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FARMERS BURTON'S OVERDUE COUNTRY TALK!

I've tried to avoid it for long enough, let's talk Brexit!! The National Farmers Union is seeking a guarantee that Brexit won't undermine British standards. Minette Batters, NFU President, wants a new commission to ensure poorly-produced food does not enter the UK food chain. Sheep farmers will have no idea if their unborn lambs will have any value after Brexit as 30% of lamb is exported to Europe. Farmers will also face big challenges with 60% of incomes being shored up by European Farm Payments and post Brexit support is only until 2020.



The Soil Association believe it will be hard for farmers, but leaving the Common Agricultural Policy is a once in a lifetime chance to mend our relationship with food, farming and the countryside. Farming will really need everyone's support. Farmers use this funding to help with costs of maintaining the countryside. Only last week we undertook a project to trim the substantial hedge and trees in our field opposite the Easton turn, to make it safer for cars to see traffic coming from Spaldwick and we have also been cutting down the trees near to the disused railway bridge, near our farm.

On a brighter note, we have had the best shooting season I can remember at Lodge Farm. It wasn't that we shot more, but it was that we have seen more pheasants, English and French partridges and woodcock than I can remember. On our first shoot we got less than we would normally but still had a great day. On our second shoot we finished shooting a 'drive' early because our 'bag' of game was about 60 and everyone had had some shooting. The birds had been flying high and fast and way more had been missed than hit! Finally, on our Cock shoot in January, which is where we shoot just cock pheasants and preserve the hens ready for the nesting season, we shot a few more cocks than normal. All these days were made even better by Jill, with the hearty hog roast that she lays on in the barn (which many would say is the highlight of the day!). We will keep feeding our pheasants until they have nested and the weather has warmed up and we will keep up on pest control to help give the pheasant and partridge chicks a good chance of survival.




MOTHERING SUNDAY – 31st MARCH



You are warmly invited to our special Mothering Sunday service in Easton Church at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, 31st March 2019. There will be flowers for all the ladies in the congregation and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please bring your families and friends to join us on this special occasion.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

3rd March (Sunday next before Lent) 09.30 COV Parish Communion Revd J. Rawlinson 09.30 SPA Morning Worship Jill Dighton 10.45 KIM Family Service Lay 15.00 STO Evensong Revd J. Rawlinson	WEDNESDAY 6th March (Ash Wednesday) 10.30 KIM Service for Ash Wednesday Revd J. Rawlinson
10th March (Lent 1) 09.30 TIL Family Service Lay 09.30 EAS Parish Communion Revd J. Young 10.45 KIM Family Communion Revd R. Lancaster	17th March (Lent 2) 10.30 COV Morning Worship Lay 09.30 STO BCP Holy Communion Revd J. Rawlinson 09.30 SPA Holy Communion Revd R. Lancaster 10.45 KIM Matins Revd J. Rawlinson
24th March (Lent 3) 09.30 TIL Parish Communion Revd J. Rawlinson 09.30 EAS Morning Worship Lay 10.45 KIM Parish Communion Revd R. Lancaster 15.00 KIM Evensong Revd J. Rawlinson	31st March (Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday)  <p style="text-align: center;">No Benefice Service</p> 09.30 STO Mothering Service Revd J Rawlinson 10.00 EAS Mothering Service Jill Dighton 10.45 KIM Mothering Service Revd R Lancaster, Revd J Rawlinson + Lay

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place this year on Thursday, 21st March at 8.00 p.m. in the Church. This is the open meeting for the village when all the annual reports are presented and anyone is welcome to speak on any concern.

KIMBOLTON SCHOOL SENIOR CHORAL CONCERT

On 24th March the Kimbolton Senior School Choir, augmented by the Kimbolton Singers, will be giving their annual choral concert in the Lewis Hall. The work chosen for this year is J. S. Bach's powerfully-dramatic *St. John Passion* in which the soprano soloist will be Philippa Hyde. It is over 20 years since Philippa last sang in her home territory. Since then she has built up a successful career which has taken her from the USA to Beijing, Norway, Sweden, Poland, Malta and even Libya. Tickets will be on sale shortly via the school's website.

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John Maith

The January winner was Terry Allum, so congratulations, Terry. This was the last round of the current year and the 2019 round will start on Saturday 23rd February. I would like to thank everyone for participating both last year and this, and hope you are successful. The funds do help maintain the church building for everyone's use, so many thanks. I will publish winners in the Village Newsletter during the year and a cheque for £25 will be delivered to those who are winners each month.

CHIMNEY SWEEP

A sure sign that spring is on the way is the visit of the chimney sweep. As usual, Mr. Barrows' son-in-law Robert Brooks will be in the village on two days, Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April 2019. The cost is unchanged from last year at £38 for a standard chimney and he does provide certificates for insurance purposes. If you would like the sweep to call, please let Jenny Hyde know (j.hyde2@btinternet.com or 891454) no later than Good Friday, 19th April! Thank you.

If anyone would like to contribute a short article on either a regular or occasional basis, please let Jenny Hyde know. All contributions will be most welcome!

Deadline for April newsletter is 25th March 2019