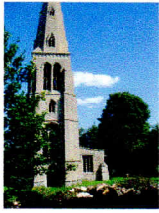


# Easton Village Newsletter

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## NATURE NOTES 29



Three horse chestnuts have been felled in the churchyard, leaving amazing views! But our Great Spotted Woodpecker has lost one of its favourite drumming trees. I counted the rings of the two chestnuts on the west side and got counts of about 109, which suggests, interestingly, that they were probably planted in 1900 as centenary trees. This is a lot less than my estimate of 139 years determined from girth at breast height and Forestry Commission tables. In 1933 a forest officer in south India wrote about some felled teak: "I went out and solemnly measured logs and ticked them off in a register called 'Form No. 4'. Only God made them, and they lived in the forests and their leaves rustled in the wind and birds lived in them – but they were brought to stock in form No. 4. What an epitaph!" Elsewhere in Easton, though, a Green Woodpecker and at least two Spotted Flycatchers have reared young. The entomological highlight this month has been seeing three Glow-worms near Tilbrook on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 pm with Tony Bowman (who lived in Glebe Cottage during the War). They are quite rare in Huntingdonshire now (though perhaps few people are out looking for them at night). The last two segments of the wingless females are luminescent to attract the winged males – and we found one *in flagrante!* Their scientific name is *Lampyrus noctiluca*: bright-fire nightlight.

Brian Davis

**49 CLUB WINNER:** The winner for July was Vicky Arbuthnott.

## CHCT RIDE-AND-STRIDE - 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006

This Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust fund-raising event has evolved this year into cycling/hiking and will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. If you have not already committed yourself to taking part in this event, now is the time to do so! If you do not wish to take part yourself then do consider sponsoring one of the riders. All details are available from Roger Silcock (890455). Half of the funds raised will go to the Church nominated by the cyclist and half to the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust.

## CHURCH NEWS

Services in Easton during September will be:



2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	9.30 a.m. Sunday Worship
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	6.00 p.m. Harvest Festival
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9.30 a.m. Eucharist
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	8.00 a.m. Eucharist

## EASTON TO BEDFORD CHARITY WALK

Just a reminder that the Charity Walk will take place on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007**. If you haven't already contacted us and would like to participate, either by walking and/or making a donation, then please telephone us on 891253. One alteration to proposals is to end the walk at the Blacksmiths Arms Public House at Ravensden cross-roads. This is on the original route but shortens the walk by 1 ½ miles.

### Information for Walkers:

- 1) Those attempting the full 14 ½ mile walk should meet at the village "pheasant" sign at 07.15 hrs. Those wishing to walk a shorter distance should arrange transport to one of the water stations (see below) at the appropriate times so that all walkers finish their walks at approximately the same time (between 12.15 & 12.45 hrs). i.e. start from station (i) at 08.30 hrs for a 10 ½ mile walk; start from station (ii) at 10.00 hrs for a 7 mile walk; start from station (iii) at 11.00 hrs for a 3 ½ mile walk.
- 2) There will be 3 water stations along the course with a distance of 3 ½ miles. Station (i) – the lay-by at the junction of Stonely Road and the B645; Station (ii) – the field entrance opposite the Old Granary gate just before Keysoe; station (iii) the field entrance just beyond the Old Plough P.H. at Bolnhurst.
- 3) There will be a car following walkers in case of problems. Take a mobile phone to contact car if necessary (telephone number will be given on the day).
- 4) Food and drink will be available for purchase at the Blacksmiths Arms – more details later.
- 5) Ensure you have a return lift arranged. Please liaise.

Geoff and Gwen

## WINE TASTING - A REMINDER.

Tickets will be on sale during September for the Wine Tasting which will take place in the church on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. The cost will be £12.50 per head to include wine with the food as well as all the wine you will be tasting. All proceeds will be given to the Easton Community Project. An event not to be missed!