

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTE 93

Brian

Davis



Having recently returned from a cruise along the Caribbean coast of Central America, I thought I would say something about the animals we saw. One of the most distinctive groups of New-World mammals are the prehensile-tailed monkeys, like the Howler monkey and Spider monkey, which we both saw and heard. These belong to a different Suborder from African and Asian monkeys which don't have prehensile tails but they must have shared a common ancestor some 60 million years ago before continental drift separated Africa and south America. The other characteristic group we saw in Costa Rica were the tree sloths, both the Two-toed and the Three-toed, looking rather like brown hessian sacks draped from the upper branches of tall trees. The latter has a dark streak all down its back so you don't have to count the

enormous hooked toes to identify it. They seem to spend all their lives suspended upside down, including having young, except that, like cats, they like to bury their poo so they have to come down to the ground for this, presumably, so as not to betray their static position overhead. Oddly, their nearest relatives are the Armadillo and the Giant anteater, all of which belong to a group called Edentata, because of their reduced or absent teeth. There used to be a Giant ground sloth which became extinct in the Americas along with ancient horses, mammoths, giant bison, proto-camels and Dire wolf around 10,000 years ago, after the arrival of the first human colonists from Beringia (now under the Bering Sea). We also saw Peccaries, Racoons and a black cat-like animal called a Jaguarondi in a 'Rescue Centre' in Costa Rica, where animals were being prepared for resettlement in the wild. We didn't see a Jaguar, but these seem to be doing well in huge jungle National Parks in Belize to Panama.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH 2016

<p>Sunday 6th March (Mothering Sunday) 09.30 COV Mothering Sunday Service (Mrs. L Bowring) 09.30 EAS Mothering Sunday Service (Rev S Bowring) 10.45 KIM Family Service (Rev S Bowring) 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson) 15.00 STO Evensong (Rev S Bowring)</p>	<p>Sunday 13th March (Lent 5) 09.30 TIL Family Service (Mrs. L Bowring) 09.30 EAS Parish Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster) 10.45 SPA Morning Worship (Rev N Bland)</p>
<p>Sunday 20th March (Palm Sunday) 09.30 COV Matins (Rev N Bland) 09.30 STO BCP Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson) 10.45 KIM Procession and Communion (Rev S Bowring)</p>	<p>Sunday 27th March (EASTER DAY) 09.30 COV Easter Communion (Rev S Bowring) 09.30 TIL Easter Communion (Rev R Lancaster) 09.30 EAS Easter Communion (Rev N Bland) 10.45 KIM Easter Communion (Rev R Lancaster)</p>



18.00 EAS Evensong (Rev S Bowring)	10.45 SPA Easter Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson) 11.00 BAR Easter Communion (Rev S Bowring)
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EASTER

We should be most grateful for help with decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday, 26th March, and for offers of flowers and/or foliage. Many thanks.



CONCERT REVIEW

Ed Sloper



Thursday 18th February once again revealed the depth of Easton’s musical talent in the beautiful setting of All Souls Church near to the BBC headquarters in London. The occasion was a Chamber Music Concert in aid of *Help for Heroes*, with all of the music written by our own Michael Lawson. The large audience ranged from a baby aged one week to the silver

surfers of Easton and we were treated to a wide range of musical styles from classic to contemporary, written for a diversity of instrumental and vocal groupings. Reflecting the theme of *Help for Heroes*, the music was interspersed with readings from WW1 poet Wilfred Owen.

The highlight, however, which resulted in the loudest applause of the evening was our virtuoso Rob Burton playing three pieces on saxophone, written specially for him by Michael, with a fine piano accompaniment by Grace Yeo. The lyrical, jazz feel of the pieces struck a chord with the audience, closing the first half of the concert on a high.



The evening finished on another high with a piece written for flute and string quartet which seemed to capture a timeless view of England and a feeling of optimism for its future.

EASTON FUND AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE (EFSC)

Ed Sloper

The Annual General Meeting of the EFSC will be held on the Thursday 31 March 2016 at 8.00pm. It will be held at Kathy’s house (Belmont), due to a prior booking at the Church. All are welcome, particularly those with new ideas for social functions in Easton. I am sure Kathy will have tea and biscuits in abundance!

The next Big Breakfast will be held in the Church on Saturday 12 March from 9.30am to 11.00am. Photographs of Easton residents, taken recently, will be displayed and orders taken for any copies required. Alternatively, the photographs can be viewed on the website mark.heath@spaldwick.com.

Advanced notice is given of a “Safari Supper” on 21 May 2016. This will be limited to 60 participants so you are advised to snap up the tickets as soon as they are available. It is always a popular event. The theme will be Great Britain (no connection to the EU referendum to be held in June!).

Advanced notice is also given of a Family Fun Day on the playing field at Easton. This is planned for Sunday 21 August and will include a bouncy castle, field games, the usual “Toss the Welly” competition and a BBQ. More details will be circulated nearer the date of the event.

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 31st March 2016 in the Church, beginning at 8.00 p.m. This is the annual Open Meeting at which villagers may raise any questions they may have.



The British Heart Foundation (BHF) has a mission to create a Nation of Lifesavers by training people to be able to perform effective and immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

A number of villagers responded to last December's appeal and are now trained in CPR and the use of a PAD (Public Access Defibrillator). A PAD has been purchased and is currently located in a brown box under the Scots Pine tree in the front garden of The House in The Lane and is available for anyone to use in an emergency.

Many thanks go to Easton United Charities who have supported this venture and to Robin Purser who kindly offered to provide a power supply to the equipment in its current position. If any villagers can identify a more suitable location for the PAD, please e-mail suggestions to alasdairwpgraham@gmail.com



IT'S CHIMNEY SWEEP TIME AGAIN!



The Chimney Sweep will be in the village again on Monday and Tuesday, 18th and 19th April 2016 and the cost remains at £35 (the same as last year), providing there are no unforeseen complications such as birds' nests! Inglenook fireplaces may be subject to an additional £5.00. If you would like the sweep to call, please let Jenny Hyde know by emailing the address at the foot of this newsletter or telephoning 891454, no later than Thursday, 31st March.

49 CLUB IS NOW THE 59 CLUB!

John Maith

With the change in the National Lottery Lotto draw from 49 numbers to 59 numbers it was necessary for the 49 Club to follow this to avoid too many roll-overs. It is still £12 per annum - i.e. £1 per month - and the winning number is the bonus ball in the Lotto on the last Saturday of each month. With this change, the winner each month will receive £25 (previously it was £22.50). I am grateful to all those in the village who have continued to support the 49 Club, and to those who have recently joined. It really does help maintain and develop the Church building. The first draw was at the end of January and the winning number was 42, held by Malcolm Halliday. Congratulations to Malcolm. There are still a few numbers available if anyone

wishes to join. As the January draw has been made, the cost would now be less, depending how many draws remain when you enter. Please contact me on 891647 if you wish to be included. The next draws will be on Saturday 27th February and Saturday 26th March and will advise of winners in future Newsletters. Good Luck!

Copy deadline for the next newsletter will be Thursday 24th March 2016