

Easton Village Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE 200th EDITION OF THE EASTON NEWSLETTER

18 years ago, in August 2004, the first Newsletter was produced, and has continued to be well received ever since. It developed from the local Parish News; a communication centred more around church activities. The newsletter was born with the aim of keeping villagers regularly informed about more general matters of interest. I have attached a copy of this first Newsletter produced by Jenny Hyde who continued to produce it until just a few months



ago.

To mark this edition, we have a Caption competition to see who can think of the funniest caption for the photo on the left depicting a busy period (!) on the recent election day at the Church. There will be a voucher for

£25 for the winner. All entries need to be received by the cut-off date for the next edition via the email address below please.

Let's hope the Newsletter can continue for many years to come which I hope everyone agrees can comfortably sit alongside all the other social media options we have these days. A special thank you to Brian Davies and Richard Burton, who have been the main contributors for many years

The Big Pond

It was Beth's BIG IDEA of autumn 2020. It looked as if there had once been a



farm pond at the end of the garden near the western fence line, but the sides had long since caved in and elm trees growing in the bottom had pierced any natural clay lining, so it needed a small digger to re-excavate and enlarge it to Beth's plan. This provided a 4 ft deep central portion with terraced sides for shallower conditions. The two ends were deliberately

made very shallow as a bog area and pebble-bed. To cover this with one single 20 ft by 30 ft liner was quite a challenge - and great fun, at least for spectators! Peter Gould and Steve Thomason first laid strips of underlay over the dry

surface and weighted these down with large cobbles to follow the soil contours. Many thanks to Henry Mayer who had barrowed up tons of these. The liner was then stretched out, lowered carefully into place and again weighted down. The next trick was for



Steve to burrow down, mole-like, under the liner, and retrieve the first lot of cobbles in perfect darkness, with shouted directions from Peter - 'left a bit',

'right a bit'. The initial water filling was then done with two long hoses linked together and attached to our outside tap, but the final topping up was really only accomplished after the Easton flooding of Christmas 2020. Flagstones around the northern southern and western edges completed the general design. 2021 was the year for introducing plants, about ten species, including irises, brooklime, bog pimpernel, water mint, water crowfoot and water forget-me-not for edges and shallow water, and two kinds of water lilies and Cape pondweed (or water hawthorn) for deeper water. Steve furnished some wildlife in the form of sticklebacks, water snails and frogspawn, though the latter disappeared quite soon, unfortunately – probably eaten by newts. So far this year only the crowfoot and pondweed have flowered but new water lily leaves have appeared and we have high hopes for brooklime, irises and several others.



59 Club

John Maith

Two more rounds have passed since my last report, the March winner with number 40 was Pam and Phil Bell, and the April winner with number 52 was Malcolm and Margaret Halliday. Congratulations to all. The next draw will be on the 28 May so good luck everybody

Cuckoo Time

The first cuckoo in the village was heard on 1st May at 10.30 am by Charles Nixon. There had been reports of cuckoos at the end of April around Grafham Water.

Parking outside the Church

Parish Council

Improved facilities for parking outside of the church moved one step closer on the 26th May when the Parish Council met with the contractor who will be quoting to complete the work. Previous meetings with other local planning officials confirmed that the provision of a soft parking area would be acceptable within the conservation area. The Parish Council will be reviewing options for funding this work once the details are known.



Upcoming Social Events in Easton in June

Easton Platinum Jubilee BBQ and Fun Day –
Sunday 5th June 1.00 pm

Tickets from Angie Smith 07941 021422 OR
Email angiesmith@hotmail.com

Adults £10 , School Age Children £5.00, Under 5
free

Easton Fund and Social Committee

Chairman Kathy Yates

The Easton Fund and Social Committee organised a Bingo Night in April at the Church to raise funds for Ukraine. The event was very enjoyable and raised the sum of £550.00 which was sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal on behalf of the village.

Many thanks to everyone who took part or donated to this worthwhile cause.

Church Services in June

Sunday 12th June

Easton 9.30 am
Parish Communion

Sunday 26th June

Easton 9.30 am
Morning Worship

For more local services go to the following website:

<https://www.kymchurch.org.uk/wp2/index.php/church-services>



Deadline for July's Newsletter is June 26th