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NATURE NOTE 108

Brian Davis



O for a beaker full of the warm south/ With beaded bubbles winking at the brim. We have a wonderful yellow Hop vine growing on a trellis in the garden, though actually it grows wild on our churchyard boundary, and probably has done for generations. An interesting plant for many reasons, it is first recorded for beer-making in the 9th century, though one wonders what first tempted someone to choose these strange pendulous flowers for this purpose. Did you know that the nearest plant relative to Hop is Hemp, otherwise known as Cannabis?! And the next nearest are Stinging nettle and Elm. An unlikely grouping, you might think, but their saps must 'taste' similar since they share several insects. The caterpillar of the Comma butterfly, for instance, feeds on nettles and hop, and the parasitic Great Dodder plant also grows on both. (This latter rare plant grew in one spot in Easton for several years in the 1960s.) Our century-old apple and pear trees in the orchard are also laden with fruit this year. We don't harvest them as they are hard as nails and very bitter, but I

bet our predecessors, Dick and Dot Parnell made something from them. So Cheers! And here's to a vintage autumn!

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

<p>Sunday 4th November – 4 before Advent</p> <p>09.30 COV Parish Communion Revd. R. Lancaster 09.30 SPA Morning Worship Jill Dighton 10.45 KIM Family Service Lay 15.00 STO Evensong Jill Dighton</p>	<p>Sunday 11th November – 3 before Advent REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</p> <p>09.30 TIL Morning Worship Lay 11.00 KIM Remembrance Service Revd. R. Lancaster 11.00 STO Remembrance Service Revd. J. Rawlinson 11.00 SPA Remembrance Service Jill Dighton 18.00 EAS Remembrance Service Revd. J. Young</p>
<p>Sunday 18th November – 2 before Advent</p> <p>09.30 COV Morning Worship Lay 09.30 SPA Parish Communion Revd. J. Rawlinson 09.30 STO BCP Communion Revd. R. Lancaster 10.45 KIM Matins Revd R. Lancaster</p>	<p>Sunday 25th November – Next before Advent CHRIST THE KING</p> <p>09.30 EAS Morning Worship Lay 10.30 KIM Shared worship for St. Andrew at Great Staughton 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.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 2018

Further to the note in September's newsletter, we are pleased to announce that £250 was raised in Easton as contributions to the *Ride, Drive and Stride* event. Half of this money will come back to the Easton Church Fabric Fund, with the rest put into a general fund for the maintenance of historic churches in Cambridgeshire. Many thanks to all those who cycled, sponsored or helped in any other way.

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John Maith

The winner of the rollover draw for £50 in August was Iris Brooker, and the winner in September was Ed & Maureen Sloper - worthy winners I am sure you will agree, so congratulations! The next draw will be Saturday 27th October and as always will be the number of the bonus ball in that night's Lotto draw. Good luck to all!

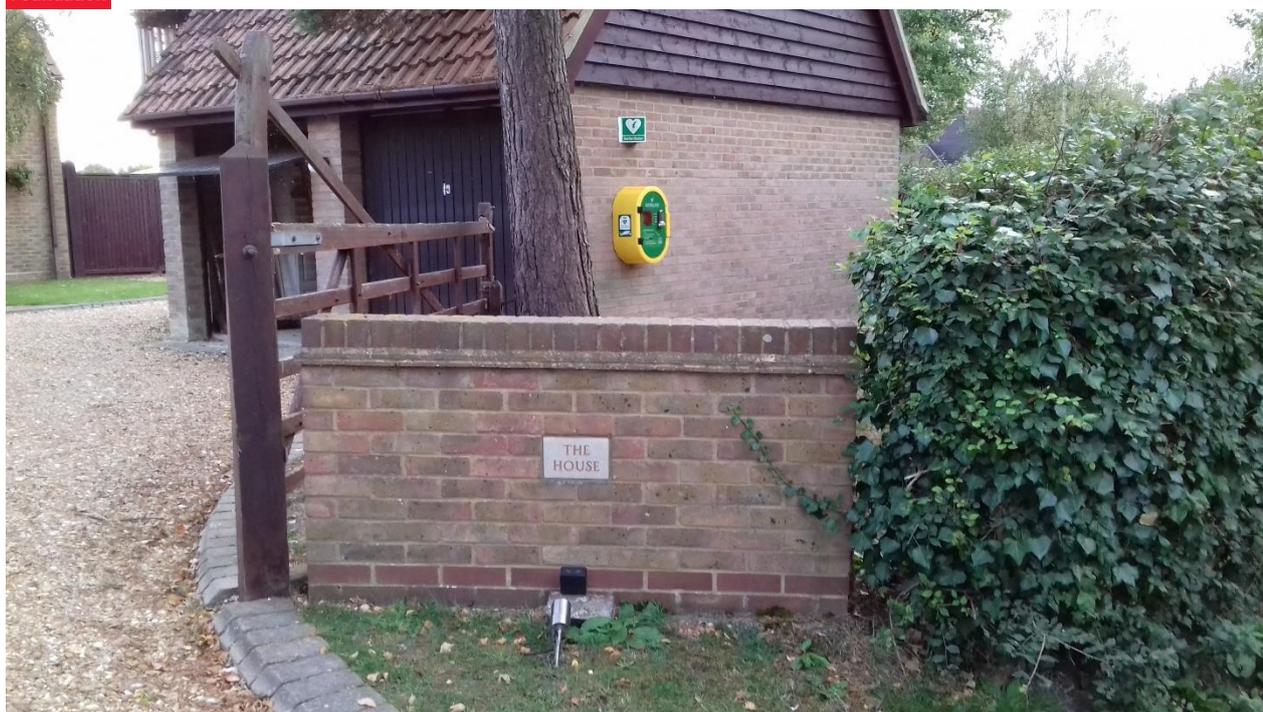
+ JOHN BROOKER

Iris Brooker

I have heard that the Donations Account in John's memory is now closed and £607.89 has been sent to Hinchingsbrooke Critical Care Centre. This is a magnificent amount and was raised mostly from donations made at John's funeral. I would like to thank all those who attended and gave so generously. I have been assured that the gift will be put to good use within the Centre.



The British Heart Foundation (BHF) has a mission to create a Nation of Lifesavers by training people to be able to perform effective and immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation



I am pleased to report that a defibrillator has been installed on the external wall of the garage at The House, The Lane, Easton to replace the one that was stolen last year. This time the unit is stored in a lockable, weatherproof box and the access code to open the box will be given to any member of the public who, in an emergency, phones 999.

The defibrillator is owned by Easton Parish Council and was financed by a grant given by Highways England A14 Legacy Fund. Training on its use will be given by East Anglia Ambulance Service on the evening of Tuesday 11th December 2018 in the church community room between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. If you are interested in attending the training, even though you may have attended previous sessions arranged by the British Heart Foundation, then please e-mail alasdairwpgraham@gmail.com as spaces are limited.



Alasdair Graham

Deadline for the November Newsletter is 26th October