

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## NATURE NOTE 83



Brian Davis

Frogspawn and golden kingcups in the Brook, a song thrush nesting in the churchyard hedge, the first nightingale heard in Savages Spinney, and the first orange-tip butterflies, all herald the new burst of spring life. It's interesting that the spawn is ever only downstream from the little footbridge, while the thrush has chosen a patch of ivy to conceal its nest from predaceous eyes. I found it by accident, though the singing male has been advertising its territory with deafening song for weeks. Another spring marker is this strange Bleach Cup fungus which Ray spotted in the churchyard. Its scientific name is *Disciotis venosa*, suggesting venom, and it is, indeed, poisonous, though it belongs among the morels, some of which are excellent to eat and highly sought after. I'm sure that a muntjac goes through the churchyard regularly as you can see its scabble footprints on both sides of the Brook opposite the gap between the churchyard wall and hedge. It doesn't seem to eat any toadstools, though: it clearly prefers the range of shrubs that our garden offers – a deer-expert friend of ours once said he could see the browse line in our garden.

## CHURCH SERVICES DURING MAY

<b>Sunday May 4th - Easter 3</b> 08.00 KIM Holy Communion (BCP) 09.30 COV Eucharist (CW1) 09.30 SPA Morning Worship 09.30 EAS Morning Worship 10.45 KIM Rogation Walk and Family Service 11.00 BAR Family Service 18.00 KIM Choral Evensong with Kimbolton School Chamber Choir	<b>Sunday May 11th - Easter 4</b> 08.00 KIM Holy Communion (BCP) 09.30 TIL Family Service 09.30 SPA Eucharist (CW1) 10.45 KIM Matins (BCP) 10.45 EAS Eucharist (CW1) 18.00 STO Evensong (BCP)
<b>Sunday May 18th - Easter 5</b> 09.30 COV Eucharist (CW1) 09.30 SPA Family Service 10.45 KIM Family Communion (CW1) 18.00 EAS Evensong (BCP)	<b>Sunday May 25th – Easter 6</b> 09.30 TIL Eucharist (CW1) 09.30 SPA Eucharist (CW1) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (CW1) 18.00 STO Holy Communion (BCP) 18.00 KIM Evensong (BCP)

Note: KIM = Kimbolton; COV = Covington; EAS = Easton; SPA = Spaldwick; STO = Stow Longa; TIL = Tilbrook.

## EASTON FUND AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE (EFSC)

Ed Sloper

A big thank you to the 39 people who filled in the questionnaire about future social events and projects in Easton. The Big Breakfast and the Christmas Mulled Wine event were clear winners. In addition to these, we are planning a Hog Roast in the summer and perhaps a Barn Dance in the Autumn this year. A clear majority were in favour of funding projects that benefit the village and the first will be a contribution towards the construction of a large oak cupboard and chest in the church to house the village crockery. Many people kindly offered their support to help at future events, which will help greatly to spread the load. Finally, a bottle of red wine has gone to Pam and Phil Bell who won a draw of the completed questionnaires.



### **SUPERFAST BROADBAND FOR EASTON**

**Steve Thomason**

There has been continuing work to roll out this service for a number of local communities, but no further progress for Easton was shown on the Connecting Cambridgeshire (CC) web site ([www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk)). A recent enquiry to the CC co-ordinators has confirmed that Easton is still on track for completion from June to September this year but there is no further update available yet.

To get superfast broadband speeds you will need to subscribe to a superfast broadband service once it is available. You will be able to order superfast broadband from all major Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as well as BT. The actual speeds that will be available to us at Easton should be able to be confirmed about a month before the work starts.

### **FREE COMPOSTED MANURE FOR THE SPRING GARDEN**

As is customary at this time of year, composted horse manure will be available free from Springfield in Chapel Lane (opposite the village water pump) each weekend over the next few weeks. With the continuing assistance of the railway at Springfield, the manure is dug out of the stockpile once it has composted for about 12-18 months. Starting at Easter until mid-May, villagers are free to come over with a wheelbarrow and help themselves to as much as they want from the driveway (help will be given with loading if required).

Also, for this year only we have a sufficient quantity of bags available to offer this as a delivered service around Easton at £1 per bag delivered to your door (or garden!). If you ring 891516 or drop an email to us at [thomsk@btinternet.com](mailto:thomsk@btinternet.com) with the number of bags you need, we will do the rest.



### **NEWSPAPERS**

Villagers may like to be reminded that Perry Stores will deliver daily newspapers and magazines to the village by prior arrangement. All papers are left on the front porch of Kath Goodwin's house (6, The Lane) from where they can be collected at any time. This is a very useful service and the more people who use it, the less likely we are to lose it! Perry Stores can be contacted on 01480 811743.

### **The Church as Your Venue**

Did you know that the church and meeting room can be hired for private occasions by residents of Easton?

The cost is very reasonable and the chairs and folding tables can be hired separately.

Contact Malcolm Halliday to make your booking at Ford Cottage, Chapel Lane, Easton. Tel: 890125 or e-mail [malcolm.halliday@virgin.net](mailto:malcolm.halliday@virgin.net)

**Copy deadline for the June newsletter is Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May.**