

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTE 86



It has been quite a good year for young frogs in our garden. They like the long uncut grass in our orchard and are only seen when they leap away when I am mowing it. This hopping mode immediately distinguishes them from toads, whose walking gait is shown by the lower picture of one on my grand-daughter's arm – a very small toad found in Savages Spinney. At a closer view, of course, one will notice the obvious pair of lines down a frog's back and the way it sits back on its long hind legs like coiled springs, while a toad squats flat on its stomach. The grand-daughter took a young froglet home to Bristol in a shoe box in August and the last that I heard, this was still surviving on a daily diet of small beetles and worms that she somehow manages to find. As I have said before, Easton village is a small oasis for wildlife. Fifty years ago, most of the present arable fields around the village were meadows, each with its own pond, and frogs would have been a common element of the farmland fauna. In the 1960s they became almost extinct in Huntingdonshire, partly through the loss of habitat and partly through the widespread use of DDT and other insecticides. Long may we keep such humble creatures as part of our natural heritage and for future generations of children to enjoy.

Brian Davis



CHURCH SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER

<p>Sunday Nov 2nd - All Saints Sunday 08.00 KIM Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Rev Stephen Bowring</i> 09.30 EAS Morning Worship <i>Mr Mike Baker</i> 09.30 SPA Morning Worship 10.45 KIM Family Service <i>Rev Stephen Bowring</i> 11.00 BAR Family Service 16.00 COV Festal Evensong with Bell Blessing by Bishop Stephen</p>	<p>Sunday Nov 9th - Remembrance Sunday 08.00 KIM Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Rev Stephen Bowring</i> 09.30 SPA Remembrance Service <i>Mr John Blatch</i> 09.30 TIL Remembrance Ceremony <i>Mrs Lesley Bowring</i> 10.45 KIM Remembrance Service <i>Rev Stephen Bowring</i> 18.00 EAS Short service of Remembrance</p> 
<p>Sunday Nov 16th – Second Sunday before Advent 09.30 COV Eucharist <i>Rev Nicki Bland</i> 09.30 SPA Family Service <i>Rev Stephen Bowring</i> 10.45 KIM Family Communion <i>Rev Stephen Bowring</i> 18.00 EAS Evensong (BCP)</p>	<p>Sunday Nov 23rd – Christ the King 09.30 TIL Eucharist (CW1) <i>Rev John Rawlinson</i> 09.30 SPA Eucharist (CW1) <i>Rev Stephen Bowring</i> 10.45 KIM Eucharist (CW1) <i>Rev Stephen Bowring</i> 15.00 STO Communion (BCP) 15.00 KIM Evensong (BCP)</p>
<p>Sunday Nov 30th – St Andrew / Advent Sunday 10.45 KIM Eucharist (CW1) <i>Rev Stephen Bowring</i></p>	

THANK YOU...

to all those who so generously gave produce for the Harvest Festival service in September; also to those who helped to decorate the Church for the occasion or donated fruit, vegetables and other produce. The produce was taken afterwards to the Manor Cheshire Home in Brampton where they were very grateful for our support. They have kindly sent a letter of appreciation, and a thank-you card has also been received from the residents.

CHCT RIDE, STRIDE or DRIVE 2014

Many thanks to all who helped in any way, particularly our most generous sponsors. Three people took part from Easton and they raised £250, of which half comes back to Easton Church Fabric Fund with the rest put in a general fund for the maintenance of historic churches in Cambridgeshire.

BARN DANCE

Unfortunately the Barn Dance planned for 1st November at Spaldwick School has had to be cancelled through lack of support. The date was chosen to replace the Halloween/Bonfire event which has been plagued with bad weather for the past few years. Quite a few Easton residents are not available on this date and therefore there are insufficient numbers to cover costs and make it a successful evening.

FIRST-SATURDAY-OF-THE-MONTH EARLY MORNING YOGA

Wake up to the first weekend of the month with an Iyengar yoga class on Saturday morning in St Peter's Church, Easton, 8.30-9.30am. Suitable for everyone to enjoy at their own pace. Please bring your own non-slip mat and wear suitable clothing. Villagers £3 and visitors £5. Classes start on Saturday 1st November 8.30-9.30am and at the same time on Saturday 6th December and Saturday 3rd January 2015.



Rona Graham. NEW telephone number: 891171

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Addenbrooke's Liver Transplant Association, also known as ALTA, (Charity No. 1115971) is a little-known charity that was formed in 1991 with the aim of supporting patients undergoing assessment and transplant. In order to raise awareness of the Charity and to raise essential funds, Easton PCC has generously agreed to allow the sale of ALTA Christmas Cards this year in the Church. There will therefore be a small display of cards and an "honesty box" for payment in the Church from the beginning of November onwards. Please do have a look at these and consider supporting ALTA. There are many more causes of liver disease than drug and alcohol misuse which, contrary to popular belief, accounts for only 30% of all cases and there are far more people in our neighbourhood who have received a liver transplant than you would ever imagine. Anyone might develop liver disease for a multitude of different reasons. More information about the work of the charity is also available, if anyone is interested.

49 CLUB

The final winner in this current period for September is Barbara Wallis. Congratulations to Barbara. It is hoped to commence a new 12-month period starting with the first draw in November. We hope those who have supported the 49 Club will continue, and if anyone wishes to join they would be very welcome. The annual fee is £12 and a draw is made each month (based on the bonus ball from the national lotto for the last Saturday of each month) with the monthly winners each receiving £22.50. Please contact Peter Gould or John Maith if you wish to be a new member.

AND FINALLY...

Grateful thanks to Jo Brand and her family team of distributors, who are kindly going to take over delivery of the newsletter from now on. Thank you, too, to all those who volunteered to help: we may yet need you in the future!

For news of what is going on in the rest of our 7-parish grouping, please see www.kymchurch.org.uk.