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FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK

I love this time of year, when everything in the countryside looks so green, the verges have come to life and, I hope, so have my crops! The rape has just gone off flower and looks well and the wheat really liked the recent rain, sunshine and showers, just what the farmer ordered! We are planning on drilling our wild bird covers soon, a mixture of kale, fodder radish, mustard, buck wheat, forage rape and quinoa. This will hopefully be an ideal combination to give cover to protect our young game birds over the summer and to produce enough seed to feed the wild birds over the lean winter months. We are still fighting the farmer's enemy of blackgrass which is an ongoing problem to keep our fields free. If you see patches of yellow appear in my wheat fields it will be because I have sprayed it off with Round-up, in badly affected areas, to stop it seeding.

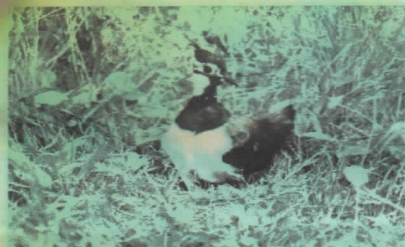


A skylark



A Red Kite

Another enemy we cannot do much about is the rise of red kites, buzzards and sparrow hawks. They are all wonderful birds to see but I do worry that if their numbers continue to rise, it could harm the countryside's ground-nesting birds - pheasants, partridge, skylarks and lapwing. The young of these birds have little chance against these powerful predators and last week Jill saw 18 red kites over a wood near Oundle. Journalist and farmer, Robin Page, has recently written an article in the Telegraph and Mail asking if we should drop protection for birds of prey that are damaging the wild bird population; he states that new-born lambs have been attacked and these birds can live up to 25 years. The RSPB has other ideas, as I'm sure many of you, but in one area in Powys, Wales, where they feed the kites, 600 can be seen feeding at a time!! Perhaps licensed control in affected areas could be the answer?



A nesting Lapwing

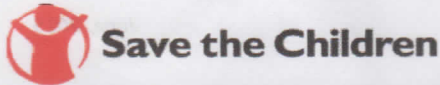


Next Sunday 31st May I'm heading to the Cambridge County Show at Wimpole, a great day out for the family which has something for all.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING JUNE

<p>Sunday 7th June (Trinity 1) 09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev Nicki Bland) 10.45 KIM Family Praise! (Rev Stephen Bowring) 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev Dr John Rawlinson) 18.00 STO Evensong (Rev Stephen Bowring)</p>	<p>Sunday 14th June (Trinity 2) 09.30 TIL Family Service (Mrs Lesley Bowring) 09.30 EAS Parish Communion (Rev Nicki Bland) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev Dr John Rawlinson) 10.45 SPA Morning Worship (Rev Stephen Bowring)</p>
<p>Sunday 21st June (Trinity 3) 09.30 COV Matins (Rev Nicki Bland) 10.45 KIM Matins (Rev Ron Lancaster) 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev Nicki Bland) 11.00 BAR Family Service (Rev Stephen Bowring) 18.00 STO Patronal Festival Evensong (Rev Dr John Rawlinson, Rev Nicki Bland pr.)</p>	<p>Sunday 28th June (Trinity 4) 09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev Nicki Bland) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev Nicki Bland) 10.45 SPA Family Service (Rev Stephen Bowring) 16.00 EAS St Peter's Day Service (Rev Stephen Bowring) 18.00 KIM Evensong (Rev Nicki Bland)</p>

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



Thank you to those who so generously supported the Save the Children house-to-house collection in Easton, which raised £133.95 – 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 the UK too. They make sure children get the food they need to survive and grow up healthy, while trying to beat deadly diseases like pneumonia and diarrhoea. When disasters strike they are there saving lives. Thank you again – your help is so much appreciated.

ST. PETER'S DAY SERVICE

On Sunday June 28th at 4.00 p.m. there will be a short St. Peter's Day service followed by strawberries and cream and home-made shortbread. As our church is dedicated to St. Peter, this occasion marks our Patronal Festival – a sort of birthday celebration for our church - so please come and join in the party!



6.30pm Saturday 18th July

Easton Black Market Hog Roast Social

To commemorate the end of WWII in Europe 70 years ago, we are holding this special event at Spaldwick School. Invite your family and friends to this great Easton occasion.

- Hog Roast Meal
- Drinks Available
- HuMS Swing Band
- Disco
- 40s Dress Optional (prize for best)
- £15 for adults £7.50 for school age

Tickets should be on sale week commencing 25 May.

A joint EFSC/Easton PCC event



Copy deadline for the next newsletter will be Monday 22nd June 2015.