

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



It seems along while ago since my last newsletter after harvest, when the ground was very hard and dry and no Black Grass was chitting, so we decided to leave drilling the Winter Wheat until after some BG had chitted and been sprayed off, and also before we had any significant amount of rainfall that would prevent us getting on the land again until the Spring. We delayed drilling until late October and the ground was STILL very dry and hard and NO BG had chitted!! Anyway, we drilled Diago Winter Wheat between late

October and November 7th and got it rolled, applied BG sprays and slug pellets prior to the deluge during the night of November 8th. I have always enjoyed the period a week or two after drilling when the fields start to green up with the first new shoots from the wheat and knowing that the establishment is good (and the slugs haven't munched it off!!). Slugs can breed every few weeks, so it needs a constant eye keeping on it over the Winter until the cold weather drives them deeper underground for warmth.

In the previous newsletter, I thought that I was going to drill the two fields either side of the old railway bridge with late Winter Wheat after a BG flush. Some BG did grow but only a small fraction of it, so we decided to cultivate it so that it could drain freely and weather down over the winter. After that it may go into a spring crop of some description. I cultivated it with my John Deere 8520 rubber-tracked crawler, which is a great tractor and has 280 Horse power to play with!!

Last week we hosted a farm walk for other farmers, showing them how you can plant grass margins and establish beetle banks etc. to cut down on Nitrates and chemicals from entering ditches and streams from typical farming practice. We had several interesting speakers including one on 'How important worms are' and I learnt that there is more weight of worms underground that there is livestock grazing above it!! And not a lot of people know that!!



## CAROL SERVICE



The annual carol service will take place on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6 p.m. in St. Peter's Church. Please do join us for this carol service which is always a special occasion at this time of year. The service will be followed by mulled wine and refreshments. We should also be most grateful for any offers of help to decorate the church for the occasion on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

## 59 CLUB

**John Maith**

Sorry for not keeping everyone up to date with recent winners, but these are as follows -

August      Tony Ellis  
 September   Malcolm & Margaret Halliday  
 October      Malcolm & Margaret Halliday

The next draw will be Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November and remember, the winning number is the bonus ball from the National Lotto draw on that night.

## SUNDAY SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

<p><b>Sunday 4th (Advent 2)</b>                      09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev N Bland)                      10.45 KIM Family Service (Rev S Bowring)                      10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev N Bland)                      15.00 STO Evensong (Rev S Bowring)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 11th (Advent 3)</b>                      09.30 TIL Family Service (Mrs. L Bowring)                      09.30 EAS Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)                      10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)                      16.30 SPA Messy Church (team)</p>
<p><b>Sunday 18th (Advent 4)</b>                      09.30 COV Morning worship (Rev S Bowring)                      09.30 STO BCP Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson)                      10.45 KIM Matins (Rev N Bland)                      10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)                      18.00 KIM Carol Service (Rev S Bowring)                      18.00 EAS Carol Service (Rev N Bland)</p>	<p><b>Saturday 24th (CHRISTMAS EVE)</b>                      16.00 SPA Crib Service (Rev S Bowring)                      23.30 SPA Midnight Mass (Rev S Bowring)                      23.30 KIM Midnight Mass (Rev N Bland)</p>
	<p><b>Sunday 25th (CHRISTMAS DAY)</b>                      09.30 STO Christmas Communion (Rev R Lancaster)                      09.30 COV Christmas Communion (Rev S Bowring)                      09.30 EAS Christmas Communion (Rev N Bland)                      10.00 TIL Christmas Family Service (Mrs. L Bowring)                      10.45 KIM Christmas Communion (Rev R Lancaster)                      11.00 BAR Christmas Communion (Rev N Bland)</p> 

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY – THE GOODLIFF TRUST

The Society was bequeathed a legacy by Miss Phyllis Goodliff (1897-1993), one of its early members. A fund was established with the legacy and each year the Society gives small awards of financial assistance (Goodliff Awards) to individuals and organisations who are researching Huntingdonshire's past or who wish to preserve local historical records and objects. Easton has been very well represented this year in awards from the Goodliff Trust with 3 villagers being successful and on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 a special Awards Ceremony was held at the Assembly Rooms in Huntingdon Town Hall where the Awards and Certificates were presented.



**Mike Baker** - Friends of Hinchbrooke School: Publication of a book of essays and presentations given to The Friends. Over the past few years they have compiled a Book of Essays on Hinchbrooke House. This is a collection of essays from academics, experts and local historians that are based on lectures presented to the Friends. The book seeks to place Hinchbrooke in a wider context.

**Beth Davis:** Dr Evelyn Lord, Dr Ken Sneath, Mrs Beth Davis and Mrs Liz Ford have been researching the Huntingdonshire Hearth Tax returns for 1667 and 1674 and are publishing their findings as a part of the wider Hearth Tax Project, which aims to produce transcriptions of Hearth Tax Returns for all the counties of England.

**John Jolly:** Publication of a booklet on the origins, construction and development of Alconbury Airfield from 1937 – 1945. John Jolly, now aged 82, relates his experiences as a child living on a farm that was originally built by the Goodliff family in the early 1900s, next to the airfield. During the first two years of WW2 John's father was one of the last

men employed there to remove the hedges and when the airfield expanded his house became encompassed, although the family remained living on the airfield until October 1944. John tells of life on the airfield, when children crossed the runway on their bikes to go to school, the types of aircraft and all sorts of incidents on the runway. Interestingly John's mother was in service in the Goodliff household as a nursemaid.

Many congratulations to Mike, Beth and John on their awards and their very interesting publications.

### **EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council is intending to circulate village information of interest by email. Please register your name and email address if you wish to be included. No other use will be made of any information provided. Please email: [clerk\\_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clerk_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk) giving your email address, your name, address, postcode and telephone number. Thank you.

A proposal has been received to remove the telephone box. The BT line and power will be disconnected. There may be an option to purchase this for £1.00 but no details are yet available. Any comments have to be made before the end of the month. The next Parish Council meeting is on 1st December 2016.

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### **HOUSEHOLD WASTE & RECYCLING ARRANGEMENTS OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR**

<b>Normal</b>	<b>Change to</b>
Friday 30 Dec	Monday 2 Jan
Friday 6 Jan	Saturday 7 Jan



**During February 2017**, changes are being made to the refuse and recycling collection rounds. This will mean that your collection day may be changing. Look out for more information which will be delivered to you early in 2017.

## **EASTON ROAD CLOSURE**

**Easton Parish Council**

In September, we were advised that UK Power Networks needed to re-route power cabling impacting the road north out of Easton. As a result, the road was due to be closed for up to 12 days immediately before Christmas, preventing access to our junction on the A14.

Following the intervention by the Parish Council and Councillor Simon Bywater, the Parish Council met the Senior Inspector from Cambridgeshire Highways and other officials on site. It was agreed that the length of the closure could be significantly reduced, and other efforts made to lessen the impact of the works. The width of the road was rechecked and confirmed that when the work was in progress health and safety requirements prevented even single line traffic flow, but all efforts would be made to allow emergency vehicles through at any time if needed.

The outcome is that the works are now scheduled from the 9th December to the 14th December. The work will include weekend working to minimise disruption to services such as school buses. Also, ground preparation work prior to the actual closure may result in the road only being closed to traffic for 3 days, but this will be subject to the weather conditions at the time. We are also advised that outside of working hours, the use of road plates will be considered to allow light local traffic through but this is not guaranteed.

In summary, access to the A14 will be significantly disrupted during the period from the 9th to the 14th December, and you will need to consider a diversion via Stow Longa/Spaldwick during this period to access the A14, so potentially allow a little extra time for your journey. The details of the closure can be seen online at: [www.cambridgeshire.roadworks.org](http://www.cambridgeshire.roadworks.org) (entering your post code, and specifying the correct duration that you wish to view).

## **EASTON PARISH WEBSITE**

The more eagle-eyed among you may have noticed that the address of the village website now appears at the foot of each page of the newsletter, but just to reiterate, (large print version!) the web address is: [www.easton.btck.co.uk](http://www.easton.btck.co.uk). Here you will find information about the parish council, village events (including the mulled wine & mince pies event on 11<sup>th</sup> December), back numbers of the Newsletter, village news, photographs, etc.

## **NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR POWER CUTS**

There is now a new national power cut phone line – 105 – to help people contact their local electricity network company in the event of a power cut. Callers dialling 105, which is free to use, will be put straight through to their local electricity network operator, enabling them to report or obtain information about power cuts as well as reporting damage to power lines and substations that could put someone in danger. People can call 105 from most landlines and mobile phones, no matter who they choose to buy electricity from.



***Please may I have copy for the January (New Year) newsletter by Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December!***