

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## FROM THE FARMER'S WIFE

As many of you know, I grew up in the centre of Norfolk on a livestock farm, Norfolk being famous for its coastline, Sandringham (home of our Queen) and Bernard Matthews!!

Talking about turkeys, they have been, and still are, an important part of Norfolk's heritage, thriving on our light land. Turkeys originated from Mexico, not Turkey, and fossils found prove they have been about for 10 million years! They were first brought to Britain in 1526 by a Yorkshire man, William Strickland, who acquired 6 birds from American Indian traders. Henry VIII was the first English King to enjoy turkey, making it fashionable to eat at Christmas instead of peacocks (the best Christmas peacocks had ever had!). By 1720, 250,000 turkeys were walked from Norfolk to London in flocks. They started in August and fed on the stubble fields and at feeding stations along the A12 road. Their feet were dipped in tar to protect them, but I'm not sure how tender the drumsticks would be by Christmas day! ??

Turkeys have always been a luxury and in 1930 it cost a week's wage to buy one. Bronze turkeys are the original breed colour, but Norfolk is famed for its Black turkeys. Females are called hens, males called stags and young under 5 weeks called poults. Turkey farming was an important part of my grandfather's farm. He would rear 1,000 birds each Christmas and local villagers would help pluck these birds, which would be sent to Smithfield market in London. Anyone who rears turkeys this year would be having a nightmare, unless they have a refrigeration container, as when they have been plucked and prepared, they need to be kept cold. The weather is around 14° at present! One man I remember, would come to Norfolk each year to buy over 100 turkeys for the workers of a factory he owned. He would tell us of the bartering that went on at the factory gate. The longer you had worked for his firm, the larger the bird, so an elderly man who had no family could get a 50lb bird and a young chap with loads of kids would end up with a 'sparrow'!! I hope you all had a real "bootiful" Christmas lunch whether it was turkey or not!

Jill Burton



Norfolk turkeys being sold at Attleborough market in 1950

## SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2016

### Sunday 3rd January (Epiphany, transferred)

09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev Dr J Rawlinson)  
 10.45 KIM Family Service (Rev S Bowring)  
 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster)  
 15.00 STO Evensong (Rev Dr J Rawlinson)

### Sunday 10th January (Baptism of Christ)

09.30 TIL Family Service (Mrs L Bowring)  
 09.30 EAS Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)  
 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster)  
 10.45 SPA Morning Worship (Rev S Bowring)

### Sunday 17th January (Epiphany 2)

09.30 COV Matins (Rev N Bland)  
 09.30 STO BCP Communion (Rev S Bowring)  
 10.45 KIM Matins (Rev Dr J Rawlinson)  
 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev N Bland)  
 11.00 BAR Family Service (Rev S Bowring)  
 18.00 EAS Evensong (Rev N Bland)

### Sunday 24th January (Epiphany 3)

09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev N Bland)  
 09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mr M Baker)  
 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster)  
 10.45 SPA Family Service (Rev N Bland)  
 15.00 KIM Evensong (Rev R Lancaster)

### Sunday 31st January (Presentation of Christ (Candlemas))

10.45 SPA Group Festival Eucharist (Rev N Bland)



**THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION (BHF) HAS A MISSION TO CREATE A NATION OF LIFESAVERS BY TRAINING PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM EFFECTIVE AND IMMEDIATE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR).**

The emergency medical services attempt to resuscitate over 80 people a day following a cardiac arrest in the UK. You can help give those people a better chance of survival by taking part in CPR training in our community. It is planned to offer training during January and February 2016 in the church community room. Sessions will last 30 minutes and each will consist of a maximum 10 trainees. If you are interested, please email [alasdairwpgraham@gmail.com](mailto:alasdairwpgraham@gmail.com) and the most convenient dates and times for the majority will be arranged. Please also email if you are willing to let it be known that you are already trained in CPR.

Unfortunately, we now live in an increasingly litigious society and villagers may wish to read the document found at the link below, before volunteering.

<https://www.resus.org.uk/cpr/legal-status-of-those-attempting-cpr/>

**HOTSTOX RACING TEAM**



Those of you who take walks along the Ellington track from Easton may have noticed evidence of *Team Meerkat Racing* in which Guy Jolly participates. He keeps his stock cars in Easton and at the end of the 2015 season his team finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the national competition out of about 70 competitors. They have won two championships this season as well as the Northern and Midlands

Championship and the "25 and Under Young Guns Championship" which was held in Skegness early in October. Guy tells us that this is open to all drivers aged 25 or under, so to win this one was quite special; there is some strong talent in the younger ranks which made winning the title in its 1st Season of inception all the better.



**CHRISTMAS WASTE COLLECTIONS**

**Easton Parish Council/HDC**

Christmas often means we all have more waste to dispose of and we are fortunate to be able to recycle the majority of the waste that is produced during this time, including your wrapping paper, sweet tins, plastic packaging from new toys and any leftovers from your dinner, within the blue and green bins. Some households have a green bin for their recycling waste – please ensure that only the green bin with the recycling logo on the front is used for your dry recycling. Revised collection dates for the Christmas period are shown below. Download your collection calendar from [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins).

DAY	REVISED DAY OF COLLECTION
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January

Why not display the complete list of materials that can be recycled so all your guests know what goes where? Visit [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin) for more information. Real Christmas trees can be put alongside your green bin for composting in January. If it's taller than your bin, please chop your tree to the size of your bin. The Household Recycling Centres are only closed from 1pm Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Find out more at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/waste](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/waste). Councillor Robin Carter whose executive responsibilities include Waste and Recycling, said: "We would like to wish all of our residents a Happy Christmas and thank you all for helping to keep Huntingdonshire as one of the top authorities in the country for recycling".

**49 CLUB**

**John Maith**

The last winner (in this round) was Maureen Heads with Number 18. It is hoped to re-commence the 49 Club with the first draw at the end of January. Many thanks to all who participated and a Merry Christmas to all.

**Copy deadline for the next newsletter will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016**