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NATURE NOTES 73



flies during the day so this is the most familiar member of the family and should be seen in gardens any time now. Please let me know if you do see one – and any other noteworthy species, including Painted lady butterfly (another regular migrant), hedgehogs (no record at all last year), Little owl (any evidence of breeding this year?) and Long-tailed tit nesting.

Brian Davis

Marilyn and Denis Jolly brought me this magnificent Privet hawk moth some while ago after finding it on the ground outside their house in The Lane. It had obviously just emerged from its overwintering pupa in the ground after the caterpillar had completed its growth last July, undetected on their privet hedge. There are some ten native species of hawk moths in Britain and this is the largest. The caterpillar would have reached three inches with a little hooked tail, like all hawk moths. I once found several of these caterpillars on privet bushes growing on sand dunes on Scolt Head Island near Brancaster off the north Norfolk coast. The Death's-head and Convolvulus hawk moths are larger but these are immigrants from the Continent and only turn up occasionally. The migrant Humming-bird hawk moth

SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER

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| 2 nd September - | 9.30 a.m. | Sunday Worship |
| 9 th September - | 6.00 p.m. | Harvest Thanksgiving |
| 16 th September - | 9.30 a.m. | Eucharist |
| 23 rd September - | No Service at Easton. | |

OLYMPIC TORCH ARRIVES IN EASTON!



Thanks to Dave Hindmarsh, who managed to get hold of one of the Olympic torches for the day, villagers and their friends and families were given a unique opportunity to be photographed holding the torch in return for a donation to Asthma UK. The event was organised by the Hindmarshes and held in the church with tea or coffee and a delicious selection of cakes on offer. This was a wonderful opportunity for a "once in a lifetime" experience and it raised the splendid sum of £562.00 for the charity. Claire and Dave would like to thank everyone who came and helped to make this such a success. Your generosity is hugely appreciated.

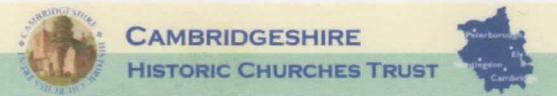


HARVEST FESTIVAL



On 9th September Easton will be celebrating Harvest Festival at 6.00 p.m. Offers of help to decorate the Church, and any gifts of produce, flowers and foliage, would be most gratefully received. These may be brought to the Church on Saturday, 8th. There will also be an opportunity for produce to be brought up to the altar during the service; this is later given to the Manor Cheshire Home in Brampton which always appreciates our support.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST



If you haven't yet signed up for the CHCT annual "Ride + Stride" event on Saturday, 8th September, it is not too late! This is a great way to visit some of the beautiful old churches in our locality as well as enjoying the countryside on foot, on a bicycle or on

horseback. Half of the funds raised will go to the participant's nominated church and the other half goes to the Trust to help maintain other churches in the county. Contact Peter Gould (891043) for further information and sponsorship forms.

BIG BREAKFAST

The next Big Breakfast will be held in the church on Saturday, 8th September. So far this year these events have raised a total of £782.59 towards the debt on the Community Room, so we are getting there!