

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTE 85

Brian Davis



On 22nd July this year, the County butterfly and moth recorder, Barry Dickerson, came and set up a light trap in our orchard. We turned it on at 9.30 p.m. that evening and off again at 7.30 a.m. the next morning. Barry came at 9 o'clock and, with Stephanie Silcock and Ray Ellis, we watched him carefully remove the sections of egg boxes in which moths had taken shelter and write down 72 species without pausing, except to pop a few tiny ones into glass tubes to examine later. Among the large, 'aristocratic', moths were three Poplar hawks (see left) whose outstretched mottled grey wings look just like dead leaves, and one Elephant hawk moth with its beautiful arrow-like pink wings. Strangely enough, we had a visit from Richard and James Burton three weeks later with a full grown Elephant hawk caterpillar found up at Lodge Farm whose outstretched body covered one's whole hand. Its name obviously comes from its weird elephant-trunk-like body which

thrashes around when disturbed, while its rather frightening double pair of 'eyes' make it quite an intimidating creature. Phillip says it actually gave him a nip. Anyway, it has now (18th August) pupated in a box of soil and will rest there until next June while it undergoes the miraculous trick of creating the wings and legs and long coiled proboscis of an adult moth. Barry reckons that he may get up to a hundred different moths from that one night's trapping when he has examined under a microscope all those he took away. I did a quick count to record a total of 41 different kinds of trees and shrubs in our garden which would help to explain this rich insect diversity.



CHURCH SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER

Sunday Sept 7th - Trinity 12 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 Pet Service 11.00 BAR Family Service	Sunday Sept 14th - Trinity 13 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)
Sunday Sept 21st - Trinity 14 09.30 COV Matins (BCP) 09.30 SPA Family Service 10.45 KIM Harvest Festival 18.00 EAS Harvest Festival Evensong	Sunday Sept 28th - Trinity 15 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)

HARVEST FESTIVAL



You are warmly invited to celebrate Harvest Festival in Easton Church at 6 p.m. on Sunday, 21st September. Families with children are especially welcome and there will be an opportunity for harvest gifts to be taken up to the Altar during the service.



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SAVE THE CHILDREN INTER-VILLAGE QUIZ



The annual Inter-Village Quiz will take place this year on **Friday, 10th October at 7.30 p.m.** in the State Rooms of Kimbolton Castle. After dipping a toe in the water last year, it would be really good if we could enter a team again this year. It is good fun and not nearly as scary as individual questions sound, since everyone makes their share of “howlers” and it is all taken in good part. If one member of the team cannot answer a question it is offered to the rest of the team for a slightly lower mark, but nobody takes it too seriously! Furthermore, it is all for a very good cause. Teams consist of just 3 members of any age, all of whom must live in Easton. There is an entry fee of only £6 per team (£2 per head) and we are encouraged to bring some supporters at just £4 each. For further information, please contact Jenny Hyde by email at j.hyde2@btinternet.com or telephone 891454.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST



The Annual “Ride, Drive or Stride” event will take place on **Saturday, 13th September**. Sponsorship goes half to the participant’s nominated church and half to the CHCT for the maintenance of other churches in the county.

There is no set route; participants choose which churches that they wish to visit. We would be delighted to welcome anybody who would like to take part – please contact your village organiser, Roger Silcock (890455).



SUPERFAST BROADBAND FOR EASTON

Steve Thomason

Superfast Broadband is now available in Easton and has been available since the end of June. The first person successfully connected in Easton that I am aware of was on the 8th July. Since then, a number of people are either successfully working at the higher speeds, or are waiting for completion of an order for the new service.

If anyone wants to order the upgraded superfast service, you should be able to do so via any internet service provider (ISP), e.g. Virgin, TalkTalk, BT, etc, and each of these have various offers on at present. There are also plenty of comparison websites that allow you to compare broadband packages available, such as: ‘Broadband Genie’, ‘Uswitch’, and ‘Compare the Market’. However, the broadband comparison sites can take up to two months to get the latest information about where the new fibre network has been deployed so ensure you check for the latest offers. Things to look out for include:

- ❖ Speed – check this carefully as some broadband packages cap download/upload speeds in return for a cheaper tariff.
- ❖ Usage – some packages are unlimited while others only allow a limited amount of download/upload each month, so check what you need.
- ❖ Contract – check the contract length which could be 12/18/24 months depending on the package.
- ❖ Calls – you may save money by combining broadband with telephone services in one package.
- ❖ Offers – broadband companies may offer incentives to sign up to their products, such as discounted introductory periods or vouchers for high street stores.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION – MAY 2014

The amount raised this year was £269.00 – a new record high for the village. Thank you to all who gave so generously, and to Pam and Rebekah Bell, Peter Gould and Malcolm Halliday for conducting the house-to-house collection.

Mike Baker (Christian Aid Organiser)

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On **Friday October 3rd** the PCC will be holding their wine tasting event with Phillip Amp from Amps Fine Wines. Tickets will be £15.00 each which includes a hot supper with wine. Tickets will be on sale from early in September but numbers are limited so don't leave it too late!

Copy deadline for the October newsletter is Monday 22nd September.