

Easton Village Newsletter

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FARMER BURTONS COUNTRY TALK

At this time of year we like to look back on the past year, 2021 has been a strange year for us all!

April is normally a month of sunshine and showers, when I want my crops to wake up from the cold winter and start to grow rapidly, but this year April was the driest on record, grassland was turning yellow and wheat stood still. We were lucky that someone did a rain dance just in time and May was both wet and warm and the crops soon made up for lost time.

The weather played up again during harvest when I hoped for a prolonged dry spell to save me drying the grain, at great expense, when in my grain store. Unfortunately, the skies opened and we sat twiddling



our thumbs for over a week before we got the combine rolling again.

We were unlucky that yields were down on our average but thankful that prices have increased

because of the shortage of grain. Coupled with this, the price of some chemicals and fertiliser have doubled or trebled which will perfectly offset any anticipated profit, sorry Jill, don't go looking at a new kitchen quite yet!!

Other sectors have had a horrible time with no foreign labour effecting horticulture, vegetable picking and abattoirs amongst others. Pig farmers have struggled the most and many have had to destroy young pigs because of a lack of butchers to process the meat. Poultry farmers have Avian Bird Flu to contend with again in captive birds, poultry and wild birds (please keep an eye out and contact Natural England if you see an ill or deceased wild birds) and keep your own birds under netting at the present time.

Over the last year we have been busy demolishing our old farmhouse and building a new, super insulated replacement, where we will be moving into in May 2022. The old picture is of my dad, Philip, in front of the farmhouse in about 1941, when he was 3 years old. The soft red brick was later concrete rendered by prisoners of war and they did a great job. We have been reclaiming the bricks and the render stuck like the proverbial 'shirt to a blanket'! I will elaborate more on the Burtons in Easton another time if there is interest.

Many farmers and growers work hard so you can enjoy your Christmas lunch so please keep supporting British farming in the New Year.

Wishing you all a healthy 2022.

Richard and Jill



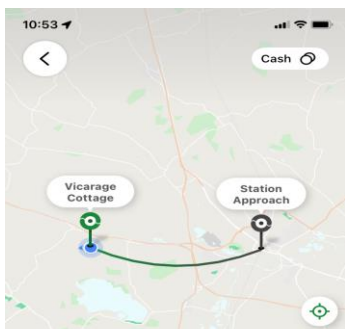
RENEWAL OF CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES

Over the next eighteen months the number of renewals of the concessionary bus passes is going to be potentially very high. It is the responsibility of the pass holder to check when their pass is up for renewal and then to contact the Combined Authority to get a new one. In order to aid the pass holder, there is an online form which allows people to easily renew online. This online form can be found at

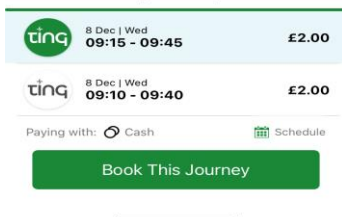
cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk . If people have any problems with the online form, then they can also call the number on the back of their passes.

Should you require any further information contact the **Passenger Transport Team** Phone: 0345 045 1367 or Email: buspass@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk

MOVE ALONG PLEASE, TING TING



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It may not be the Clapman Omnibus but the new Ting service from the village is very good. Ting is an “on-demand” bus service that calls for you in the village on request and delivers you to anywhere in west Hunts including St Neots and Huntingdon. Six days a week. It is cheap, £2 each way and convenient. I have used it twice to go to the railway station and found it very good and cheaper than the

station car park.

To use, download the Ting-trip app and then book your journey. You can set up to pay cash or

prepay with a credit card. It also accepts Bus Passes. The system is quite



clever in scheduling your request with those other requests and shows the destination time. I understand the service is getting well used
Charles Nixon

CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

At the time of print, there was no information available. Please go to www.kymchurch.org.uk to check for updates or speak to one of the Churchwardens.

URGENT REMINDER

Please make sure you send in letters/emails to try and get an acceleration/deceleration lane at the Easton junction; you will have received a letter about it this week. Deadline is the end of this month!



Deadline for the next Newsletter is 27th January 2022