



Easton Village Newsletter



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Farmer Burton's Country Talk

I am pleased to say that since my last newsletter we drilled our Winter Wheat into almost perfect seedbeds, in mid-October. This was closely followed by a



pre-emergence herbicide that was sprayed within days of the wheat being drilled. This will help control the weeds as they come through the soil surface. With the mild weather that followed, the Wheat now looks really quite

well.

We have also been very brave and bought a new, well new to us (in fact it's 15 years old!) sprayer for the farm. I never like change and get quite attached to my old kit (no Jill, I'm not talking about you!), but James and I took the decision to upgrade. Now, I don't want to get too technical, but if I push a few buttons on the inbuilt GPS computer it will spray the headland and when I start going up and down the field tramlines, it will automatically switch on and off at each end! I know, it's run on Windows XP, but it blows my mind! We haven't gone down the auto steer route yet, I don't think I could work that one out, thank God I've got James to help me on the tech stuff!

In the news, farmers and Labour MP's have issued a fierce last-minute warning demanding urgent changes to the proposed 'family farm tax' amid warnings that it will devastate small working farms who are already working on razor thin margins. A large demonstration will take place in London on Budget Day. By the time you read this the Budget will have been announced (and I think we are all dreading the outcome).

Only this week the Government announced that it's Brexit reset will put half of the herbicides used in Britain under threat.

If you are having turkey for Christmas, make sure you get your order in as Avian Flu is taking its toll on the bird population.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas.

Stitching the Nation: Fashion in Times of Turmoil

Charles Nixon



A baby's gown, a pair of gloves, a purse and an original set of lady's corsets... these are all some rare surviving items of 1600s clothing that have gone on display as part of a new exhibition at Huntingdon's Cromwell Museum. These items have been kindly loaned to the Museum from private collections and other museums and have been rarely seen

in public – some reputedly having belonged to Cromwell himself. They are now on show as part of a new exhibit.

The new exhibit examines how clothing changed through the 1600s, often influenced by French fashions as well as religious restrictions and the necessities of the brutal Civil War in the 1640s. It shows how many of the fashions we associate with the Restoration court of Charles II, including silk dresses, long men's coats and wigs, were already being worn at the Protectorate court of Oliver Cromwell. Some of the items have been kindly loaned to the museum by one of Cromwell's descendants which have been passed down the family over the last 350 years, including a lace collar and pair of beautifully tooled gloves said to have been worn by Cromwell and an infant's gown reputed to have been worn by him as a baby.

The 'Stitching the Nation: Fashion in Times of Turmoil' exhibit is open during regular opening hours at the Cromwell Museum (open Tuesday – Sunday) until 12 April 2026. Admission is free of charge.

Concert, Cocktails and Canapés – 25th October

Phil Bell

What a night at the opera and the London Palladium it was! The EFSC organised a fabulous evening's entertainment. First the Concert: Eleanor Oldfield

accompanied by Bethany Reeves performed a selection of songs from the Opera, popular musicals and an entertaining medley of Julia Andrews' songs to celebrate our national treasure's 90th birthday. Eleanor is a soprano with an impressive list of performances and achievements. Her singing was so warm and sensitive and reverberated dramatically and beautifully from the ancient walls of St Peter's Church. Her piano accompanist, Bethany, has an equally impressive list of accomplishments. Together, they captivated us in song. A truly delightful concert – not to be missed if you see it advertised in the future. Thanks to Rob Burton and family for all they did to make this happen. But the Concert was only part of the evening's grand offering. The cocktails and canapés, masterminded by Hannah Yates assisted by a number of cocktail shakers and canapé makers, produced a delightful and tasty complement to the uplifting music. Together with the Concert they added a touch of sophistication that we have come to expect in Easton – sometimes! This was a great evening. Thank you to all who contributed to organising it and to those who supported this event.

The Coffee Morning Crew



We'd like to thank everyone who came along to the November coffee morning, it was great to see so many of you there! We were delighted to announce that Stephanie Silcock won the raffle prize of a Christmas cake, baked by Jill - and hope that she and her family enjoy it. Our December coffee morning will take place

on Monday 1st, 10.30 - 12 as usual - it'll be Christmas themed, so why not wear your Christmas jumper or something else festive!

We'd like to give you **advance notice** of a change to our January event. As a **Winter Special**, we'll be offering the usual cakes, but we'll also have soup and rolls available. The timing of this event will be 11.30 - 1pm on January 5th 2026. The total raised by the coffee mornings since we began - £3,860.37p!

Tony Ellis



hope you have a lovely day!

Mike Baker

Congratulations to Tony Ellis who celebrates his 90th Birthday on 24th December. Tony has lived in Easton with his wife Marjorie for over 60 years. Tony can often be seen walking his rare breed Sealyham Terrier dog around the village wearing his distinctive hat. We

59 Club

The October winner was Kathy Yates with number 55 so Congratulations Kathy. The next draw will be on Saturday 29th November so good luck all. The next annual round will commence at the end of February 2026. As some residents have moved out of Easton there will be numbers available if any new residents are interested in joining by taking a number in the monthly draw. It costs £12 for the year and someone wins £25 each month. This does help support in keeping the church in good condition for all the various activities. If anyone would like a number next year you can contact me by email maiths60@hotmail.com.

John Maith

Easton Church Services

14 th Dec	9.30	Parish Communion	Simon Domett
21 st Dec	6 pm	Carols	Simon Domett
25 th Dec	9.30	Christmas Communion	Pamela Soult
28 th Dec		No Service	



SEASON'S GREETINGS



Deadline for next Newsletter is 27th December