

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTES 35

Brian Davis

Japonica glistens like coral in all the neighbouring gardens./...The blossoms / are fragile and motionless,.../And rapidly backwards and forwards/ The early bees are assaulting and fumbling the flowers:/ They call it easing the Spring. Or in Jenny Hyde's case it is *Mahonia* blossom that is being fumbled – Which in your case you have not got. [from "Naming of Parts"]. After the warmest January night on record we are back to more seasonal frosty nights, but a bumblebee was busy one lovely sunny afternoon in my garden after a hard frost. If only global warming could stop at this.... In my December Note I mentioned endemic species in the south west ghats of India where there are several species of birds, mammals, frogs and many plants that occur nowhere else in the world. Britain has no endemic birds or mammals, unless one counts the Scottish crossbill as a separate species from the continental one. There are, however, quite a few, mostly rather obscure, endemic plants that must have evolved when suitable conditions for them were more widespread but which have been left stranded in a few isolated places after the last Ice Age – like the *Rhododendron arboreum* in the Nilgiri Hills that I mentioned. They include several Whitebeams such as *Sorbus minima* on limestone rocks in one place in south Wales, *Sorbus wilmottiana* in the Avon Gorge, and *Sorbus pseudofennica* on the Isle of Arran, and also *Primula scotica* along the north coast of Scotland. Probably none of these would survive a much warmer climate.



CHIMNEY SWEEP

Once again, Kath Goodwin has most kindly organised the chimney sweep and he will be in the village on two days this year - **Friday 25th April and Tuesday 29th April**. If you would like the sweep to call, please let Kath know by the end of March at the latest. Her phone number is 890372.



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The lucky winner of the February draw was Angie Smith.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday Services during March are:

2nd March	-	9.30 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service
9th March	-	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
16th March	-	9.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Service
23rd March	-	9.30 a.m.	Easter Eucharist
30th March	-	11.00 a.m.	Group Service at Ellington



The nearest service on **Maundy Thursday** (20th March) will be at 7.30 p.m. in Spaldwick.

Services on **Good Friday** (21st March) will be:

9.30 a.m.	-	Ellington
2.00 p.m.	-	Alconbury
7.30 p.m.	-	Grafham

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

We should be most grateful for extra help with decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 22nd March from 2.30 p.m. Also, any gifts of spring flowers would be very much appreciated.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings will take place on Thursday 10th April 2008 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.