

Easton Village Newsletter

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**** LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER ****

Anyone who watched/participated in the first couple of online church services for our benefice will have seen Clive Wood (egged on by Phil) deliver the usual “notices” before the service began. In his usual inimitable style, he announced “Here are the Notices: there are no notices and nothing is going on.” Generally speaking, this newsletter is going to be pretty much the same, but it may afford a few moments diversion! Take care and keep well....

IT'S TIME TO WANT
WHAT WE HAVE, NOT
HAVE WHAT WE WANT

NATURE NOTES NO. 115



I found this lovely little Goldilocks buttercup growing in the elm spinney with the path running through it towards the Treatment Works. I have never seen it growing in Easton before, but it is easily overlooked. You can recognise it by its small flowers, often missing a petal or two, and its whorl of narrow stem leaves. This makes the fourth kind of buttercup growing in Easton, the more common Meadow, Creeping and Bulbous buttercups appearing a little later. Close cousins, such as Lesser Celandine and Marsh marigold have been lighting up the sides of the Brook for some time now with their golden flowers, but this other tiny little member of the family, Mouse tail, is quite a rarity. I spotted it this time last year growing on the edges of the little muddy pond behind the first old



oak tree up the Spaldwick track. The record duly appeared in the annual report of the Hunts Fauna & Flora Society as the County Recorder's “favourite record of the year... and only the second location in the last 20 years”. It gets its name from the seed head in the centre of the five petals, which elongates as it matures – like a mouse's tail, *Myosurus*, to Latin buffs.

Brian Davis

Footnote from Jenny Hyde

Has anyone noticed the small fish that have appeared in the pool below the ford in Easton? And does anyone know what they are? No tadpoles to be seen, sadly....

GWEN PRIGMORE R.I.P.

Many of you will know that, very sadly, Gwen Prigmore passed away recently at Hunters Down Care Home in Huntingdon. Geoff, as you can imagine, has been devastated by her loss and says: “I would like to thank all the many friends in Easton for their kindness and support since the loss of my much-loved wife Gwen. I have received many cards and letters which have been a great help to me in these most difficult of times. As it was not possible to hold a Funeral Service in our village church, a Memorial Thanksgiving Service will be arranged to celebrate Gwen's life in St Peter's church, when permissible”. I am sure that most of you would wish to attend the Service and you will be advised of the arrangements when they are made.

CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

As you will appreciate, our churches have to remain closed for the foreseeable future, and until this situation changes you can access a Holy Communion service every Sunday on YouTube – bring your own bread and wine. Links to this, and to the daily service of Morning Prayer, can be accessed either directly on YouTube or via the church website – www.kymchurch.org.uk.

59 CLUB

John Maith

The 59 Club is up and running, even if most of us are in lockdown. There were two or three members I did not see before the lockdown, but your numbers ARE in the draw each month. The winner in February was Rona Graham, and the winner in March wished to remain anonymous to avoid begging letters, but it was Chris Charlton. Sorry Chris. Congratulations to both Rona and Chris and the next draw will be on Saturday 25th April. These are strange times, so keep safe and good luck in the next draw.

MADDIE HAS A BIRTHDAY!



It's hard to reach the great age of 10 years and be unable to celebrate with your friends or have a party. This is what happened to Maddie Perry on 20th April 2020 during Lockdown, so unbeknown to her, her friends and neighbours organised a birthday surprise for her: at 11 o'clock on the Monday morning about 20+ people from The Lane and from Broadweir gathered – socially-distanced, of course – outside her house. A text message asked her to come outside and she was greeted with a resounding rendition of Happy Birthday (several times over, actually!) accompanied by Phil Bell on his keyboard from his front garden! We hope she enjoyed the fuss. The adults certainly did!!



UNTITLED *(with apologies to those who have already seen this)*

Matt Kelly 2020

I'll tell you a tale, that's been recently written.
Of a powerful army, so Great it saved Britain.

They didn't have bombs and they didn't have planes.
They fought with their hearts and they fought with their brains.

They didn't have bullets, armed just with a mask.
We sent them to war, with one simple task.

To show us the way, to lead and inspire us.
To protect us from harm and fight off the virus.

It couldn't be stopped by our bullet proof vests.
An invisible enemy, invaded our chests.

So we called on our weapon, our soldiers in Blue.
"All Doctors, All Nurses, Your Country needs you".

We clapped on our streets, hearts bursting with pride.
As they went off to war, while we stayed inside.

They struggled at first, as they searched for supplies.
But they stared down the virus, in the whites of its eyes.

They leaped from the trenches and didn't think twice.
Some never came back, the ultimate price.

So tired, so weary, yet still they fought on.
As the virus was beaten and the battle was won.

The many of us, owe so much, to so few.
The brave and the bold, our heroes in Blue.

So let's line the streets and remember our debt.
We love you, our heroes,
Lest we forget.

Deadline for the June Newsletter is 24th May