

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTES 112



Three autumns ago, I found the rather striking Beefsteak bracket at the base of the large oak tree up the Spaldwick track, which seems very healthy, and also this strange yellow Chicken of the Woods on my old plum tree, which is still bearing fruit. I remember, too, a very large Dryad's saddle bracket on a stump near the village pump, perhaps 10 years ago, and still think I could get to grips with this group, so would welcome reports of other bracket fungi that you notice.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 2019

Thank you to everyone who sponsored and took part in the Ride, Drive and Stride event. A total of £120 was raised and half of this amount will come back to the Easton Church Fabric Fund, with the rest going to a general fund for the maintenance of historic churches in Cambridgeshire.



Brian Davis

This is the high season for fungi, and they are popping up all over our garden and in the churchyard. Most of them are cap, stalk and gill mushrooms, with about 1,000 species in Britain, and there is no simple key for non-experts, so I find myself simply looking at pictures in four books and turning a hundred pages before coming to a conclusion – mostly wrong! I spent 2 days recently naming 8 fungi from our garden and churchyard and then sent pictures to Sheila Wells – and got 4 right. So, when Mike Baker asked me to identify a bracket fungus on a big beech tree, I took a photograph. Now, most bracket fungi have pores on the undersides, not gills, so I knew it wasn't the dreaded Honey fungus, and as there are only about 60 'polypore' bracket fungi in my books I thought it shouldn't be too difficult to name this one, but when I showed the picture to a group of experts they named it as Lacquered bracket, which is rather rare and not in any of my books, saying it 'was not good news for the tree.'

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

<p>Sunday 3rd November 09.30 COV Parish Communion – Revd. Phil Howson 09.30 SPA Morning Worship – Jill Dighton 10.45 KIM Family service – Revd. Pamela Sault 15.00 STO Evensong – Revd. John Rawlinson</p>	<p>Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday 09.30 TIL Service of Remembrance – Warden 09.30 Bicton/Stow airfield – Remembrance – Phil 10.30 SPA Remembrance – Jill Dighton 10.30 STO Remembrance – Revd. John Rawlinson 10.30 KIM Remembrance – Revd. Phil Howson 18.00 EAS Remembrance – Revd. Phil Howson</p>
<p>Sunday 17th November 09.30 COV Morning Worship – Warden 09.30 STO Family Communion – Revd. Phil Howson 09.30 SPA Parish Communion – Revd. John Rawlinson 10.45 KIM Morning Worship – Revd. Ron Lancaster 11.00 BAR Parish Communion – Revd. Phil Howson 15.00 COV Children’s Service – Revd. Phil Howson and Kathy Henson</p>	<p>Sunday 24th November 09.30 TIL Parish Communion – Revd. John Rawlinson 09.30 EAS Morning Worship – Warden/Jill Dighton 10.45 KIM Parish Communion – Revd. Ron Lancaster 15.00 KIM Evensong – Revd. Phil Howson</p>

EASTON VISIT FROM SEAN

Malcolm

Halliday

It is a long time since villagers contributed towards a present for Sean, our postman for many years. We originally thought we would invite him to a Big Breakfast but shift patterns got in the way. I have now invited him and his wife Diane to the Mulled Wine and Minced Pie event in the church, on Sunday, 8 December at 12.00 noon. He will be able to meet up with old friends and we can give him the money and cards which were collected.

FIREWORKS REMINDER

if you are planning a fireworks display, please bear in mind the proximity of thatched properties with their attendant fire risks. This is also, of course, a time to shut up your pets and check the bonfire for hibernating hedgehogs or other small animals before you light it!



ANNUAL CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP

The annual churchyard tidy is scheduled for Sunday November 17th. starting at 11.00 a.m. All help will be much appreciated and there will be bacon sandwiches and coffee as usual for all participants; there is always plenty to do, sweeping leaves, clearing weeds round the church walls etc., and this year is no exception, in spite of the builders’ activities around the chancel. If it is raining, we will postpone it until the following Sunday November 24th.

Deadline for the December Newsletter will be 25th November 2019

