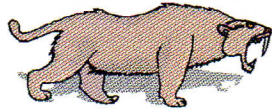


# Easton Village Newsletter

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## NATURE NOTES 23



*Tiger, tiger burning bright, / In the forests of the night...* Well, puma actually, and hedgerows in the night. Who else has seen the Easton puma? Richard Burton swears he saw it on 8<sup>th</sup> December crossing the road as he drove into the village from the A14, and Jill says she saw one near the railway bridge at the top of the hill, though that was about ten years ago. It is the glowing eyes that seem to stick in the memory. And I do need to be convinced about the tail. (A muntjac's tail is short, white and sticks up!) It is difficult to feel that global warming is a real phenomenon when we are told that January 1916 was as mild as last month, but certainly winter seems to be very mixed up this year. A Red Admiral flying in Val's garden on 4<sup>th</sup> February, followed by night frosts and snow – but this lasting only four days, and then a quick thaw and the culvert at Shepherds Close overtopped and flooding the road again. Pause half way along Shepherds Close next time you pass and look for the small clusters of bright Orange Peel fungi just across the ditch where a tree has been cut down. Lots of tiny Scarlet Elf cups are also in evidence now on the right of the track leading up inside the wood.

Brian Davis

## CHIMNEY SWEEP

Once again, Kath Goodwin has most kindly organised the chimney sweep and he will be in the village on **Friday 27 April**. If you are not on Kath's "regular" list and would like the sweep to call, please let her know by the end of March. Her phone number is 890372.



## LEIGHTONSTONE CHURCHES LENT SERVICES

There are a number of special activities to mark this season in preparation for Easter, too many to itemise here. For full details of Group Evensong services, Bible Study/Discussion Groups, lunchtime Eucharists followed by a frugal lunch and weekly Stations of the Cross devotions please see the separate leaflet on the Church notice board. Alternatively, please contact one of the Clergy on 891695 or 890284.

## THEFTS FROM CHURCHES

We are asked to be aware that there has been a spate of thefts of lead from church roofs in recent weeks, the latest being at Great Staughton in mid-February. This follows lead being stolen from the roof of the church porch in Old Weston on 21/22 January. No work to the roof of Easton church is planned in the immediate future so if you should see any unusual activity, please either contact Peter Gould (891043) or telephone the police. Apparently even the lightning conductor is at risk, since one was stolen in Peterborough recently!

## CHURCH NEWS

The Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome to attend and everyone on the Church electoral roll has a vote to elect the Parochial Church Council for the coming year. Anyone who lives in the village may elect the Churchwardens. Sunday Services during March are:

**4 March – 9.30 a.m. Eucharist;**  
**18 March – 9.30 a.m. Mothering Sunday**

**11 March – 6.00 p.m. Group Evensong;**  
**26 March – 8.00 a.m. Eucharist.**

## VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Mr Barry Turner, who has now left the village, resigned as a Parish Councillor and the Parish Council is hoping to co-opt a new Councillor at the next Parish Council meeting. Barry's input into the Parish Council and the work and help he gave in the village will be missed by very many.

## PARISH ELECTORAL REVIEW - DRAFT PROPOSALS

The proposal is to amalgamate all parishes with an existing parish council and an electorate of less than 150 with a neighbouring parish. Easton would therefore be amalgamated with Ellington. The Parish Council feels that this is not in the best interests of the village and would welcome your support - if this is your view as well - to oppose this. The closing date for the consultation has been extended to 30th March 2007. The Parish Council will be circularising everyone regarding this and hopes you feel a Parish Council for the village is an asset that should be retained.

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

2007 is an election year for the Easton Parish Council. Each Parish Councillor resigns and if there are nominations for more than five councillors an election will be held - most likely in Ellington. The advertisements are due to be posted during April. If you are interested in keeping a Parish Council and/or would be interested in becoming a Councillor, look for the advertisements or contact any member of the current Parish Council.