

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTES 58

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There have been several reports of a Red Kite in Easton recently, and John Blatch has reported one over Spaldwick too, so this morning I was delighted to watch one myself circling over the central field at Easton. For a long time they were restricted to Wales but they were saved from national extinction by one of the world's longest running protection programmes, and have now been successfully re-introduced to England and Scotland by the RSPB. They feed on carrion, small mammals and worms and there are now over 1000 pairs in Britain. They are breeding at Holme Fen and in Northamptonshire, and there is no reason why they should not colonise one of our other local woodlands in the next few years. Apart from the Buzzard, which is also well established locally, the

only other large breeding raptor in the county is the Marsh Harrier, which breeds at Fen Drayton Pits, and which I saw last year. There, too, you will hear or see a large selection of song birds, including Yellow hammer, Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat, Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Reed and Sedge Warblers, as well as Cuckoo. Don't forget our own "Spring Listen" walk around Easton on Saturday 8th May starting at Brook House about 6 a.m. and finishing with breakfast at the Bells, 4 Broadweir.

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The lucky winner of the April draw was Roger Silcock.

CHURCH NEWS

As usual, the Church, with its newly-completed improvements, looked beautiful for Easter and we would like to thank all the kind people who helped with the decoration and donated flowers or arrangements. As ever, we are so grateful for your help.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 21st April and the following were elected to the Parochial Church Council: Beth Davis, Jenny Hyde, Kathy Yates, Peter Gould, and John Maith. Mike Baker and Clive Wood were elected Churchwardens. Tribute was paid to the enormous amount of practical voluntary help without which the Church would not be able to function – help with cleaning, providing and arranging flowers, preparing the Church for services, maintaining the churchyard and the building itself, and of course to our hard-working clergy and all members of the PCC and the Community Project Steering Committee. Thank you, one and all.

MAY SERVICES

Service times during May will be as follows:

2 nd May	-	9.30 a.m. Eucharist
9 th May	-	6.00 p.m. Evensong
16 th May	-	9.30 a.m. Sunday Worship
23 rd May	-	8.00 a.m. Eucharist
30 th May	-	11.00 a.m. Group Eucharist at Grafham

Please also make a note that on the afternoon of 20th June we shall be entertaining the Bishop of Huntingdon who is coming to perform an official opening of the new facilities in the Church and we shall be celebrating with a tea party followed by a short service. Please see next month's Newsletter for details but do keep the date free. Everyone is welcome.

HINCHINGBROOKE SCHOOL

The Hinchingbrooke School May Ball will take place on the evening of Friday 14th May with a Pimms Reception, live band 'Phoenix' and 3-course meal in Hinchingbrooke House for £30 each. Open to all parents, friends and neighbours, I am getting together an Easton table or two. If you would like further details or to join me please ring me, Richard Burton, on 891848.

DON'T FORGET...!

... to vote on May 6th. This time the constituency boundaries have been altered and we now vote for the North West Cambridgeshire MP, so there is an entirely new choice of candidates.