

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



The news is full of the blight of our dairy farmers who are having a horrible time at present and many face going out of business. Less than a year ago they were being paid 34p a litre but several things went wrong: we had a wet Spring which produced wonderful grass, increasing milk production and then two export markets became a problem - China went out of the market and we imposed a ban on Russia. This made prices fall to 24p/litre at which no farmer can survive, then this week First Milk (a national milk-buying company) are delaying 1,300 milk cheques. At present we have 10,000 British dairy farms producing high class produce compared with 48,000 in 1980. I wonder where it will stop? Please try to buy British milk and dairy products wherever you can so we can all help. It has a

knock-on effect as less herds and fewer calves means beef farmers will be hit in the long term. I could talk about supermarkets and price wars but this column is not long enough!!

It is soon the end of the pheasant-shooting season and our small farm shoot has been successful this year. This season we have been lucky with the weather and the birds have flown very well and have been testing sport for the guns. We have had 3 shoots with the first couple getting total bags of over 50 and this week we had our last day. Jill really enjoys this day as we only shoot the male, cock pheasants!! If there are too many cocks left after the shooting season, they will fight each other for their territory and harem of hens and can kill their rivals or get seriously hurt, so it is important to thin the number of cock birds left so that we have strong, healthy breeding birds. The game season ends on February 1<sup>st</sup> but I will continue to feed them throughout the year to keep them strong and nourished through the breeding season ahead and, as a result, many wild songbirds will benefit.

NB: Families with chickens and small pets, we have lost two hens to a big dog fox this week and Jill has seen it many times in the afternoon round the chicken pen, so be on your guard!

## CHURCH SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY

### Sunday 1st Feb: (Candlemas)

09.30 COV Parish Communion *Rev Stephen Bowring*  
10.45 KIM Family Service *Rev Stephen Bowring*  
10.45 SPA Parish Communion *Rev Nicki Bland*  
15.00 STO BCP Evensong *Rev Stephen Bowring*  
**16.00 EAS Christingle Service *Rev Stephen Bowring***

### Sunday 8th Feb: (Second before Lent)

09.30 TIL Family Service *Mrs Lesley Bowring*  
**09.30 EAS Parish Communion *Rev Nicki Bland***  
10.45 KIM Parish Communion *Rev Nicki Bland/Mrs Lesley Bowring*  
10.45 SPA Family Service *Rev Stephen Bowring*

### Sunday 15th Feb: (Sunday before Lent)

09.30 COV BCP Matins *Rev Nicki Bland*  
09.30 STO Parish Communion *Rev John Rawlinson*  
10.45 KIM BCP Matins *Rev Ron Lancaster*  
10.45 SPA Parish Communion *Rev Nicki Bland*  
11.00 BAR Morning Worship *Rev Stephen Bowring*  
**18.00 EAS BCP Evensong *Rev Nicki Bland***

### ASH WEDNESDAY 18th Feb:

10.30 KIM Holy Communion with Ashing (BCP)  
19.30 SPA Holy Communion with Ashing (BCP)

### Sunday 22nd February (Lent I)

09.30 TIL Parish Communion *Rev Stephen Bowring*  
**09.30 EAS Morning Worship *Mr Mike Baker***  
10.45 KIM Parish Communion *Rev Stephen Bowring*  
10.45 SPA Morning Worship *Mrs Lesley Bowring*  
15.00 KIM BCP Evensong *Rev Stephen Bowring*

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**Rona Graham (891171)**



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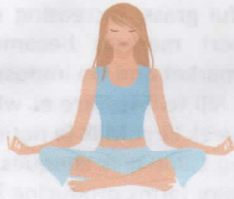


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