

Easton Village Newsletter

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FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK

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At last some sun (I don't want to talk too soon as it may vanish!) which we desperately need to get the crops growing. Concern is growing over this year's sugar beet crop, with erratic emergence (in some cases up to 50% has failed) on farms in the Eastern Region. Could this be down to the coldest March for 50 years?? (Answers on a postcard to Eversden Cottage!). The cold weather has put harvest backwards as all crops seem behind. Rape has been difficult to grow this year but I am very pleased with my crop that looks well along the Stonely Road, which was planted following fallow for lapwings.

Some farmers are considering whether to abandon growing this crop next year as the EU Commission pushed through a two- year EU wide ban on three Neonicotinoids (an insecticide) that is used in Rape, maize, and sunflowers. Due to come into effect on December 1st, this ban has been described as a severe blow to

farmers and could cut yields by 30%, but these insecticides may be linked to the decline of bees so much more research is needed. Many of you will have noticed the return of cattle to our village with some beautiful pedigree Devons, cow and calves at West Farm owned by the Purser family.

Last week we had the RSPB doing a survey on the farm about the return and survival rate of the lapwing. They are monitoring the chicks, weighing and tagging, and will keep checking on them in the hope that they survive the predatory crows, foxes, badgers and birds of prey. Last week we heard a cuckoo at the farm and it was in a field which, when the farm was bought years ago, was called Cuckoo Field - LOL! Please keep your dogs on a lead or under control at this time of year because of the ground-nesting birds (lapwing, pheasants and partridges). If a dog puts a bird off a nest, she will not return again.



This Sunday, June 2nd, I will be at the Cambridgeshire County Show at Wimpole. It is a great day out for the family with livestock, trade stands, ring events, craft and food marquee. It shows British Farming at its best.

Save the Children

A big "thank you" to those who so generously supported the Save the Children house-to-house collection. Easton raised £129.20 – a wonderful contribution to the Kimbolton area collection. SCF is working in 52 countries including difficult and dangerous ones like Somalia and Afghanistan. They also have teams caring for the traumatised children who have managed to escape across the border from Syria. Worldwide, nearly 10 million children won't live to see their 5th birthday this year but solutions like vaccinations, mosquito nets and enough food can help to alleviate this situation. In the UK, SCF works with the most vulnerable children, campaigning to eradicate child poverty. Thank you again- your help is so much appreciated.

SERVICES DURING JUNE

2 nd June	-	9.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
9 th June	-	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
16 th June	-	9.30 a.m.	Eucharist
23 rd June	-	No service in Easton. <i>Nearest services Spaldwick (9.30 a.m.) and Ellington (11.00 a.m.)</i>	
30 th June	-	4.00 p.m.	Informal St. Peter's Day service (following Strawberry tea, in churchyard if fine).

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Following the village vote on access to West Farm, the result of the poll made by the village on the moving of the bollards at the entrance to Cherry Orchard Lane, and counted on 13th May 2013, was 24 votes in favour and 83 votes against.

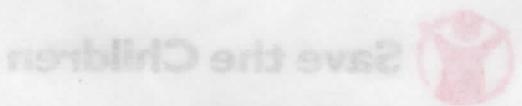
LOST AND FOUND

Over the weekend of 11/12th May a small zip purse was found on a footpath outside the village. It was empty, with no money or identification. If you think this might be yours, please telephone 890332

A14 CARRIAGEWAY REPAIRS - Phase 2 3 June to 6 June

During the works it will be necessary to implement an overnight closure of the westbound carriageway between junction 21 (Brampton Hut Interchange) and junction 18 (Spaldwick). Traffic wishing to travel westbound will use the same diversion route as Phase 1 – i.e. through traffic wishing to travel eastbound on the A14 will be diverted onto the A605 to join the A1(M) southbound at junction 17 (Peterborough) and traffic will re-join the A14 at junction 21 Brampton Hut) - but in reverse. Access will be maintained at all times for Emergency Services and residential access will be maintained via gatemen. All the lay-bys within the closures will be closed 24hr to reduce issues with vehicles parked overnight whilst works are undertaken. CarillionWSP will endeavour to keep delays to a minimum and complete the repair work as quickly as possible but delays are expected and you should allow extra time for your journeys or seek alternative routes. They apologise for any inconvenience caused during these essential works. If you have any queries concerning this scheme, please contact CarillionWSP on 01767 684633 during the hours of 9am and 5pm or the Customer Care department at customercare@carillionwsp.com, or alternatively the Highways Agency Information Line on 0300 123 5000 when out of the above times.

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A big "thank you" to those who so generously supported the Save the Children house-to-house collection. £15,200 - a wonderful contribution to the Ramadan aid collection. SCP is working in 22 countries including difficult and dangerous ones like Somalia and Afghanistan. They also have teams going for the summer children who have managed to escape across the border from Syria. Worldwide, nearly 10 million children live to see their 5th birthday this year but solutions like vaccination, mosquito nets and enough food can help alleviate this situation. In the UK, SCP work with the most vulnerable children, campaigning to end poverty. Thank you again - your help is so much appreciated.

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