and your families, friends, neighbours and colleagues  
are invited to a Save the Children

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**in the Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton,  
on Saturday, 15th March,  
7.30 for 8 p.m.**

Teams to consist of tables of eight.

No individual questions.

£56 per team (i.e. £7.00 per person)  
including Ploughman's Supper.

Bar.

All proceeds go to Save the Children's work of  
improving the lives of millions of children, worldwide.

*Book your table by sending your team name and contact  
details, with a cheque for £56, payable to Save the  
Children, to Roy and Nora Butler, 71 Castle Gardens,  
Kimbolton.*

**SPACE IS LIMITED, SO APPLY EARLY**

**KIMBOLTON PARISH MAGAZINE**

Now that we are about to become part of the Kimbolton group of parishes, villagers may wish to subscribe to the Kimbolton Parish Magazine. This is published 10 times a year (there are combined issues for December/January and for July/August) and can be delivered to your home for £3 a year (payable in advance). As well as keeping you in touch with all that is going on in the seven parishes – not just in the churches – this contains useful information, trade advertisements and contact numbers for a wide range of needs. This will not replace the regular Easton Village Newsletter and for the time being it is intended that the two will run in parallel.

If you would like to receive the Parish Magazine for all seven villages (Kimbolton, Barham-with-Woolley, Covington, Easton, Spaldwick, Stow Longa and Tilbrook, which is our new grouping), please let Jenny Hyde know ([j.hyde2@btinternet.com](mailto:j.hyde2@btinternet.com) or telephone 891454).

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