

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTE 111

Brian Davis



Richard and Jill Burton asked me to have a look at their Red clover fields at the top of the hill as they had noticed 'lots of butterflies and bumblebees' there during the fine weather at the beginning of August; the Red clover is harvested for 'haylage' and should make a bumper crop this year. So, Beth and I walked around the edges of two fields, on either side of the old railway bridge, at our first opportunity on 13th. It was quite cool in the morning with a sharp westerly wind, but almost immediately we put up two Painted lady butterflies. You can scarcely have avoided hearing that this is a bumper year for this migrant butterfly – we have had two in our garden and must have seen a few hundred during our week in Bulgaria. They come from southern Morocco in 2 or 3 generational hops most years and the caterpillars feed, like Eeyore, on thistles. A few steps further and I noticed three brown flower spikes of the curious, parasitic Broomrape. This has no chlorophyll but lives on the roots of Clovers. I remember seeing this plant on a roadside near here in the 1960s, but not since then.



The afternoon was warmer and in the grassy field border we saw more butterflies, particularly Common blues nestling in the long grass, the males like little blue sapphires with wings extended to catch the sun. Their caterpillars feed on Bird's-foot trefoil, and they have 2 generations a year. Meadow browns and Small heaths (right) were also quite common and one tiny Brown Argus with smoky black wings with bright red dots around the margins. Almost all the bumblebees I saw were the large



Buff-tailed variety working the clover, but Beth and Jill reported other varieties as well.

Exhibition in Memory of Ray Ellis (1933-2019) 7th & 8th September in Easton church

Those of us who knew Ray as a quiet man who loved his village and wild life may not have known that he had a great interest in photography; his vast collection of slides was carefully boxed in numerous slide boxes and the best will be on show. His photographs covered his trips abroad with Val and his walks around the footpaths of Easton and further afield. Large family portraits will also form part of the small exhibition in the church from Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September. Do come. If you can name any of the photographs or add any information about Ray and Val, please let us know.

Beth Davis, Ann and George Harlow, Clare and David Hindmarsh, and Rona Graham.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

<p>Sunday 1 September Trinity XI 09.30 COV Parish Communion – Revd. Philip Howson 09.30 SPA Morning Worship – Jill Dighton 10.45 KIM Family Service (Teddy Bears’ Picnic) – Pamela and Phil 18.00 STO Evensong – Revd. John Rawlinson</p>	<p>Sunday 8 September Trinity XII 09.30 TIL Family Service – Churchwarden 09.30 EAS Parish Communion – Revd. Phil Howson 10.45 KIM Family Communion – Revd. Phil Howson</p>
<p>Sunday 15 September Trinity XIII 09.30 COV Morning Worship – Churchwarden 09.30 STO Family Communion – Revd. John Rawlinson 09.30 SPA Parish Communion – Revd. Phil Howson 10.45 KIM Matins – Revd. Ron Lancaster 11.00 BAR Parish Communion – Revd. Phil Howson 18.00 EAS Harvest – Revd. Phil Howson</p>	<p>Sunday 22 September Trinity XIV 09.30 TIL Parish Communion – Revd. Phil Howson 09.30 EAS Morning Worship – Churchwarden 10.45 KIM Parish Communion – Revd. Phil Howson 18.00 KIM – Revd. Phil Howson</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 29 September Trinity XV 10.45 EASTON Group Service – Revd. Phil Howson plus team</p>	

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL – EASTON UNITED CHARITIES

- nomination of Parish Council representatives

As you may know, Easton United Charities is managed by six trustees, two of whom are nominated by the Parish Council. As the tenure of the current Easton Parish Council nominated trustees is due to expire, the Parish Council is required to make appointments that have a term of office of four years. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please contact the Parish Council by e-mail to: clerk_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01480 890332 by 15th September. The appointment of the trustees will take place on 26th September 2019 at the next Parish Council meeting.

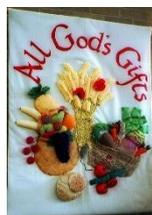
The key purpose of Easton United Charities is to safeguard the assets of the charity and the income derived from those assets. After the payment of relevant expenses, the trustees are responsible for the disbursement of income in accordance with the governance of the charity. There are four scheduled meetings a year and one additional meeting held to inspect the fields. If you would like further information, the current Trustees are John Maith, Chris Charlton, Helen Mayer, Simon Malivoire and Kathy Yates any one of whom would be pleased to help.

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John Maith

The winner in June was Ed and Maureen Sloper and the July winner was Clive Wood. Congratulations to Ed, Maureen and Clive. The next draw will be on Saturday 31 August, so good luck to all.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



You are warmly invited to our special Harvest Festival Service in the Church at 6 p.m. on Sunday, 15th September. Children are especially welcome and will have an opportunity to take their produce to the altar if they wish. Refreshments will be served after the service.

We should be most grateful for extra help with decorating the Church on the afternoon of Saturday, 14th September, and for gifts of fruit and vegetables which will be taken later to the Manor Cheshire Home in Brampton.

CHCT ANNUAL RIDE, DRIVE AND STRIDE DAY

The Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust sponsored event will take place on Saturday, 14th September. Participants can cycle, drive or walk round their local churches, raising money through sponsorship. There are signing-in forms at each church. Half the money raised will go to the participant’s own church and the other half to the CHCT Central Fund. Any offers of participation will be most welcome. Sponsorship forms can be obtained from Roger Silcock (01480-890455) or you can just turn up on the day and give any money raised to Roger afterwards.

Deadline for the October Newsletter will be 23rd September 2019