

# EASTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## NATURE NOTES 20

Brian Davis



Trees are hanging onto their leaves late this year, but haven't the hedgerows been colourful? Driving back from Ramsey recently, I traced a range from the pale green of Ash and pale yellow of Elm to the bronze and gold of Oak and Beech and flame yellow of Field-maples, which stood out a field's width away among the darker Blackthorn and Dog's-wood. Cherry trees seem less pink this year than usual but our Liquidamber and Parrotia make up for it with their brilliant scarlet, crimson and purple. Did you know, gardeners, that, although Liquidamber resembles maple in its leaves and London plane in its dangling spiny fruits, it belongs in a different plant family from either – the Hamamelidaceae – with Parrotia and Witch-hazel? (Talking of superficial similarities, what about Wych-elm with its different spelling!) Autumn usually brings flocks of fieldfares and redwings but these seem to have delayed their arrival despite the feasts of berries and fallen fruit awaiting them. You may have heard the phrase 'a charm of goldfinches' but Beth recently heard and saw a 'clamour' of 200 jackdaws swirling round and round over Easton. I saw a red-admiral butterfly on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November hanging onto the late autumn sunshine, while a singing song-thrush on the 23<sup>rd</sup> also seemed to defy the season.

*The year will not allow/ Such a gentle treason/ To beguile his reason.*

## RARE SIGHTING IN EASTON!

Seen on a front lawn in Broadweir on Saturday morning, 25<sup>th</sup> November, a pair of very nice, almost new, fluffy blue slippers! They were in a bag from The Perfume Shop and the owner can collect them from 3 Broadweir.

## EASTON BOOKLETS

The PCC are very grateful to Angie Smith and Mat Free for a further donation to the Church Fabric Fund resulting from sales of the Easton Booklets. For the benefit of newcomers to the village, this is a short history of Easton which was recently brought up to date by Angie, who is kindly giving all sale proceeds to the Church. If you would like a copy, she can be contacted on 890808.

## 49 CLUB WINNER

Congratulations to Suzie Walker who was the winner of the October draw.

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

### FIVE PARISH ADVENT FAIR

Saturday 2 December 2006 from 12 noon in Grafham Village Hall. There will be lunches, teas, a raffle, cake stall, honey, pickles and jams, a craft stall and many others. This is the main fundraising event for the five parishes, so please support it.

### HELP NEEDED!

We would be most grateful for help with decorating the Church for Christmas on the afternoon of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2.00 p.m., and also for gifts of greenery, white flowers or Christmas arrangements.

### CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY

As usual, members of the PCC will deliver cards to houses within the village in return for a donation to the Church Fabric Fund. All you need do is deliver all your cards to Avondale, Chapel Lane, together with your donation, no later than Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December and the PCC will deliver them to the individual houses for you.

### CHURCH PAINTING

The painting of the Church will be on display at the village party on 3<sup>rd</sup> December for everyone to see. The Committee for the Easton Community Project have decided to extend the time for placing orders for the reprint of this lovely painting – you can give your order then to Beth or Kathy.

### INVITATION

Your Parish Church warmly invites you to our **Christmas Celebrations** –



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December:**

6.00 p.m. Carol Service

Enjoy Christmas Carols and hear the story of the Nativity, followed by refreshments

**Christmas Day**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30 a.m. Christmas Festival Eucharist

Other services in December are:

3 <sup>rd</sup> December:	9.30 a.m. Children's Eucharist;	10 <sup>th</sup> December:	6.00 p.m. Evensong
24 <sup>th</sup> December:	NO SERVICE IN EASTON but there will be Midnight celebrations of the Eucharist at Ellington & Alconbury		
31 <sup>st</sup> December:	10.00 a.m. There will be a celebration of the Eucharist at Alconbury.		