

# Easton Village Newsletter

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### NATURE NOTES 120

Brian Davis



Where are the songs of Spring? Well, of course, we have been hearing the ‘song-twice-over’ Thrush for several weeks, but the first Chiff-chaff Warbler arrived in our garden on 30<sup>th</sup> March, followed by a Blackcap on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Isn’t it fascinating how regular these two heralds of spring are, despite the vagaries of weather and the gauntlets of migration? In the previous two years they were first heard on 30<sup>th</sup> March and 8<sup>th</sup> April, and on 1<sup>st</sup> April and 11<sup>th</sup> April respectively. The song I really want to hear is the gentle purring of the Turtle dove, pictured here in a special British Trust for Ornithology bulletin. It is a

few years since I heard them in Easton village but probably the best chance will be around Lodge Farm and Savages Spinney where I have heard them more recently, as they like tall hedgerows. This lovely bird has declined by 95% in the past 25 years and the BTO is conducting a special survey between May and September this year, so please report any sightings or hearings. The BTO has concluded its special study of Spotted flycatchers, but Michael Holdsworth is continuing his interest, and I have published a little article entitled A Flycatcher Diary, bringing together all my diary records for Easton over the past 20 years (which I could print out for anyone interested). Their first appearance in our garden has ranged from 11<sup>th</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> July, but those arriving after mid-June were probably starting a second brood, and the median date for starting a first brood comes at 30<sup>th</sup> May.

### **SAVE THE CHILDREN APPEAL**

As usual at this time of year, *Save the Children* have their annual appeal and the Kimbolton Branch arrange collections around the local villages. Unfortunately, owing to Covid guidelines, house-to-house collections where cash is handled are not now considered advisable. However, SCF does have a “JustGiving” page and it is suggested that if anyone would like to give in this way, it would be very much appreciated. The address is: [www.justgiving.com/team/SavetheChildren-KimboltonandDistrict](http://www.justgiving.com/team/SavetheChildren-KimboltonandDistrict).



Easton has always been very generous in supporting this cause and sadly, the need is even greater at present. Alternatively, I am happy to pass on any cheques (which can be made out to Save the Children) to the Branch, if these could please be posted through my letter box in a marked envelope. Thank you.

Stephanie Silcock  
Crown Cottage

### **CONTROL OF DOGS ORDER**

Villagers are courteously reminded that Easton is subject to the Huntingdonshire District Council's regulations requiring dogs to be on leads at all times within the village – *i.e.*, where there are road carriageways and verges with a speed limit of 40 mph or less. In addition, dogs are not permitted on the playing field.

## **59 CLUB**

**John Maith**

We are already two rounds into the year and the February and March winners were Claire & Michael Lawson and Marjorie Ellis respectively. Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will be on Saturday 24th April so good luck to everyone.

**EASTON PARISH COUNCIL** has scheduled the AGM and following Parish Council meeting via 'Zoom' for Thursday 6th May 2021 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](mailto:clerk_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk). Thank you.

## **CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP**

if you are an **NHS** hearing aid user, Cambridgeshire Hearing Help is pleased to announce the limited re-opening of its hearing aid re-tubing service. If your hearing aid needs cleaning and maintenance, they have launched a 'drop-off and pick-up 10 minutes later' service at nine HAM Centres located in **Soham, Ely, Cambourne, Girton, St Ives, Chatteris, Fulbourn and Great Shelford**. To comply with the social distancing regulations and Covid-19 risk assessments, the re-tubing process will take longer and therefore sessions will be by appointment only. For further details or to book an appointment, telephone 01223 416141, email [enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk) or go to their website <https://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk/>.

## **ST. PETER'S PCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

A reminder that this will take place on Thursday 13th May 2021 at 7.30 pm. In light of Covid restrictions, the meeting will be held "virtually" this year by Zoom, followed by the PCC meeting at 8.00 p.m. If you would like to be sent an Agenda and a Zoom link, then please advise Kathy Yates at [ivan\\_kathy@hotmail.com](mailto:ivan_kathy@hotmail.com) or telephone her on 07810 224545.

## **FOUND...**

in the church after Easter: One large gold earring with dangling chains. Contact Peter Gould on 891043 if it is yours.

**Easton Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Vacancy**  
**Co-option of Parish Councillor**

A vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Easton has arisen –

Parish Councils have limited powers but do play a vital role in representing the views and interests of the local community. It has a statutory right to be consulted by other bodies, notably the County and District councils, on issues affecting the village. In particular it is advised and asked for comments on planning applications within the Parish.

If you would like to be involved or would just like some further information on maintaining or improving any Parish facility, please contact by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Chair: Mike Baker MBE (mike.baker1308@gmail.com)

Clerk: Anthea Beer (clerk\_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk)

**Easton Parish Council, Church Road, Easton, Huntingdon, PE28 0TU**

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

Services in Easton during May will be **Parish Communion at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> May** and **Morning Worship at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. On **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May** (a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) there will be a Group Service at Kimbolton at 10.45 a.m. This will be Songs of Praise in the Churchyard led by the Churchwardens. In addition, on **Ascension Day (Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May)** there will be a service of Morning Prayer at Kimbolton at 8.30 a.m. Details of all other services in the parishes of our Benefice are available on the website (kymchurch.org.uk).

**Deadline for the June newsletter is 25<sup>th</sup> May**