

Easton Village Newsletter

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FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK

Since I last wrote, we have had some very cold weather with the 'Beast from the East'. This very cold snap allowed me to get on my land and catch up with some field work in the very cold frosts because the land was hard enough to take the weight of my tractor when otherwise it would have been too wet to even drive on the field. The next couple of weeks are very important. This is when I hope to get back on the land to prepare it for drilling my Spring Barley crops, but the last blast of cold weather and rain/snow has not helped the land dry out. The *Farmers Weekly* states that some farmers are a month behind and it could affect yield if drilling goes into April. One stated that it's the coldest Spring for 11 years, with land still wet and cold. Only 10% of the barley crops have been drilled and in Lincolnshire it is 30 years since drilling has been this late, as normally by now you can see the crop up in its rows. We really need some good weather soon because Spring Barley is my only arable crop this year!

Please be vigilant if walking your dogs near livestock. There is a rise in dog attacks on sheep where they have been mauled or injured. Many owners are not fully aware of the risks their pets pose to livestock and not aware that farmers can shoot dogs to



protect their livestock, so please keep them on leads. The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Animal Welfare found an estimated 15,000 sheep were killed by dogs in just 1 year, costing the sector £1.3 million!

The weather has allowed me a bit of time off from work to travel to Birmingham, where Rob has been taking part in the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition, where he has progressed to the Woodwind Category Final. We have even had the TV cameras in Easton, so if you want a laugh, it will be on TV, April 20th BBC4.

SNOW DAYS



Grateful thanks to Jo Brand not only for her reliable and regular delivery of the newsletter to every house in the village but especially for bravely setting out in all the snow at the beginning of March to keep everyone in touch with what is going on. She gets little thanks but I am sure we are all hugely grateful to her for undertaking this task each month. "If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb.... " Well, we shall see!

CHIMNEY SWEEP




The chimney sweep will be paying his annual visit to the village on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8th and 9th May, by which time it is to be hoped we shall no longer require fires to keep us warm! If you would like the sweep to call, please either email Jenny Hyde on j.hyde2@btinternet.com or telephone 891454 where you can leave a message, **no later than 30th April** (why not do it now?!). Please state which day you would prefer and any preference as to time. Regular clients will be aware that he starts work at 7.30 a.m. and works until about 2.00 p.m. (N.B. 7th May is a Bank Holiday).

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING



The Annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be held in the church on Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of electing Parochial representatives of the laity. All are very welcome to attend and those on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote at the meeting. A list of those already on the Roll will be displayed on the notice board inside the Church porch. If you would like your name added, please contact Stephanie Silcock (890455) before 9th April.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL

 Sunday 1st April - EASTER DAY 10.45 KIMBOLTON UNITED BENEFICE EASTER COMMUNION	
Sunday 8th April - Easter 2 09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev. R. Lancaster) 10.30 EAS Holy Communion (Rev J P Young) N.B. Please note change of time! 10.45 KIM Family Service	Sunday 15th April - Easter 3 10.45 KIM Family Communion (Rev R Lancaster) 18.00 EAS Evensong
Sunday 22nd April - Easter 4 09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mr. M. Baker) 09.30 STO Holy Communion (Rev. Dr. J. Rawlinson) 09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster) 10.45 KIM Matins (Rev R Lancaster)	Sunday 29th April - Easter 5 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev. Dr. J. Rawlinson) 11.00 SPA Parish Communion (Rev. R Lancaster) 18.00 KIM Evensong

LAWN MOWING SERVICE



My name is Sam Hindmarsh. I am 16 years old and I would like to offer a lawn-cutting service in Easton. I am available after school and at weekends. I have been tending my neighbour's garden for almost two years and I charge £8 per hour. If you would like more details, please contact me on 07732-908791 or email me at samhindmarsh@aol.com. Thank you.

REPORTING NON-EMERGENCIES ONLINE



Non-emergency situations can now be reported to the police online if people would rather do so than call 101. In October last year Cambridgeshire Constabulary re-launched their website with added functionality to report non-emergencies via specially designed forms or a live webchat. The live webchat option enables people to communicate directly with a member of staff in the control room, just as would be the case when calling 101. Online forms are processed in the same way as a call and the person reporting can expect a response within 24 hours. Due to the high level of demand there are often queues when calling 101. Reporting online is quick, easy and free of charge. Superintendent James Sutherland said: "In the digital age people are doing more and more online. I'm pleased that our website now has increased capability to allow people to contact us in this way.

"The system went through a thorough testing process and has been used successfully thousands of times since being introduced. Feedback from a recent survey suggested that some people wanted to communicate directly with a person rather than submitting an online form. The webchat function allows people to do exactly that. Reports submitted online are treated in the same way as when people call 101 and will receive the same outcome." To view the online reporting section of the constabulary's website visit www.cambs.police.uk/report/. The live webchat function is available by clicking on the green icon on the bottom right of the page.

THE THREE SHIRES WAY: THE TRACK TO SPALDWICK



(Photo: The entrance to the Spaldwick track, part of the prestigious Three Shires Way, taken on the 22nd March after the completion of repairs to the surface)

The Spaldwick track has been seeing increased use by villagers due to the concerns about dog attacks when using the Stonely Road. Over a period of 2 years the first few yards of the byway to Spaldwick have fallen into a very poor condition due to increased vehicular use. Attempts last year by some parishioners and the Parish Council to fill in the worst of the holes unfortunately had no lasting effect.

In January this year the Parish Council had a meeting on site with the Huntingdon Public Rights of Way Officer and they agreed that repairs to this initial section (approx. 20 yards) were required, and approved the necessary funding. Following a recent improvement in weather conditions, the council contractors completed this work on the 22nd March and so the surface is once again suitable for use without the need for wellington boots!

Deadline for the April Village Newsletter will be 24th April