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FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK

I'm very pleased to tell you that I finally got my Spring Barley harvested and safely in the barn after a very trying year! We had the Beast from the East with some very hard frosts, a very wet, cold Spring, and then when I finally managed to drill my Spring barley (much later than I had liked to) we had the hottest Summer for decades! We started combining the barley from the 7th August and it came in nice and dry. The yield was down a third on last year's crop (just over 2 tons/acre) but, hopefully, it may go for malting which will gain a premium.



Wheat and barley prices both improved up to last week but US/China and Brexit news is making currency and the commodity market very nervous. Farmers who grow oilseed rape are struggling with the lack of rain and the land is so hard they have had poor germination. Many will be forced to re-drill and their crops have been hit hard with Flea Beetle - I heard of one farmer spraying his rape ten times to kill the beetles! East Anglian growers have been asked to submit live samples of these beetles to test for resistance from insecticides. I'm really glad that I'm not growing any this year but I feel for the farmers that are.

We have had a little rain recently which was so needed, as I'm struggling to move any of our heavy, clay land because it has set like concrete. I use a buster to penetrate the soil but many farmers have broken equipment trying to do so (not to mention the odd farmer's back!). The rain is also needed to germinate weeds so I can try and control them before drilling.

I'm afraid that many of you will be noticing that prices in the shops have risen for fruit and veg. Potatoes, onions and carrot crops have been badly hit by the Summer drought. My local Fish and Chip shop at Thrapston said that a bag of spuds has risen from £5 to £11 but, (with the help of several villagers from Easton), I bet he'll still be making a good profit!

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

<p>Sunday 7th October – Trinity 19</p> <p>09.30 SPA Morning Worship Jill Dighton 10.45 KIM Harvest Lay/Rev R. Lancaster 12.00 COV Harvest Revd J. Rawlinson 18.00 STO Evensong Revd R. Lancaster</p>	<p>Sunday 14th October – Trinity 20</p> <p>09.30 TIL Morning Worship Lay 09.30 EAS Holy Communion Revd Mike Bigg 09.30 STO Holy Communion Revd J. Rawlinson 10.45 KIM Family Communion Revd J. Rawlinson</p>
<p>Sunday 21st October – Trinity 21</p> <p>09.30 COV Morning Worship Lay 09.30 SPA Holy Communion Revd R. Lancaster 11.00 STO Harvest Revd J. Rawlinson 10.45 KIM Matins Revd R. Lancaster</p>	<p>Sunday 28th October – Trinity 22 Bible Sunday</p> <p>09.30 TIL Holy Communion Revd J. Rawlinson 09.30 EAS Morning Worship Lay 10.45 KIM Parish Communion Revd J. Rawlinson 15.00 KIM Evensong Jill Dighton</p>

ANNUAL CHURCHYARD TIDY

The annual churchyard tidy is scheduled for Sunday November 18th. starting at 11.00. All help will be much appreciated and there will be bacon sandwiches and coffee for all participants; there is always plenty to do including sweeping up leaves, removing ivy etc. If it is raining we will postpone it until the following Sunday Nov. 25th.

CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA – AUGUST

Kathy Yates



Please can I thank everyone who attended the Charity Afternoon Tea held at Belmont in August. We raised the magnificent sum of £1,500 which has been evenly distributed between 3 different charities associated with the village. £500.00 has gone to Addenbrookes Children's Cancer Ward; £500.00 to Myotonic Dystrophy Research and £500.00 to Lymphoma Research.

We served 70 afternoon teas and fortunately the weather was kind to us and the rain held off, even though some-times the wind threatened to bring the gazebos down on our heads.



I would like to thank everyone who

helped, particularly Hannah who prepared the majority of the food and Linda and Ruth for their scones. Thanks to Pam Bell who buttered bread for hours and all the rest of the committee including John, Nina and Agi who spent so long helping to get everything ready and then clearing up afterwards. Special thanks to Melissa who could barely be seen as she struggled through the vast piles of washing up and to Peter and Ruth who gifted jars of honey for the occasion.

Thank you everyone.



Deadline for the November Newsletter is 26th October