

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTES 65

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There is sweet music here that softer falls/ Than petals from blown blossom on the grass. Returning on 17th April from a week in southern Italy, where the only song bird was a blackbird, I was struck by the wealth of bird song in my garden, particularly greenfinch, chaffinch, song thrush, robin, hedge sparrow and the first willow warbler of the year. The first chiffchaff arrived a month ago on 18th March, I saw my first swallow on 3rd April, Beth heard the first blackcap on 7th April and Gwen Tomline saw a spotted flycatcher on 8th April. Pairs of great tits and blue tits have now adopted three of my nest boxes. What indicator for you marks the start of Spring? A friend emailed me on 9th April to say that he had just seen an Orange Tip butterfly: "the first day of Spring by my standards". Being away then, I only saw them today (17th) – a male and two females doing an elaborate aerial dance over some daffodils. But these were pre-empted by the first Brimstone two weeks ago, wakened from its winter sleep and zigzagging its way madly across the garden. Another Spring marker I always look for is that patch of white wood anemones on the road verge near Bygram's corner on the Stonely road, first noted this year on 17th March, two days after finding frog-spawn in the Brook. There are plenty of tadpoles now but, like everything, they need some rain.

CHURCH NEWS

The PCC would like to thank all the kind people who helped with the decoration of the Church for Easter and donated flowers or arrangements. As ever, we are most grateful for your help.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 28th March and the following were elected to the Parochial Church Council: Beth Davis, Jenny Hyde, Kathy Yates, Peter Gould, David Hyde, and John Maith. Mike Baker and Clive Wood were elected Churchwardens. Thanks were recorded for all the practical and voluntary help received from the village during the year, which is greatly appreciated. Fr. Jonathan gave details of an "Away-Day" organised by Bishop John Flack at Ferrars House to be held on Saturday, 8th October, and to which all are invited.

The Revd Stephen Bowring, currently vicar of St. George's, Chesterton (Cambridge) is to be the new priest in charge of Kimbolton, Stow Longa, Tilbrook and Covington. He will be licensed on Sunday 24th July. If the current deanery plan is implemented, Easton, Spaldwick, Barham and Woolley may eventually be added to the Kimbolton group, with Father Stephen as our rector. With this in mind, the archdeacon kindly involved representatives of Easton in the appointment process.

SERVICES IN MAY

1st May	-	9.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
8th May	-	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
15th May	-	9.30 a.m.	Eucharist
22 nd May	-	6.00 p.m.	Evening Eucharist
29 th May	-	11.00 a.m.	Group Eucharist at Barham

DON'T FORGET...!

... that the next Big Breakfast in Easton will take place on Saturday, 14th May!

... to vote on May 5th when we also have an unique opportunity to have our say in the referendum on the Alternative Voting System.

