

Easton Village Newsletter

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Village Photo

Parish Council



On the 10th May as part of the VE Day 80th celebrations, another village photo was organised. The photo is now available to download on the village website at www.eastonpc.co.uk Under the gallery option on the right-hand side select 'Village Photos' and scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the most recent photo. Clicking on the photo will fully open it and then right clicking on the photo will give the option to download a copy to your computer or laptop.

For all those that appear in the photo, the Parish Council have agreed to provide a 12 x 8 hard copy of the photo free of charge. Therefore anyone who would like to obtain a hard copy of the picture please email the editor (janet-thomason@hotmail.co.uk) to register your interest.

VE Day Celebrations in Easton

Kathy Yates

A special and very well attended VE Day Big Breakfast was held in the Church on Saturday 10th May. The Church and Church yard were decorated with VE Day bunting

to commemorate the occasion. Together with the traditional Big Breakfast items there was an additional food item of Spam Fritters which were very tasty and we quickly ran out. After the Big Breakfast villagers gathered at the village sign for a photograph. Richard Burton kindly brought along his cherry picker for the photographer to safely take the picture.



These are taken regularly on special occasions and are a wonderful record of Easton life through the years, telling a continuing story of those who have lived and died in Easton, children who have grown up and moved away and those

who have stayed and look a little older every time a new photograph is taken.

After the village photograph everyone gathered in the Church for a glass of bubbly and a piece of VE Day cake expertly made by Jayne Baker. Thank you, Jayne. It tasted as good as it looked.



Easton United Charities – a new Trustee required

Phil Bell

Easton United Charities has existed as a combination of 3 charities since 1972. Before that date there were 3 charities, one of which dates back to 1879. In 1972, under the approval of the Charity Commission those 3 charities were joined to form the Easton United Charities (EUC). The charities were established to provide financial help for the poor and needy in the parish of Easton. This remains the primary objective of the EUC, although the EUC's activities have expanded somewhat in recent years, with Charity Commission approval, to include grants to children and young people at certain points during their formal scholarly education, and to provide grants for residents of Easton during hospital stays or at other times of need. The main assets of the charity are land donated in the past. Rent from the lease of this land provides an income in support of the grants. There are 5 trustees appointed to administer the charity, 2 are nominated by the Parish Council for a period of 4 years and 3 trustees are co-opted for a period of 5 years. One of those co-optative trustees has recently left the village and thereby

resigned. We are now looking to fill that vacant position. The EUC ordinarily meets only 3 times per year, although an annual field walk and extraordinary meetings will be required at certain times during the year. If you would like to offer your services to the EUC, or learn more about the position, please contact either the Chairman: Mrs Kathy Yates (ivan_kathy@hotmail.com) or the Secretary: Mr Phil Bell (japer.bell@btinternet.com) to express your interest. Please include a brief statement of how you believe that you could contribute to the village through the management of the EUC. We appreciate that this is holiday time, but our next meeting is scheduled for the second week in August and it would be helpful to receive any emails of interest or application by **5th August 2025**. Further information of the work of the EUC may be found through the Charity Commission website, and the Easton Parish Council website.

Village Playground



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Approximately every 3 years the bark in the playing field requires topping up and on the 18th June the parish council and helpers turned out in force to spread the new bark across the play

area. It provides a safer area for playing, and certainly improves the look of the playground. Easton Parish Council manages this resource on behalf of the village and the play equipment has to meet certain standards to be available for children to use. To ensure these standards are achieved, an independent inspection is carried out yearly and the subsequent report reviewed by the council and where necessary any actions are dealt with.

Coffee Morning

Vicky Arbuthnot

The next coffee morning will take place on July 7th, from 10.30 - 12 noon, in the church as usual. Please come along and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake! ☕ 🍷 🍰 🧁 We

won't be having a coffee morning in August due to holidays etc, but will resume on September 8th.

We'd really like to thank everyone comes along to join us, it's always lovely to see you and together we're making a difference to the church coffers which are depleted since the recent works. On behalf of the Coffee Crew, thank you very much

Church Services

Sunday 13th July 9.30-10.30 Parish Communion with Philip Howson

Sunday 27th July 9.30-10.30 Morning worship with Michael O'Callaghan

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

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And finally---

-A belated big thank you to the person who kindly swept up the leaves at the bus shelter from the Parish Council

-The next Big Breakfast is on Saturday 12th July in the Church.

-The Grafham Beer Festival takes place on Friday 4th July from 6 pm-11pm and Saturday 5th July from Midday-11pm.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY 25