

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTE 106

Brian Davis



The sights and sounds of Summer are all around us and, as Clive Wood likes to remind us, the days are getting shorter now! I have been away much of May and June so these three pictures were not taken locally – though they all could have been. The first is of a blue tit feeding young at its nest in a brick wall no more than ten feet from where I stood. A cat crept under the gate into this little courtyard, attracted by the continuous cheeping of the chicks, but was shooed out and the chicks fledged successfully. Flycatchers have, unfortunately, not nested in our garden or in the Silcocks' garden this year, but there are a pair at the Nixons. The British Trust for Ornithology

are continuing their research into Flycatcher migration this year and have managed to put geolocators on some ten birds in Cambridgeshire so far, but not from Easton.

The second picture is of a pair of damsel-flies in tandem; the male grasps the female at the back of the head during mating and suspends her above the water to lay her eggs - strange to think that



something like this dance may have been enacted every year for three hundred million years, since the Carboniferous period. We get three or four kinds of dragonflies and damsel flies in the Easton Brook. The third picture is of a Hummingbird Hawk moth, which the camera has managed to catch in mid-flight so that one can actually see the veins in the wings, the antennae and the proboscis like a watch-spring with which it sups nectar while hovering. We almost always get one or two in Easton every year as they are strong migrants from France and Spain; they especially love Red Valerian flowers.



SAFARI SUPPER

Ed Sloper

Please note that the popular Easton Safari Supper has been moved from 21 July to **18 August 2018**. The format will be similar to before, with starters in the Grange Croft Courtyard followed by a main course at four different homes and finishing in the Church for drinks and desserts. More detail and ticket prices will be issued nearer the date. There will be an Italian theme.

Numbers will be limited to 50 people so if you want to make a reservation ahead of ticket sales please ring Ed Sloper on 01480 891364.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JULY

Sunday 1st July – Trinity 5
9.30 COV Parish Communion
9.30 SPA Prayer and Praise
10.45 KIM Family Service

Sunday 8th July – Trinity 6
9.30 TIL Family Service
10.30 EAS Parish Communion
10.45 KIM Family Communion

Sunday 15th July – Trinity 7
9.30 COV Morning Worship
9.30 SPA Parish Communion
10.45 KIM Matins

Sunday 22nd July – Trinity 8
9.30 EAS Morning worship
10.45 KIM Parish Communion
18.00 KIM Evensong

Sunday 29th July – Trinity 9

10.45 Tilbrook United Benefice Service (Canon Brian Atling)

A SAD ODE ON THE DEATH OF A SPOTTED FLYCATCHER

1. She just couldn't wait
For Easton in Spring
Her suitcase was packed
She was soon on the wing.
2. She was weary and thirsty
But her mind on one thing
Her nest in that garden
And the peace it would bring
3. Over dry arid desert
And rough stormy sea
She pressed ever onwards
To the place where she'd be
4. But when she got here
To her fear and chagrin
Was a party of people
Eating cake, sipping wine
5. In her panic she turned
She thought she'd arrived
Flying up Chapel Lane
Where sadly she died!

Sob, Sob!!

Margaret Halliday

Due to holidays, unfortunately the deadline for the AUGUST Village Newsletter will be THURSDAY 19th JULY. Please try to get something to me by this date!! Thank you.