

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



Geoff Prigmore has helped save our harvest! His rain-dance and the subsequent rain came just in time, but now I would like sunshine please! I have been busy over the last week preparing for harvest (preparing the combine and grainstore) and when the showers allowed, making hay from my pollen, nectar and wild flower-rich grassy margins. With hardly any rain between February and June, there is a shortage of animal feed like barley straw and hay. It is a big worry for farmers and horse owners who have to feed over winter, with some so concerned that I know of some farmers that have put their livestock up for sale. My farm has not grown rape this year but as I type this, I can hear the combines rolling from Ellington. Our wheat harvest is about a week away if we have some good weather over the next few days. I grow milling wheat so you could be eating Farmer Burton's produce in your sandwich later this year! I hope that the late rains salvage a difficult year. Some barley crop harvests are down 50% and it looks like our wheat yields will be down 25% but I will know more when my combine gets rolling. Now I really need Geoff to put on his yellow 'Budgie-Smugglers' (swimming trunks) to make the sun shine so that we don't have a long and wet harvest.

Richard Burton

## CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Beth Davis, who recently received an award from the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History for "Service & Dedication in the Field of Local History & Architecture in the County of Cambridgeshire".

## FIVE PARISH AUTUMN FAIR

The Five Parish Autumn Fair will be held in Grafham Village Hall on Saturday, 24th September. Easton Church benefits financially from this event. For many years, Peter Gould has run a very successful honey, jams, chutneys and pickle stall. Once again he has agreed to coordinate this stall and I know will look forward to receiving many jars of exciting things to sell. During the summer when you are harvesting produce and gathering from hedgerows, please think about making items to sell on Peter's stall. If you can't deal with the ingredients yourself, please hand them on to someone else. Sue, on 01480 453350, is still looking for more offer of help, stall-holders, items to sell, ideas for competitions etc. etc.

## SERVICES IN AUGUST

7 <sup>th</sup> August	-	9.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
14 <sup>th</sup> August	-	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
21 <sup>st</sup> August	-	9.30 a.m.	Eucharist
28 <sup>th</sup> August	-	6.00 p.m.	Eucharist

☒ The funeral of Ivan Yates will take place on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August at 2.00 pm in Easton Church, followed by committal at Kettering crematorium. Kathy hopes that **everyone** will go round to the house afterwards (from about 3.30).

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- On **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September** there will be an open air service at **Woolley Churchyard at 3.00 p.m.** followed by tea at Maggie Harris's (New Manor Farm).

- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** is the date of the annual Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride" event. To participate, please contact the Deanery Organiser, Peter Gould (891043), or if all else fails log on to [www.cambshistoricchurchestrust.co.uk](http://www.cambshistoricchurchestrust.co.uk) and download the necessary forms. Then just make sure you ask your



friends and family to sponsor you! Although last year's event raised the sum of £26,169, this was sadly the lowest figure since 1998. As the Trust has lost its WREN grant, the Trust is especially keen to make this year's event as successful as it possibly can. Churches are steeped in history and intrigue and for millennia have been centres of culture, arts, learning and so much more. In just two hours, you could walk around ten churches and college chapels in Cambridge or cycle to the same number in the countryside. And you know it does you good!

- The following day, **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**, Easton will be celebrating **Harvest Festival** with Evensong at 6.00 p.m. Further details of these events will follow.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Anthea Beer is seeking to borrow a high chair of the sort used for a small child at the dining room table (rather than a baby high chair with tray attached) for a few days at the beginning of August. If you can help, please let her know on 890332 or 07771-606161.