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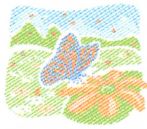
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NATURE IN EASTON 3

by Brian Davis



Have you noticed a small, powder-blue butterfly in your garden this year? This is a Holly Blue, which fluctuates widely in numbers from year to year owing to the effects of a parasite. This is a boom year. The caterpillars feed on holly and ivy and the butterfly has two broods a year. I am showing a group of county Tree Wardens around Shepherds Close on 4th July from 7.30, when I shall describe the history of this little reserve, its wildlife interest and its management. Anyone is welcome to come. They will also look at the "very rare" Plot's elm trees along the road leading into the village from the A14.

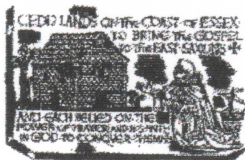
MARRIAGE



On 18th June Clare Brooker and Daniel Spencer were married in Easton Church. In Clare's words, it was a "magical day", and John and Iris would like to say a big Thank You to all those people in the village who helped in so many ways to make it such a happy and memorable occasion.

CHURCH NEWS

There is much to celebrate during July. Next Sunday, 3rd July, we shall celebrate St. Peter's Patronal Festival with a "Songs of Praise" service at 11.00 a.m., followed by a picnic lunch. You might like to bring enough food for yourselves, and to mix and share with the others if you would like to. Soft drinks will be provided and there will be strawberries and cream for sale for "afters" (50p per portion). On 10th July the 6.00 p.m. Evensong will celebrate Sea Sunday with Father John Hare, who is Chaplain to the *Missions to Seafarers* and represents the Mission in the Diocese of Ely. On Saturday 16th July there will be a pilgrimage to St. Peter's Chapel at Bradwell; in 654 AD St. Cedd built his Cathedral of St. Peter on the foundations of the Roman fort. The chapel was used as a barn for the storage of grain and cattle for many years but was later re-established as the Chapel of St. Peter-on-the-Wall. It is considered a highly spiritual place with peaceful and glorious surroundings. Anyone who would like to go is asked to contact Fr. Jonathan (891695) for more details.



Services for the remainder of July will be:

17th July: 9.30 a.m. Eucharist; 24th July: 8.00 a.m. Eucharist;
31st July: Group Eucharist at Barham at 11.00 a.m.

Regular worshippers will know that we are often short of an organist for services and from time to time we have been obliged to try pre-recording the accompaniment to the hymns – without a great deal of success, so far! If there is anyone in the village, of any age, who is a keyboard-player of reasonable standard and who would be willing to accompany the hymns occasionally, please speak to anyone on the PCC (Clive Wood, Mike Baker, Beth Davis, Pauline Venables, Peter Gould, Roger Silcock or Jenny Hyde) or to Fr. Jonathan.

Christian Aid

In the year of "Make Poverty History", Mike Baker led a concerted effort on behalf of Christian Aid charity in Easton, with the result that over £250 was collected. This compares with £140 last year and grateful thanks are due to all who contributed, as well as to Mike's team of five helpers. This was a magnificent result.