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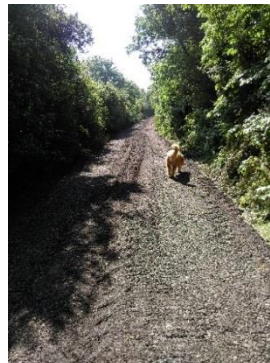
HARTHAM STREET IMPROVEMENT



Before



During...



The completed work

Vicky Arbuthnott

Early in the morning of June 15th, we'd heard several heavy trucks rumble past our garden as they travelled through Easton and commented on where they could be heading....

I followed a little while later to take our dog for a walk and was surprised to find a Highway Maintenance truck parked at the entrance to Hartham Street! I parked next to the lorry and

the driver explained that they were beginning to work on the by-way, leaving the contents of their three trucks that day and returning with more materials over the next few days. I began to walk along the track and met another workman who said they'd also be working overnight, when all the hardcore had been delivered, until the path was restored.

Hartham Street was last resurfaced in 2009, when Brian Davis notes that gates were installed to prevent vehicular use in wet weather. Unfortunately, over the years, the path had degraded to such an extent that it was almost unusable by walkers, cyclists and drivers. Now, however, the hardcore has been deposited from just beyond the metal gate nearest Easton and stretches almost all the way to the bottom of the hill up to Grafham. Those of us who have enjoyed this walk in the past can now do so again - without the risk of a sprained ankle or worse!!

59 CLUB

John Maith

I hope you are all well, and staying safe - or is it alert? Anyway, the April winner of the draw was Kathy Yates and the May winner was Terry Allum. Congratulations to both Kathy and Terry. The next draw will be on Saturday 27th June, so good luck to all.

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

In line with Government guidelines, currently it is still not possible to hold Parish Council meetings in public. Easton Parish Council has scheduled a Parish Council meeting via 'Zoom' on 2nd July 2020 at 8pm. If you are not already on the Parish Council mailing list and would like details and the password to attend, please email: clerk_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk, by 30th June if possible. Thank you.

CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY

Revd. Phil Howson

Our churches have continued to remain closed, but every Sunday you can access a church service, led by our own team of clergy, on YouTube. There are also daily services with a "Daily Ramble" and morning prayer. In addition, for those without internet capability, the Church of England has set up a telephone "hot line" called *Daily Hope* with hymns, reflections and prayers. This is available on 0800-804-8044.

However, the Government have now given permission to re-open churches from July 5th. Our Vicar, the Revd. Phil Howson, has met with the Ministry Team and considered a number of issues with them, and would like to consult with you on our approach to re-opening. Would you please take a look at this post on our website and

come back to me with your thoughts within the next week or so? This will then help us plan appropriately. Many thanks. <https://www.kymchurch.org.uk/wp2/index.php/2020/06/24/consultation-on-re-starting-church/>

CHIMNEY SWEEP



With lockdown easing, our usual sweep (Mr. Barrows' son-in-law) will make his annual visit to Easton on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, **9th, 10th and 11th September**. He is working on his own now, so if you would like him to call, he would appreciate bookings as soon as possible, please. To fix a date and time, please contact Jenny Hyde by email at j.hyde2@btinternet.com or by telephone on 891454 (he starts at 7.30 a.m.!).

WILDLIFE IN EASTON



Of all the benefits we enjoy here in Easton, especially during Lockdown, our access to the countryside must be one of the greatest. On May Day, Vicky Arbuthnott heard a Cuckoo up near Grafham Water which flew right overhead, although she was unable to get a photograph of it. However, a few days later she found this tiny little egg shell, followed by three more a few days later. She believes they may have been laid by a Dunnock – a bird apparently favoured by the cuckoo as a foster parent for its eggs – and maybe a fledgling pushed the original eggs out.

Back at the start of the lockdown, Margaret Halliday thought they might possibly have a hedgehog in their garden so she bought a hedgehog house and food. Malcolm set up a wildlife camera to monitor the wild nightlife (!) in the garden and sure enough, to their delight, their very own hedgehog appeared! On the second night there was a badger, too. Margaret says that any names for him/her will be gratefully received!



BRIAN JOLLY 28.11.48 - 28.05.20

Brian, who was often known as Joe, was buried in Easton churchyard on Thursday, 18th June. His parents moved to Easton in 1954 and he was the second youngest of six children - he had two sisters and three brothers. He attended Spaldwick school and St. Peter's in Huntingdon. As a young man, he helped out by driving tractors on Sid Rowlett's farm in the village. He then worked as a lorry driver for Bedfordia in Ellington for ten years before working for the family firm, Jolly Brothers, where he drove his own vehicle for 35 years.

His great interest was stock car racing – spectating and working on machine maintenance. He passed on this enthusiasm to his son Guy, whom he fitted out with his own stock car when he was 18. The presence of three stock cars parked on the verge outside the church at his funeral testified to his passion for the sport.

Members of the Jolly family were involved in the life of Easton village for many years until the family house was sold in 2018. Brian was a kind man who was always willing to help others in any way. His funeral was well-attended despite the Covid-19 restrictions and the wet weather. He will be very much missed by his family and many local people.

Deadline for the August Newsletter is 26th July