

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## NATURE NOTES 47

Brian Davis

*How sweet this morning air in spring. / When tender is the grass and wet! ...And many a blackbird, thrush, and sparrow / Sing sweeter songs that I may borrow.* The Mistle-thrush has indeed been declaiming its churchyard territory for some time and now has built its nest there, in full view from Glebe Cottage. Two male Robins held a singing match recently from two adjacent birch trees in our garden, and Beth later saw them in full frontal confrontation on the lawn swaying to and fro with puffed out breasts while a nonchalant female (not distinguishable in garb) hopped about with minimal attention; the first Chiffchaff heralded its arrival in Easton on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, just a day earlier than last year (but two weeks later than in 2007), and in a rush the first Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock butterflies all appeared in the same week. While the buds of blackthorn still hesitate to unfurl, the creamy flowers of Spurge laurel are fully out. There are several of these native evergreen shrubs in Savages Spinney and other woods around Grafham Water, but they can best be seen now on the bank of Vinegar Hill just north of Alconbury Weston. – shy relative of the garden *Daphne mezereum* in its ecclesiastical purple, which grows wild in the Pyrenees.



## MOTHER GOOSE

“Mother Goose” (alias John Hill) and Nina would like to say a big thank you to the many Easton villagers who turned out to support the pantomime in Kimbolton at the end of February. The audience would probably also like to congratulate those who put on the pantomime and provided such an entertaining evening!

## EASTON UNITED CHARITIES

The Easton United Charities now have a website which is up and running, the address for which is [www.eastonunitedcharities.org.uk](http://www.eastonunitedcharities.org.uk). If anyone would like a page on the website for community matters, they are invited to contact Sue Walker on 01480-869272.

## NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL?

Whilst the newsletter is delivered by hand within the village “envelope”, there may be people outside the area who would like to receive this by e-mail. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to an electronic distribution list, please send their e-mail address to [j.hyde@O2.co.uk](mailto:j.hyde@O2.co.uk).

## CHURCH NEWS

Services over the Easter period and during the rest of April will be:



5 <sup>th</sup> April	-	9.30 a.m.	<i>Palm Sunday Eucharist</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> April	-	8.00 a.m.	<i>Matins for Good Friday</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> April	-	9.00 a.m.	<i>Matins for Easter Eve</i>
12 <sup>th</sup> April	-	9.30 a.m.	<i>Easter Day Eucharist</i>
19 <sup>th</sup> April	-	9.30 a.m.	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> April	-	8.00 a.m.	<i>Eucharist</i>



## EASTER

We should be extremely grateful for help with decorating the Church for Easter on the afternoon of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 2.30 p.m.; also for any gifts of spring flowers or arrangements. Thank you.

## CHIMNEY SWEEP

Yet again, Kath Goodwin has been kind enough to arrange for the sweep to come and clean the village chimneys. The dates set are 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April – we are his last clients before he retires on 1<sup>st</sup> May! His son will be taking over the business but we are warned that prices will rise next year. Please let Kath know by 18<sup>th</sup> April if you would like him to come to your house. Her ‘phone number is 890372.

