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FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



Who would be a Farmer? At last I managed to get back on the land and applied nitrogen fertiliser to the crops, to get it growing after a cold, damp winter. The land has to be dry enough not to get my tractor stuck and also to travel across without damaging the soil structure. I also like to wait until the soil starts warming up and the crop starts its spring growth so that it uses the fertiliser as it needs it. I had just finished when the heavy rain came last week, but hopefully it wasn't enough to wash it all away!

I have sold my wheat from last year's harvest for £102/t which is £20/t lower than last year and £60/t lower than the year before. I won't even think about the year before that, or I might start crying!! Pig farmers are in real difficulties, losing £10 on every pig sold, so please continue to buy British. Lamb trade is slightly better this week as seasonal Easter trade has helped.

Dairy milk prices continue to fall with one company offering as little as 18p/litre to the farmer. One family Jill knows in Norfolk had their farm sale today, selling 400 dairy cows as they lost £160,000 and couldn't take it anymore. They are fourth generation farmers and Mrs Barrell told us that it costs them 29p/l to produce milk and her best price was 21p/l. That's a loss of 8p/l, for starting at 4am and working until 9pm.



Preparing a cow for the auction.

We then have weeds, aphids, black grass, the weather, red tape, health and safety and now the Europe vote to contend with. Who would be a farmer? (Actually, I still enjoy it!)

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th April, at 7.30 p.m. in St. Peter's Church. Churchwardens and PCC members will be elected. Reports will be given on Church finances and activities in the Church. Anyone is most welcome to attend this meeting but, if you wish to vote, you need to be on the Church's Electoral Roll. There is a list of those at present on the Roll on the noticeboard in the Church porch. If you would like your name to be added, please contact Stephanie Silcock (890455) before 6th April.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL

<p>Sunday 3rd April (Easter 2) 09.30 COV Parish Communion 10.45 KIM Family Service 10.45 SPA Parish Communion 18.00 STO Evensong</p>	<p>Sunday 10th April (Easter 3) 09.30 TIL Family Service 09.30 EAS Parish Communion 10.45 KIM Parish Communion 10.45 SPA Morning Worship</p>
<p>Sunday 17th April (Easter 4) 09.30 COV Matins 09.30 STO BCP Communion 10.45 KIM Matins 10.45 SPA Parish Communion 11.00 BAR Family Service 18.00 EAS Evensong</p>	<p>Sunday 24th April (Easter 5) 09.30 TIL Parish Communion 09.30 EAS Morning Worship 10.45 KIM Parish Communion 10.45 SPA Family Service 18.00 KIM Evensong</p>

CARDS FOR THE CHURCH

Thank you to Iris Brooker who has kindly made and given some more beautiful hand-made cards. These are in a box on the table near the meeting room and she has generously asked that donations may be made to the Church Fabric Fund.

**Thoughts on a Wet Day in Easton.
 Wednesday 10th March**

Oh, who would be in Easton
 On such a rainy day,
 With the swollen stream and muddy roads
 And many are away.

I have to cross the A14
 It's bucketing with rain
 The swishing lorries, speeding cars,
 It really is a pain

I have to play the keyboard,
 The church is very cold.
 My fingers are so frozen
 They won't do what they're told.

But be of cheer,
 The blackthorn's out
 And really I don't mind.
 The reason I love Easton is
 The people are so kind!

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on 31st March 2016, St Peter's Church at 8.00pm. Reports from all the village associations will be presented.

The Parish Meeting is an opportunity for any parishioner on the Electoral Roll for Easton to raise any matter of concern that relates to their local community. Matters may be raised at the meeting without prior notice.

It would be helpful to have notice of any matter to be raised but it is not essential. For any query, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council (Anthea Beer – 01480 890332).



Copy deadline for the next newsletter will be Sunday 24th April 2016