

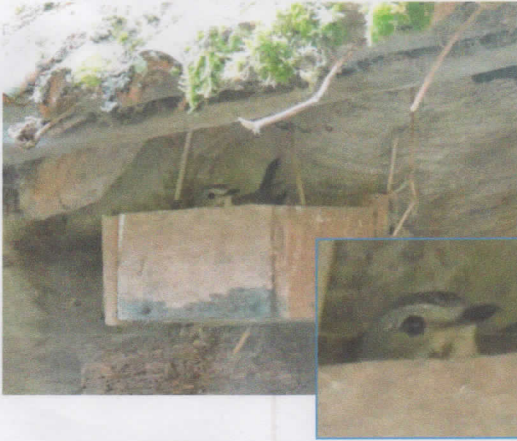
Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTE 90

Brian Davis



On 18th May this year I received an email from the secretary of the Cambridge Bird Club, Michael Holdsworth, asking for all records of Spotted flycatchers nesting in the county. This is one of the migrant species that has been showing a marked decline in recent years. They have nested against our house for many years and sure enough, three days later, a pair arrived in our garden. On the 24th I saw them prospecting a little nesting tray which I had made and put up under the eaves of the shed beside our house ten years or more ago. On the 29th I put up a ladder while the birds were away and felt the nest with two eggs in it. It seems as if the female only lays an egg every second or third day for it appeared briefly, with its mate, snuggled down for two minutes, and then flew off again. This photograph was taken on the 31st May through the drawing-

room window. Some days later I checked the nest again using a mirror and could see five eggs, and by 18th June both birds were busy collecting insects to stuff down gaping beaks. There don't seem to be any other pairs of Spotted flycatchers in Easton this year but the Watsons at Barham and the Crofts at Stow Longa do have pairs, and Michael Holdsworth is keen to put rings on the fledglings when they are about a week old to help trace their movements. So far he has found fewer than 20 nests in the whole of Cambridgeshire so we are certainly doing our bit in this corner of the county. I know they have nested at Eversden Cottage and at Oversland in the past and there must have been many broods raised in Easton over the years, so you may like to consider putting up a nesting tray like this one in my photograph in a suitable place to attract a pair in future...

CHURCH SERVICES DURING JULY

<p>Sunday 5th July (Trinity 5) 09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev Stephen Bowring) 10.45 KIM Family Praise! (Mrs Lesley Bowring) 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev Stephen Bowring) 18.00 STO Evensong (Rev Stephen Bowring)</p>	<p>Sunday 12th July (Trinity 6) 09.30 TIL Family Service (Mrs Lesley Bowring) 09.30 EAS Parish Communion (Rev Nicki Bland) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev Stephen Bowring) 10.45 SPA Morning Worship (Rev Nicki Bland)</p>
<p>Sunday 19th July (Trinity 7) 09.30 COV Matins 09.30 STO Parish Communion (Rev Stephen Bowring) 10.45 KIM Matins (Rev Ron Lancaster) 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev Stephen Bowring) 15.00 BAR Outdoor Service (Rev Stephen Bowring) 18.00 EAS Evensong (Rev Stephen Bowring)</p>	<p>Sunday 26th July (Trinity 8) 09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev Stephen Bowring) 09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mr Mike Baker) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev Stephen Bowring) 10.45 SPA Family Service (Mrs Lesley Bowring) 18.00 KIM Evensong (Rev Dr John Rawlinson)</p>

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

49 CLUB

John Maith

I must apologise for not keeping everyone up-to-date with 49 Club winners. However, I give a list below of the lucky recipients:

January	Barbara Wallis
February	Ron Sinclair
March	Iris Brooker
April	Winning number 47 not held, so rollover to May
May	Roger Silcock

EASTON UNITED CHARITIES

We intend to hold an information meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 3rd September at Easton Church to explain to interested members of the village the purpose, structure and working of the Easton United Charities. We will circulate more information nearer the time.

The Trustees of the Easton United Charities

DON'T FORGET...!

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 Friday 24th July 2015.