

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTE 95

Brian Davis



A year ago, I wrote about our Spotted Flycatchers nesting. Michael Holdsworth from the Cambridge Bird Club put rings on four chicks which finally left the nest on 1st July – we actually had a watching party in the drawing room to see the last one teeter on the edge of the nest box and pluck up courage to launch itself into space. Michael later told us that he had tracked down a total of only 38 breeding pairs in the whole of Cambridgeshire. On 11th May this year, the same pair appeared again at the nest box, and now (20th June) we have five chicks again ready to fledge in a day or two. Michael came last week with two professional bird people from the British Trust for Ornithology, while we were away on holiday, to ring the chicks AND the two adults. The male has a blue metal ring on his left leg while the

female has a red metal ring on her right leg *and* a geolocator tag, which acts as a radio beacon so that its movements can be tracked. Apparently very little is known about the overwintering movements of this species but it is thought to be in the Mediterranean area or north Africa. Catching, ringing and weighing the adults in a mist net seems to cause little upset to the birds when done professionally, and there are hungry mouths to feed. A similar geolocator tag has been used on many other species and in the case of Red Phalarope, it has revealed a quite extraordinary migration pattern. They breed in the Shetlands and then in the autumn they cross over Iceland, Greenland, Canada and then fly down the west coast of America to Peru!

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JULY

Sunday 3rd July (Trinity 6)

09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev N Bland)
10.45 KIM Family Service (Rev N Bland)
10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev Dr J Rawlinson)
18.00 STO Patronal Festival Evensong
(Rev S Bowring, Rev Dr J Rawlinson)

Sunday 10th July (Trinity 7)

09.30 TIL Family Service (Mrs L Bowring)
09.30 EAS Parish Communion (Rev N Bland)
10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev Dr J Rawlinson)
16.30 SPA Messy Church (Rev N Bland)

Sunday 17th July (Trinity 8)

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

Sunday 24th July (Trinity 9)

09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)
09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mr M Baker)
10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster)
10.45 SPA Morning Worship (Rev S Bowring)
18.00 KIM Evensong (Rev S Bowring)

Sunday 31st July (Trinity 10)

10.45 COV Group Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring, Mrs L Bowring)

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Thank you to those who so generously supported the Save the Children collection in Easton, which raised £136.84 – a wonderful contribution to the total Kimbolton area collection of £2,984.43. SCF is currently helping children in 126 countries worldwide. These include Syria and other countries affected by the refugee crisis, and Ethiopia, where staff working on long-term programmes to improve nutrition, healthcare and education now face the additional challenge of the country's worst famine for 50 years. SCF also supports children in the UK. Your help is so much appreciated – thank you again.

John Maith

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The winners in April and May were Brian Davis and Claire Hindmarsh. Congratulations to both. The next draw will be on Saturday 25th June.

Copy deadline for the next newsletter will be Sunday 24th July 2016.

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