

Easton Village Newsletter

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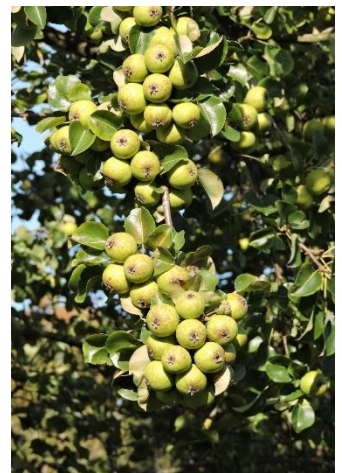
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NATURE NOTE 117

Brian Davis



What a season of mellow fruitfulness we are having in our orchard this year, the boughs bent with apples, full of ripeness to the core – as Keats so aptly put it. This picture shows the fruit of four trees planted perhaps in the late 19th century, since all their trunks were already hollow in 1972 when we first came here nearly 50 years ago; those we ourselves have planted show no such signs of age. Top left and top right are two old varieties, Early Victoria and Emneth, named for us by a Monks Wood colleague, Ian Newton, who kept an orchard of unusual varieties. The former are lovely cooking apples but two of the original old trees have died and one has a single surviving branch so we have planted two more, propagated for us from grafts at



Riverside Nurseries a few years ago. The Emneth was obviously produced around the village of that name near Wisbech, close to where Ian lived. The apples top centre are beautiful and make good jelly, but too sharp to eat or cook. We wonder whether old Dick Parnell made cider from them! Below these three apples is a pear and a 'crab-pear' produced by vigorous young trunks growing from the original – presumably wild – rootstock. The 'cultivated' pears are hard and not juicy and now appear at the tops of two old trees some 15 to 20 feet high so are unobtainable, while the crab-pears hang like golf-balls in dense clusters until they fall and cover the ground. This bounty must help to support Blackbirds and Fieldfares in winter, but also the population of rabbits that dig holes everywhere in the orchard. Old Dick would have lived on the natural productivity of this garden, supplemented by a few chickens, and herrings from the market.

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Date	Time	Place	Type of Service	
Sun. 4 th October	09.30	Covington	Parish Communion	Rev. P. Howson
	09.30	Spaldwick	Morning Worship	Jill Dighton
	10.45	Kimbolton	Harvest Festival	Rev. P. Howson
	18.00	Stow Longa	Evensong	Rev. P. Howson
Sun. 11 th October	09.30	Easton	Parish Communion	Rev. P. Howson
	10.45	Kimbolton	Family Communion	Rev. P. Soult
	16.00	Spaldwick	Harvest – IN CHURCH	Rev. P. Howson
Sun. 18 th October	09.30	Covington	Morning Worship/Harvest	Churchwarden
	09.30	Stow Longa	Family Communion	Rev. P. Howson
	10.45	Kimbolton	Matins	Rev. R. Lancaster/Wardens
	11.00	Barham	Parish Communion	Rev. P. Howson
Sun. 25 th October <i>Bible Sunday</i>	09.30	Tilbrook	Parish Communion	Rev. P. Howson
	09.30	Easton	Morning Worship	Mike Baker
	10.45.	Kimbolton	Parish Communion	Rev. P. Howson
	16.00	Spaldwick	Family Worship – IN CHURCH	Rev. P. Howson/Jill Dighton

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

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Easton Parish Council has scheduled a Parish Council meeting via 'Zoom' on 15th October 2020 at 8pm. If you are not already on the Parish Council mailing list and would like details and the link to join the meeting please email: clerk_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk. thank you.

VICAR'S LETTER

Revd. Phil Howson

Dear Friends

I'm pleased to announce that we are starting a normal pattern of indoor services from October. I am also pleased to tell you that we are extending the space allocated for cremated remains. This will be to the left of the church door alongside the main part of the building. We hope this extended choice will be of benefit. We have also agreed a Churchyard Policy based on the Diocesan Rules and expectations. Being a local charity, we have to follow rules based on national policy and law and we hope our policy will help you and your loved ones, should you approach us for support during bereavement. You can find the text of that policy here: <https://www.kymchurch.org.uk/wp2/wp-content/uploads/Churchyard-Policy-for-St-Peter.pdf> it has links to the Diocesan regulations and fees for your reference.

External groups may now hire the church as long as they are Covid-19 compliant, so please do get in contact if you would like to use the space. And finally - we would like to thank you for your financial support. Cash-flow has been tough lately during lockdown and your contributions keep your church alive.

'BATTLE' OF HUNTINGDON REVEALED IN NEW EXHIBITION

Charles Nixon



An invading army arriving in Huntingdon, looting households and taking away hostages including the town's Mayor may seem far-fetched, but did really happened 375 years ago last month. A new exhibition, at the Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon, looks at what happened when the Civil War reached the area in 1645. There will be some rarely seen artefacts displayed for this exhibit, including a newspaper from 1645 relating the story of the occupation, and bullets excavated during the recent A14 archaeological digs which may come from this period.

The 'Battle' of Huntingdon exhibit opens at the Cromwell Museum on Saturday 29 August and will run until 15 November during normal Museum opening hours. Subject to the latest Covid restrictions, the Museum is open Tuesday – Saturday from 11am – 4pm, with admission free of charge. A possible half-term activity?

GOOSEY CLOSE

Easton Parish Council



The Parish Council is pleased that the re-opening of the play area in the Goosey Close field is permitted. The area is still undergoing refurbishment with new play bark to be spread and the replacement of the new scooter to be fitted. One swing in each bay has had to be removed to conform to HM Government advice with regard to social distancing. A hand sanitizing gel dispenser has been placed by the gate for your use, please use this and try to adhere to the social distancing advice for your own and other peoples' safety. If you have any problem please speak to any Parish Councillor or leave a message on 01480 890332. Thank you for your help and understanding.

THANK YOU...

Easton PCC

to everyone who so generously donated provisions to the Manor Cheshire Home in Brampton for our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday September 13th. They are most grateful for our support and have written to us with their thanks. We had a lovely sunny day for the service which was held in the churchyard and was very well supported, both by Easton people and by quite a few from other parishes in the group. A special thank you to Philip Howson and to all who took part or helped in any way.

CHURCHYARD GATE

Beth Davis



Have you noticed that the old churchyard gates, crippled with age, have been returned, beautifully reconstructed? They were part of the church restoration of 1869-1903 by John Ladds and Inskip Ladds, the church architects. Inskipp Ladds probably designed them as his drawings are in the Norris Museum, St Ives. The plan is to rebuild more of the churchyard wall which was begun some years ago, and which continues to be funded by donations given by families and friends to the church in the Easton Church Fabric Fund.

Deadline for the November Newsletter is 24th October