

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## NATURE NOTE 84

Brian Davis



I have seven species of bumblebee in my garden, which play an enormously useful role in pollinating my beans. Like honeybees, there are queens, males and workers but only the late summer brood of fertilised queens survive the winter. These emerge in the spring, make a nest and build a small honeypot to get the colony started. The different kinds are distinguished by their colour coding, usually in bands of black and yellow hairs on the thorax and abdomen but often more simply recognised by the colour of their tails – buff, pink, white or red – plus one all orange, and these two here. The first is the most distinctive of all with its bright orange thorax and white tail, and is a relatively new immigrant to Britain, first seen in 2000 but now widespread and common. Unlike the other 21 native British species which



make nests on or in the ground, this species nests in holes in trees and vacant nest boxes. The second picture is one of the six cuckoo bumblebees which mimic other, normal, species and, as their name implies, parasitize them; they have no worker cast, just males and queens. The queens especially have very dark wings. The flowers of chives seem to be a particularly favourite source of pollen and nectar, but foxgloves, comfrey, geranium, mock-orange and many other herbaceous plants and shrubs provide a succession of flowers that attract one or other of these bumblebees depending on the length of their tongues.

## CHURCH SERVICES DURING JULY

<b>Sunday July 6th - Trinity 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 Family Service 11.00 BAR Family Service	<b>Sunday July 13th - Trinity 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 July 20th - Trinity 5</b> 09.30 COV Matins (BCP) 09.30 SPA Family Service 10.45 KIM Family Communion (CW1) 18.00 EAS Evensong (BCP)	<b>Sunday July 27th - Trinity 6</b> 09.30 TIL Eucharist (CW1) 09.30 SPA Eucharist (CW1) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (CW1) 18.00 STO Communion (BCP) 18.00 KIM Evensong (BCP)

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

## SUPERFAST BROADBAND FOR EASTON

Steve Thomason

*Connecting Cambridgeshire* is rolling out superfast broadband to over 90,000 premises across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Many fibre cabinets providing the new service are already switched on at Grafham, West Perry, Buckden, The Offords, Papworth Everard, and many more around Huntingdon itself. If you access the *Connecting Cambridgeshire* website, their online map is updated with progress ([www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk)).

The estimated date for this work to take place in Easton had been quoted as sometime between June and September, and we now have confirmation it will be September.

Broadband speeds on your existing services will not automatically increase with the fibre upgrade. People will need to contact their existing, or alternative Internet Service Provider (ISP) to discuss options to get new fibre broadband services. You can check this by contacting your provider directly or using a comparison website such as Broadband Genie, Uswitch, Compare the Market, etc, and ordering a fibre package. As an example, the basic BT Broadband package



is £10 per month after any introductory offers have expired. The BT Infinity Superfast Broadband (giving speeds up to 38Mb) is currently an introductory price of £8 per month (rising to £16 per month after 6 months), so the difference in cost would be £6 per month. Bear in mind that this is in addition to the basic line rental, which at present is £15.99 per month from BT (which includes unlimited calls at the weekend).

The actual speeds that will be available in Easton should be confirmed to us about a month before the work starts. However, in general the speed of the broadband connection will depend on how far your home or business is from the cabinet. Premises within a 1 kilometre radius of the new cabinet can expect to be able to access speeds in excess of 24Mbps.

**VILLAGE ADVERTISING**

Do you ever have any surplus plants or seedlings when growing plants for your garden, or larger items that are too awkward to sell on eBay but might have a use elsewhere in the village? It has been suggested that items of this nature could be advertised in the Village Newsletter: why not take advantage of its circulation (!) and advertise locally first? Any items notified to the editor before the copy deadline shown at the foot of each newsletter will be included in the next edition.

**REPORT ON THE HOG ROAST**

**Kathy Yates**

I would like to thank everyone who supported our recent village Hog Roast and particularly our Easton Fund and Social Committee members who worked tirelessly to make the event a success. Special thanks are due to the sub-committee of Clive, Ed and John who made the whole day run like clockwork. Ed did especially well getting together the WW1 memorabilia and organising the music and singing, and John collated the details of the young men from Easton who tragically lost their lives. Also many thanks to Ruth Speechley who provided the hand sewn postcards sent back from the war front by serving soldiers to their loved ones. It all made a very interesting and thought-provoking display.

Special thanks go to the "salad girls" - lots of people remarked on the high quality of the food – and to Phil Bell who spent hours mowing the field in the pouring rain on Saturday morning! In the end, we were very lucky with the weather, for at about noon, the sun came out and we had a wonderfully warm and sunny afternoon.

Once again thank you to everyone who either helped with the event or attended as guests.

**BROADWEIR BRAINTEASER**

1.	For which country is E the international number plate?	
2.	Between which cities did the train "The Golden Arrow" travel?	
3.	What do the initials P and O stand for?	
4.	What does the SAE number on oil indicate?	
5.	Of which country is Garuda the International Airline?	
6.	From which country did DAF cars originate?	
7.	What was the name of the doomed sports car once manufactured in Belfast?	
8.	In which country would you find Orly Airport?	
9.	What do the initials MG stand for on motor cars. e.g. MG Midget?	
10.	Who produced the Trident passenger aircraft?	
11.	What occurs on the "Glorious Twelfth"?	
12.	What is the name of the controlling body for flat Horse Racing?	
13.	What is lepidoptery better known as?	
14.	In which sport could you win the Federation Cup?	
15.	Which chess piece always remains on the same colour square?	
16.	By what better name is Paranaque called?	
17.	Which soccer team plays their home games at Brunton Park?	
18.	What is the sign language used by bookies known as?	
19.	Which sport commences with a Face off?	
20.	In which sport could you come across a Boston Crab?	

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