

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTE 97

Brian Davis




What does Autumn mean to you – besides mists and mellow fruitfulness, departing swallows, and swirls of leaves about your feet? The other misty morning our garden was festooned with spiders' webs including this dew-covered orb of engineering extravagance, and dozens of tiny hammocks on the lawn made by money-spiders. Red admiral butterflies are still lingering around my ivy blossom, up to ten at one time together with a hornet, some wasps, drone flies and several other large hoverflies mimicking honeybees and wasps: if it looks like a honeybee or wasp but you can't see antennae sticking out of its head, then it's probably a hoverfly. Drone flies tend to come indoors at this time of year and buzz noisily against windows, and I enjoy picking them up and holding them inside my clenched fist up to someone's ear, which always elicits a most rewarding response! All worker and male wasps, hornets and bumblebees die off at the onset of winter, leaving only hibernating queens to start all over again next year.

This is also the season for forays to find



fungi – when a few showers of rain have stimulated those unseen webs of fungal threads, in the ground or within a log, to organise themselves one night and throw up a fruiting body that we call a mushroom, preparing to disperse a million spores into the air. Keen mycologists will gather this Sunday 23rd, punnet in hand, to search Holland Wood, courtesy of Lord de Ramsey. Wintering flocks of thrushes have yet to come, but all manner of non-local birds may find Easton a welcoming stopover on their way across the country – like the Grey wagtail that (once again) has chosen *Coniston* garden to put in an appearance. Unlike the commoner Pied wagtail, this normally frequents upland streams.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

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| <p>Sunday 6th (Third Sunday before Advent)</p> <p>09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev N Bland) 10.45 KIM Family Service (Rev N Bland) 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 15.00 STO Evensong (Rev S Bowring)</p> | <p> Sunday 13th (2 before Advent; Remembrance Sunday)</p> <p>09.30 TIL Act of Remembrance (Mrs. L Bowring) 10.45 KIM Remembrance Service (Rev S Bowring/N Bland) 10.45 SPA Remembrance Service (Mrs. L Bowring) 18.00 EAS Remembrance Service (Rev S Bowring)</p> |
| <p>Sunday 20th (Christ the King)</p> <p>09.30 STO BCP Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson) 09.30 COV Morning Worship (Rev S Bowring) 10.45 KIM Matins (Rev S Bowring) 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev N Bland) 11.00 BAR Family Service (Mrs. L Bowring) 18.00 EAS Evensong (Rev N Bland)</p> | <p>Sunday 27th (Advent Sunday / St Andrew)</p> <p>09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mr Mike Baker) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster) 10.45 SPA Morning Worship (Rev S Bowring) 15.00 KIM Evensong (Rev S Bowring)</p> |

CHURCHYARD TIDY

The churchyard tidy is scheduled to take place on Sunday November 20th, from 11.00 a.m. onwards - same place, same refreshments as before for those who come! For those who haven't been before, that generally means bacon butties and coffee at some stage during the morning. Please bring any tools (secateurs, shears, rakes, wheelbarrow etc.) that you think may be useful. If it is raining, it will be put off until the following Sunday, November 27th.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 2016

Further to the note in last month's newsletter, we are pleased to announce that the total sponsorship raised in Easton was £170. Half of this will come back to the Easton Church Fabric Fund and the rest put in a general fund for the maintenance of historic churches in Cambridgeshire. Once again, many thanks to all who sponsored us or helped in any other way.

EASTON CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

The total collected this year was £280 – slightly more than last year and the most we have ever collected in the house-to-house collection in the village. Thanks are due to Rebekah Bell, Clive Wood and Peter Gould who did the collecting and to the people in the village who gave so generously.

Mike Baker – Christian Aid Organiser

WOOLLEY WIND FARM COMMUNITY GRANTS

This year the applications for grants came to about half of the money available so there is to be a second round of applications which will be considered in March next year. Applications must be in by 1st February 2017 and the details of how community groups can apply are on the website:

<http://www.cambscf.org.uk/woolley-hill-wind-farm-community-fund>

There is still £14,000 to be allocated in this year's funds and so applications have a good chance of success.

Mike Baker – Easton Parish Council

AND FINALLY...

If you are planning a back garden fireworks party, please consider the wind speed and direction, and the proximity of other houses, especially those with thatched roofs!

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Copy deadline for the next newsletter will be Friday, 25th November 2016.