

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



*James getting on well with the wheat harvest.*

The weather is making farming a real challenge this year. When we wanted dry weather to allow us to get on with drilling in the Spring, the rain wouldn't stop and when we finally got our crops growing in the fields, we had the driest May on record. We were very lucky that our Spring barley didn't go flat in the strong wind and thunder storms last week, even when we recorded 45mm in one day and we have now got it safely in the barn. We also started the wheat over last weekend and have been delayed by several showers but hopefully may get it harvested before the next deluge comes this weekend. Farmers in East Anglia have been experiencing similar yields as me, with 20% reductions in barley and 25% down in wheat. Hopefully, prices may reflect these shortfalls. We have waited

until these crops could be harvested without having to dry much when we get it into store - the sunshine is a lot cheaper than my electric fan!

The UK self-sufficiency has fallen from 80% in the 1980's to 64% now. This is the proportion of food that we consume and is produced here. In the wake of Covid-19 and the pressure put on the food supply chain, this has sent a clear statement to the government about the need to prioritise home grown food production and the NFU succeeded in obtaining over a million people who signed a petition on food and farming standards.

## CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

**N.B. For all services, please bring your own chair and mask, and for services of Holy Communion you will also require your own hand sanitiser.**

| <b>Date</b>                     | <b>Time</b>       | <b>Place</b>  | <b>Type of Service</b>          |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup> September  | 10.30 a.m.        | Stow Longa    | Outdoor service                 |
|                                 | 10.30 a.m.        | Kimbolton     | Outdoor service                 |
|                                 | 5.00 p.m.         | ZOOM          | Evening prayer & chat           |
| Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> September | <b>10.30 a.m.</b> | <b>Easton</b> | <b>Outdoor Harvest Festival</b> |
|                                 | 5.00 p.m.         | ZOOM          | Evening prayer & chat           |
| Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> September | 10.30 a.m.        | Barham        | Outdoor Communion               |
|                                 | 5.00 p.m.         | ZOOM          | Evening prayer & chat           |
| Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> September | ALL DAY           | ZOOM          | Benefice Harvest Festival       |

In addition to the above, there will be a regular service of Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. every Wednesday in Kimbolton Church

## ST. PETER S CHURCH APPEAL FOR FUNDS

**St. Peter s PCC**

Following an appeal from the Treasurer in July, we are very grateful indeed to all those who responded, either by setting up a Standing Order, by making a donation or by reviewing their existing giving. This has resulted in new Standing Orders

totalling £60 per month and donations to date totalling £1,140. Whilst thanking everyone for their generosity, we should add that it is not too late if anyone cares to take action now and any further help will be hugely appreciated.

## **59 CLUB**

**John Maith**

Hope everyone is remaining safe, well and alert. The '59 Club', at least, continues and the June winners were Dave Palmer and Rachel Mawson, and the July winners were Simon and Janey Malivoire. Congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the rest of us. The next draw will be on Saturday, 29th August and, as usual, the winning number will be the bonus ball from the National Lottery Lotto draw on that day. Good Luck!

## **NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE**

**Easton Parish Council**

Cambridgeshire County Council have notified the Parish Council of the closure of The Lane as lies between Blenheim Cottage and Orchard House to facilitate sewer, water and electricity connection works. It will come into operation on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and continue until these works have finished. However, it is now anticipated that these works will not be carried out until between 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Access will be maintained to properties affected by this order. The usual diversion will apply.

## **EASTON PARISH COUNCIL - DEFIBRILLATOR**

A new location is required for the defibrillator. It has been necessary to remove this recently from where, with thanks to Rona (and Alasdair) Graham, it has been for the past three years. As primarily a village asset, would anyone care to suggest a site which is considered to be easily accessible and convenient to all.

The emergency services have been advised that the defibrillator is out of use and unavailable, which is hoped to be only temporary, until a new home is arranged. If you can help with its repositioning, obviously this does need to be very much as soon as possible, please speak to any Parish Councillor or email to: [clerk\\_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clerk_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk) Thank you.

## **GWENNYTH F. PRIGMORE**

**Geoff Prigmore**

A memorial service is being arranged under the auspices of the Revd. Philip Howson and will take place at St. Peter's Church, Easton on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 11 a.m. There will be little room in the church because of Covid-19 restrictions but the service will be relayed outside if necessary and weather conditions allowing. Please come to pay your respects to a dear friend if you can. I look forward to seeing you. Thank you. For more information please contact Clive or the Vicar.

## **VILLAGE HISTORY IN PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Simon Malivoire**

I have been entrusted with a number of historic village photographs, which I have scanned and uploaded. I am very keen on running a project of collecting village photos across the decades and have plans to turn this into a digital book available on-line for everyone to access. The project is going to take a while (many months, if not years). If you have any photographs, not of people but of the village itself or from village events, and would be willing to share them in this way, I would be very grateful if you would please get in touch with me at [sjmalivoire@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sjmalivoire@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 07444 212 684. I am particularly interested in archive photos of the 80s, 90s, and early 2000. With people's permission, I would like to take a digital copy of any originals and upload them as part of this project. Thank you.

## **LIBRARY@HOME SERVICE**

This service is open to any Cambridgeshire residents who fit a set criteria, including anyone who usually relies heavily on reading books or listening to audiobooks AND who is either housebound or shielding/isolating due to age or health conditions under the current COVID-19 Government guidelines. People accepted for this service will be contacted by a member of the Library@Home Team who will arrange a doorstep delivery of specially chosen books/audiobooks. Deliveries will be monthly (by prior arrangement) and previously loaned books/audiobooks will be picked up when new ones are delivered. To enquire about the Revised Library@Home Service you can contact us:

By email - [volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

By phone – 07442 022 926 or 07342 700308

A member of Library@Home team will respond to the referral.

## **EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Government guidelines currently still in force preclude public meetings and it is not possible to hold a Parish Council meeting in the Church. Easton Parish Council has scheduled a meeting via 'Zoom' on 3rd September 2020 at 8pm. If you are not already on the Parish Council mailing list and would like details and the link to attend please email: [clerk\\_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clerk_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk) . Thank you.

***Deadline for the October Newsletter is 24<sup>th</sup> September***