

# Easton Village Newsletter

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### NATURE NOTE 114



I saw this lovely little Wasp beetle, *Clytus arietis*, in our porch last year. Like many hoverflies, it mimics a wasp not just in appearance but in its jerky movements, which are no doubt part of its protection from predators, for it is really quite harmless and I was happy to let it run over my finger. The larvae live in dead wood, of which we had quite a lot – until recently, when the latest gale blew down three dead elms along our boundary. Dead wood is host to a legion of specialist insects from the little Elm bark beetle, which is the vector for Dutch elm disease, to the Giant woodwasp, which resembles a hornet with a huge ovipositor that looks like a sting. Such insects are, of course, important for woodpeckers, of which we have a resident

pair. The second beetle is a Cockchafer, sometimes called a Maybug or Doodlebug, which came to a light trap set up for moths in our garden. These used to be common in the past, when they often flew around lights at night and sometimes in through an open window. The larvae of these live in the soil, feeding on roots for three years before becoming adult, but they have become quite scarce since the ploughing up of much of the grassland in Easton and conversion to arable land in the 1960s. We hear so much these days of the decline of insects generally, that I feel one needs to record such interesting species. And what of the things that feed on them? Anyone seen a hedgehog, or a toad or a frog?



Brian Davis

### ED SLOPER R.I.P.

Villagers will have been greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ed Sloper on 18<sup>th</sup> February and we will all wish to offer our sympathy and support to Maureen. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 a.m. in Easton Church and all are welcome. The service will be followed by a cremation at Kettering.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY – 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH



You are warmly invited to our special Mothering Sunday Service in St. Peter's Church at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. There will be flowers from the children 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.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Easton Parish Council will be held on 12th March 2020 at 8.00 pm in St Peter's Church, Easton. This is the open meeting where all villagers are welcome to attend and speak or raise matters of interest to the Parish. County & District Councillor Ian Gardener has been invited to attend.

### EASTON'S GOT TALENT! - ROB BURTON and MICHAEL LAWSON

Following his prize-winning performances in the 2018 *BBC Young Musician of the Year* competition, where he won the Woodwind Final and progressed to the Grand Final, Rob Burton has performed Classical Saxophone at Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, Southwark Cathedral, St John's Smith Square and as a soloist with the 'Orchestra of the City', the Jersey Symphony Orchestra and numerous others. He is looking forward to performing **Paul Carr's Saxophone Concerto** on the 21st March 2020 at the fantastic Southwell Minster, Nottinghamshire (Paul Carr was recommended to arrange this for Rob by the World's most famous oboist, Nicholas Daniel, as he thought Rob would be the saxophonist that would do it justice). Rob is thrilled to be playing at Southwell Minster with the English *Pro Musica* String Orchestra; also, the fabulous Nottingham Trent University Chamber Choir will be performing Paul Carr's *Stabat Mater*. Details can be found on Rob's website



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[www.robburtonsax.co.uk/concerts](http://www.robburtonsax.co.uk/concerts) or the box office 01158371950. Why not go and spend a day in the beautiful Southwell countryside, have a delicious meal and join Rob at the Minster in the evening?

If you cannot manage 21<sup>st</sup> March, there will be another opportunity to hear Rob, in company with Easton resident **Michael Lawson**, who has no fewer than six compositions being performed at 7.30 p.m. on the following Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, in London at All Souls, Langham Place! Four of Michael's works will be First Performances. Rob will be playing in three items during the evening. To tempt you further, if there is sufficient interest, it is planned to run a minibus direct from Easton to the venue. The cost for this will be not more than £15 for transport (depending on numbers) and £10 for tickets. There are several restaurants in the area and time will be allowed in order to get something to eat beforehand. If you are interested in this, please contact Kathy Yates on [ivan\\_kathy@hotmail.com](mailto:ivan_kathy@hotmail.com), or mobile number 07810 224545 or on 01480 891656. no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

<p><b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>            09.30 COV Parish Communion - Revd. Pamela Soult            09.30 SPA Morning Worship - Jill Dighton            10.45 KIM Family Service: Fair Trade - Revd. Phil Howson            15.00 STO Evensong - Revd. Phil Howson</p>	<p><b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>            09.30 TIL Family Service - Revd. Phil Howson            09.30 EAS Parish Communion - Revd. John Rawlinson            10.45 KIM Family Communion - Revd. Phil Howson            16.00 SPA All Age Worship - Revd. Phil &amp; Team in  <b>Spaldwick Community Room</b>, Ferriman Road</p>
<p><b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>            09.30 COV Morning Worship - Warden            09.30 SPA Parish Communion - Revd. Phil Howson            10.45 BAR Parish Communion - Revd. Phil Howson            10.45 KIM Parish Communion - Revd. Ron Lancaster            12.00 KIM Lent Lunch            16.00 STO Family Communion - Revd. John Rawlinson</p>	<p><b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Mothering Sunday</b>  <b>10.00 EAS Mothering Sunday service - Jill Dighton</b>            09.30 TIL Mothering Sunday service – Revd. John Rawlinson            10.45 KIM Mothering Sunday service - Revd. Phil Howson            15.00 KIM Evensong - Revd. Ron Lancaster            16.00 SPA All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday - Revd. Phil &amp; Team. (Please note that the venue for this is <b>in Church</b>, not the Community Room).</p>
<p><b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <b>10.45 KIMBOLTON - Group Service - Revd. Phil Howson</b>  <b>12.00 Kimbolton - AGM and APCM</b></p>	

### 59 CLUB

**John Maith**

The January winner was Phil & Pam Bell, so congratulations Phil & Pam. This is the last month of the current round, so I hope you will all continue in 2020, which is a great help in keeping the Church building in good order. I hope to have the next round up and running for a February draw, which will be the Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, and as usual, the winning number will be the bonus ball number in the National lottery. If you wish to have a number and do not already do so, please contact me at 891647 or e-mail [maiths60@hotmail.com](mailto:maiths60@hotmail.com). Good luck in 2020.

### GOOSEY CLOSE PLAYING FIELD

Last year the Parish Council drew attention to the nuisance of dog poo on the playing field. They would like to remind everyone that the Parish Council maintain the field on a regular basis to enable the playing of football and other sports; they also replaced the bin, which is only to be used for rubbish and is NOT for dog walkers to use as a bin for dog poo bags. No pets are allowed in the playing field at any time. Please respect this request and encourage others to do so, too.



**Deadline for the April Newsletter is 23<sup>rd</sup> March**