

Easton Village Newsletter

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FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



The recent wet weather has continued to cause frustration for farmers who were hoping to drill Spring crops, plant potatoes and make sprayer and fertilizer applications. If you get too much heavy rain after applying Nitrogen fertilizer it can get washed away, alternatively, with no rain, it doesn't get into the plant roots so

you need a happy medium and keep a close eye on the weather. Also, I'm hoping for it to warm up soon to get the crops growing, because, up to now, it's been unseasonably cold. I applied my last amount of Nitrogen on the wheat last week and I tend to spread it in 3 intervals, from early March to the end of April, to give the crop a good chance to use it up before I apply anymore and this week, I have also been spraying fungicides and nutrients on it.

Many of you have seen the signs along the Stonely Road saying turning vehicles and work traffic. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, National Grid are undertaking major work on the pylons and renewing the powerlines, which will take place all Summer. On the downside, the workers have had to cross my field, while it was wet, to put up some scaffolding and made the biggest ruts I have ever seen! They will need to cross another field also but I'm going to ban them until it dries out.

The swallows have returned and on Sunday April 23rd we heard our first cuckoo of the year but I bet Vicky heard it earlier! There is wonderful wildlife at the farm but on Sunday at 5.30am, and each morning since, two Canada geese have landed on our front lawn and Jill is not impressed!

On the morning of Monday 24th we noticed that the gate to Stocking Farm was open, only to find that the lock had been cut off and also the lock to the farm buildings cut and removed. Luckily nothing had been taken but we'd ask anyone if you saw anything suspicious on Sunday night, please let me know. The same night we also had an off-road vehicle driving round and round one of our fields near the farm, the police have been informed. We hope for some sunshine for the next few weeks and over the many Bank Holidays for us all.

Did You Know.....?

Parish Council

The Elections Act 2022 introduced the requirement to show photo ID at UK Parliamentary elections, police and crime commissioner and UK elections in England. From 4th May 2023 it will be necessary to be registered before being able to vote in local elections and from October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections and it will be necessary to show photo ID when voting in person.

Further information can be found at the Electoral Commission <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk> and apply for photo ID to vote or free 'Voter Authority Certificate' at <http://www.gov.uk>.

Birds (and Peter) in the Belfry

Charles Nixon

Crows and rooks, lots of them are often seen around the Church in Easton. They nest



at the top of the Church spire. Going in through the top windows where there are no gauge closures. Lower down the windows are covered with wire or shuttered for the belfry. However, the birds are not very careful in their nest building and as a result many sticks fall all the way to the base of the tower and into the belfry. The sticks accumulate until a thick carpet covers the belfry floor and the area around the bells themselves. This year Peter Gould and I resumed our annual clear out. Interrupted by Covid our last clearance was in 2020. The result was that this year the

carpet of sticks was over 2 feet thick on the floor. With a dust pull of several inches under that. It took 12 50m3 bags to clear the tower. The resulting spoil can be seen in the Church yard. But it did give a rare glimpse of the inside of the Spire. Built around 1340 (Beth Davis) from Northamptonshire stone Many of the post ("puttock") holes used to support the builders scaffolding can still be seen and the precision of the stone work on the inside, where no one would have seen it is amazing. For further reading see Beth's history of the church, Easton Bells.



Picnic in the Park

Easton Fund& Social Committee

Coronation Celebration Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023

Please note that after receiving the official Coronation guidance the village celebratory event has been changed from that envisaged when the village calendar was distributed.

The new arrangements are as follows:

The celebration will be held on the playing field with a start time of 1.00 p.m. and instead of a BBQ everyone is invited to bring their own picnic. There is no charge for the event although there will be a donation bar with free soft drinks.

There will be a bouncy castle suitable for children and adults. A craft tent for children with a focus on the making of crowns and pictures of the Coronation. Various games will be held including sack races, egg and spoon, bean bag, three legged and running races with prizes for the winners. There will also be a "tug of war" and welly throwing with medals for the winners.

There will be a "sing a long" with songs that also celebrate VE Day as well as the Coronation.

There will be a piece of Coronation cake and a glass of bubbly for everyone at no charge.

All villagers with their families and friends are welcome to attend. If you wish you may pitch a gazebo.

The gates to the Playing Field will be unlocked from 11.00am on Monday 8th May for people to bring gazebos, chairs, tables and picnic paraphernalia. Once you have dropped off your items, please either take your vehicle home or park it near to the Church in order to leave the Playing Field free for picknickers and for children to play safely.

I do hope to see lots of you there! **Kathy Yates**

Thank You!

Nina Wilson

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who very kindly sent me messages, cards, flowers and visited me following my recent stay in Papworth Hospital. You made a difficult time so much more bearable. Progress is very slow and frustrating but most days there is a slight improvement. Thank you again.

Parish Council Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Easton Parish Council is to be held on Thursday, 11th May 2023 at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church. The Annual General Meeting is the first meeting to be held in the new year of the Parish Council which starts after any election which may have been held in May and when elected councillors take office. Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31st March are presented for approval at the AGM.

Playing Field



Please can we remind villagers that no animals are allowed on the playing field and that the bin is not for dog excrement.

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Church Services May 2023

Sunday 14 th May	9.30	Easton	Parish Communion
Sunday 28 th May	9.30	Easton	Morning Worship

For further information on Church Services please visit

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

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Deadline for the next Newsletter is Friday 26th May

