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FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK

Sunshine and showers make a happy farmer, with crops being weeks ahead than this time last year. Wheat ears began to emerge 4 weeks earlier and rape flowered the earliest I have seen. The rape looks really well this year (it would as I decided not to grow any in 2014!). But with all farming, 'you don't count your chickens until they are hatched' or until the crop is in the barn, as storms, pests and disease can change everything.

Last weekend I went and stayed in Norfolk with my brother-in-law who is a beef farmer. He was telling me how beef prices have fallen by 50p/kg deadweight in 12 months and share of shelf price (butchered and packed price) has shrunk even further. Tesco, Sainsburys and Asda have said that they will continue to sell

Irish beef but UK farmers have called upon supermarkets to stop prices falling and stock more British beef. Some farmers are selling up, so please try to buy British beef when you can.

We have spent the last week doing game-keeping work. Keeping down the number of magpies and carrion crows is an ongoing task. These birds, if left to increase in large numbers, will cause havoc with birds in our gardens and farmland as they love to devour eggs and chicks. One friend has lost ducklings and seen magpies swoop down and carry them away and another has no garden birds left after being invaded by a magpie family. Magpies and crows (part of the Corvid family) will even attack livestock, picking at the eyes of newborn calves and lambs: even the RSPB culls magpies and crows at some of its reserves where predation has become a problem and bird numbers had dropped alarmingly.



VILLAINS AND VICTIMS

PREDATORS

- Sparrowhawk: Up 152 per cent since 1975
- Carrion crow (left): Up 119 per cent
- Jackdaw: Up 103 per cent
- Magpie: Up 98 per cent
- Buzzard (top right): Up 60 per cent since 1967

PREY

- Tree sparrow (far right): 93 per cent fall since 1967
- Skylark: 53 per cent fall
- Corn bunting: 89 per cent fall
- Yellowhammer: 55 per cent fall
- Bullfinch (right): 47 per cent fall



CHURCH SERVICES DURING JUNE

<p>Sunday June 1st - Easter 7 08.00 KIM Holy Communion (BCP) 09.30 COV Eucharist (CW1) 09.30 SPA Morning Worship 09.30 EAS Morning Worship 10.45 KIM Family Service 11.00 BAR Family Service</p>	<p>Sunday June 8th - Pentecost 08.00 KIM Holy Communion (BCP) 09.30 TIL Family Service 09.30 SPA Eucharist (CW1) 10.45 KIM Eucharist (CW1) 10.45 EAS Eucharist (CW1) 18.00 STO Evensong (BCP)</p>
<p>Sunday June 15th - Trinity Sunday 09.30 COV Matins (BCP) 09.30 SPA Family Service 10.45 KIM Family Communion (CW1) 18.00 EAS Evensong (BCP)</p>	<p>Sunday June 22nd - Trinity 1 09.30 TIL Eucharist (CW1) 09.30 SPA Eucharist (CW1) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (CW1) 18.00 STO Patronal Evensong (BCP) 18.00 KIM Evensong (BCP)</p>
<p>Sunday June 29th - Trinity 2 10.45 KIM United Eucharist (CW1)</p>	

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

49 CLUB

Sorry for missing the April Newsletter. However, the winners of the 49 Club draw for March and April were Marjory Ellis and Sue Young respectively. Congratulations to both winners.

John Maith

SAVE THE CHILDREN

A big "thank you" to those who so generously supported the *Save the Children* house-to-house collection in Easton which raised £133.57 – a wonderful contribution to the Kimbolton area collection. SCF works in more than 120 countries, in the poorest and most dangerous places around the world, and they also help children in paucity in the UK too. They make sure children get the food they need to survive and grow up healthy, while trying to beat deadly illnesses like pneumonia and diarrhoea. When disasters strike, they are there saving lives. Thank you again – your help is so much appreciated.

YOUR VILLAGE WANTS YOU

Did you know that twelve men from Easton fought in WW1, with sadly three of them making the ultimate sacrifice? Our Hog Roast this year is in commemoration of the centenary of the start of WW1 - a serious subject but a fun occasion which we can enjoy in freedom because of the bravery of our servicemen in WW1 and WW2. So let's party! Dress up in the style of the period if you dare.

- Toss a welly.
- Have a go on a giant bouncy castle.
- Join in with a sing-along of popular tunes of the era.
- Enjoy some succulent roast hog.
- Have a drink or two at the "donation" bar.
- Learn more about WW1 and the part our village played.

The fun and frivolity starts at 12.30 pm with the Hog Roast at 2.00 pm.

It would help if you bring your own tables, chairs, plates and cutlery although a few spare tables and chairs will be available. All this for the same price that was charged five years ago - £10 for adults, £5 for school children, £30 for a family of 2 adults and up to 4 children. Under 5's free as usual. See you back in 1914!



EASTON GOODBYE

Dear Easton Friends,

Our time here is drawing to an end. We are separating from the military and we are moving back home to Texas to settle down. In our nearly 15 years of marriage we have moved homes 6 times. Without a doubt this is our hardest and saddest move ever because our 3 years here in Easton have been some of the best years of our life. We can't thank you enough for your sincere friendship and for the generous ways you have invested in our family. It's such a joy to see a community who knows how to have fun together; whether it's by Jubilee celebrations, quizzes, big breakfast, dinner gatherings, mulled wine, church events, nun outings, or the manly S.A.S., this village really is something special and will forever be part of our hearts. Thank you for the precious memories!

God bless,

Randy, Courtney, Andrew, Luke, Adam, and Lacy Leach

THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

The answers are nearly all Proper Nouns. Answers start with every letter of the alphabet:

A fine white clay, heated and used as a poultice	
A young hare	
Annual horse race run in Doncaster	
British fashion designer born in 1934	
Excessive gas in the alimentary canal	
Fictional robot creature in Dr Who	
Garden in Jerusalem where Christ was betrayed	
German Nazi leader who made a flight to Scotland	
German scientist and designer of the V2 rocket	
Hatred of strangers and Foreigners	
Indian method of cooking in a clay oven	
Inventor of the telephone	
Largest city in Alaska	
Largest shipyard in America on the James River	
Member of allied forces fighting in Burma during WW2	
Middle name of Michael Douglas junior's wife	
New town in County Durham founded in 1948	
Ninth month of the Muslim year	
Province of W Canada capital Winnipeg	
River of South America, rising in Venezuela and flowing west	
Scene of conference between Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt in 1945	
Scottish patriot who defeated Edward 1 at Stirling (1297)	
Site of St Columba's monastery in the inner Hebrides	
The main street of Berlin	
Variety of edible snail	
Winner of the British Open Golf championship in 1969	

Copy deadline for the July newsletter is Monday 23rd June.