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Farmer Burton's Country Talk

Many of you have mentioned watching Clarksons TV series on farming. He started filming in 2019, which was an awful year with heavy, prolonged rainfall and a very short



window to prepare the land and plant the crops. Jeremy really struggled, as all farmers did! He highlighted the high importance of food self-sufficiency, helped the public understand the vital role farmers play and provided light-hearted relief to

the farming community. It's great news that a second series has been commissioned and well-done Jeremy on winning the Farmers Weekly 'Farming Champion of the Year Award 2021'. For those of you who have watched the programme, I have personally paid tribute to Jeremy by putting a tramline (to mark where my sprayer wheels will go), in a field of Winter Barley, in the wrong place, see who can spot it first.

Since harvest I have been busy preparing the fields to grow my next crop. I often do this by ploughing the fields soon after harvest, when the land is dry. This year the fields ploughed the best I have seen and we followed this by power harrowing them to knock the furrows down. We then left them for a month for the rain and sunshine to weather it until it fell apart to a fine tilth. This year the weather has been kind for a change and over the last week I have drilled my Winter Wheat and Winter Barley, finishing on October 24th. After the drilled fields have been rolled, I will apply a spray on them that will help to stop weeds emerging in the crop.

But there are other factors not helping farming. The cost of Nitrogen fertilizer has gone through the roof due to gas price increases and factories not able to work with these extra costs. The cost of haulage has also gone up, because of the shortage of drivers, and farmers are not able to have wheat collected or livestock taken to market. You

have all seen the struggle many pig farmers have been having at the moment, the message is simple, buy British!

Being a farmer has its ups and downs but I must have one of the best jobs. Seeing amazing sunrises/sunsets, wonderful coveys of Grey Partridge taking flight in front of me, barn owls flying alongside of my truck when returning home late and seeing Little and Great Egrets this week. Not a bad office.

Fireworks



Please could we ask for the kind consideration from those who live near thatched cottages in the village? On Bonfire Night rockets can often be blown off-course, even in the slightest wind, resulting in sparks raining down on nearby thatched roofs. If it is possible to avoid these areas it would be very much appreciated. Also, dogs, cats, horses and other animals don't understand what fireworks are – all they know is that there are loud, frightening explosions, and their instincts kick in, telling them they need to run and hide for safety. These blasts can leave animals confused, disorientated, lost, in a state

of severe shock, or even injured. At one time pet owners used to be able to prepare for Bonfire Night, but nowadays the celebrations can be anytime over a two-week period or more.

If any villagers are planning on having a lot of fireworks, a message on Facebook would also be greatly appreciated by many pet owners. Thank you

Ting

Ting is the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority's new on-demand bus service for rural communities across the western part of Huntingdonshire, goes live on Monday 25 October. One of the Ting buses was brought into the village on Friday, 22/10/2021 for an advertising roadshow



The new 'Uber' style bus service, operated by Stagecoach East, is a great way to get

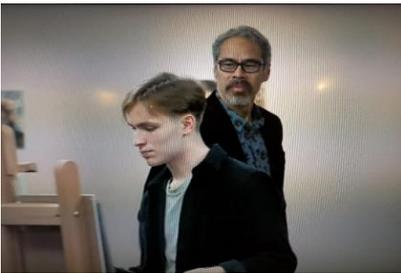
about in West Huntingdonshire without having to rely on a car. This sort of bus service is called Demand Responsive Transport.

Ting isn't fixed to a specific route or timetable. It provides passengers the option to book an on-demand, tailor made service in real time by using the ting trips app, or calling our local call centre, allowing people across all age groups to order a bus from even the most remote locations and travel anywhere within the service zone for just £2 each.

Users can book their seats up to seven days in advance or on the same day of their journey, just as you would a taxi in a town centre. The ting service runs between 7am-7pm Monday-Friday and 8am-4pm Saturday. It doesn't however operate on Sundays or Bank Holiday Mondays.

To book a bus you can download the ting app from the app store. Or alternatively you can call the local call centre on 01223 433 255 which is open 7am-7pm Monday-Friday and 8am-6pm Saturday. Please note that the call centre is closed on Bank Holiday Mondays.

Talented Easton Resident



Rob Burton entered the SKY Portrait Artist of the Year competition in the Spring and progressed to the TV round which will be shown in SKY ARTS, which is available on Freeview, on Wednesday November 3rd at 8 pm. He had to paint the singer Celeste and said she was great as she chatted to the painters throughout the sitting.

Erratum from last Newsletter

In the last paragraph of the previous newsletter item regarding the A14 junction, Mike Baker meant to say ".....the Easton junction is the first one **without** a deceleration lane...."

Reminder from the Parish Council

Please pick up dog excrement from grass footpaths. One member of the village encountered at least 10 samples on the path to Ellington. Not a pleasant experience.

Note from the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jenny Hyde for all that she has done for the village and the hard work she has put into the Newsletters for many years. Having completed my first one, I have realised it is not as easy as I thought and have appreciated her help enormously and am in complete admiration of her editing and IT skills.

Church Services in Easton During November

Sunday 14th November	60.00 p.m.	Easton memorial Service
Sunday 28 th November	09.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
Thursday 11 th November	10.45.a.m	Remembrance Service Kimbolton

For further information please see the Benefice website: www.kymchurch.org.uk

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER



Deadline for December Newsletter will be 26th November