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FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



May is a busy month, when not only your garden starts to grow, but we hope all our crops start enjoying some sunshine and warmer nights, with the odd shower to help growth.

Farming is changing, but instead of going forward, as you would expect, many arable farmers are going backwards about 30 years and starting to change the way they farm and rotate their crops. This is all down to the dreaded Blackgrass being so difficult to manage that we are having to grow Spring crops again to give a larger window to spray and kill this weed, and giving more time to work the land before drilling the next crop in the Spring. The downside to all this is that Spring Wheat, Barley and Beans yield less than their Winter cousins and in a dry season, have practically no yield!

We have become very reliant on sprays to kill this weed. One spray that did work quite well was banned 15 years ago by the EU, so Britain stopped using it but I have heard that at least France are still using it. The good thing for wildlife is that the British countryside will be more diverse than it has been for years, with a mosaic of crops and land lying fallow over the Winter period.

Politicians, farm leader and economists are beginning to set out their stalls to whether they believe Britain should remain in the European Union or come out. A *Farmers Weekly* survey found that 58% of farmers back an EU exit, even though we have been dependant on support for many years in order to provide a consistent food supply.

The other night I was phoned to be asked what animal was making a horrible barking noise in our grass field. The noise went on for the whole evening and then through the night. It was from the Muntjac deer, which was brought from China to Woburn Park in Bedfordshire in the early 20th century. They were deliberately released and escaped and they soon bred prolifically. They are known as the 'barking deer' for the repeated loud bark. These deer have no rutting season so can breed all year. A Doe can breed at seven months old and can mate again within a few days, and Bucks can live up to 16 years of age.



SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JUNE

Sunday 5th June (Trinity 2) 09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 10.45 KIM Family Service (Rev N Bland) 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 18.00 STO Evensong (Rev N Bland)	Sunday 12th June (Trinity 3) 09.30 TIL Family Service (Mrs. L Bowring) 09.30 EAS Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 16.30 SPA Messy Church *CANCELLED*, sorry!
Sunday 19th June (Trinity 4) 09.30 COV Matins (Rev S Bowring) 09.30 STO BCP Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson) 10.45 KIM Matins (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson) 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 11.00 BAR Parish Communion (Rev N Bland) 18.00 EAS Evensong (Rev N Bland)	Sunday 26th June (Trinity 5) 09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mr M Baker) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster) 10.45 SPA Morning Worship (Rev S Bowring) 18.00 KIM Evensong (Rev R Lancaster)

CARERS WEEK 2016



Carers Trust Cambridgeshire and Carers Trust Peterborough are contacting carers and former carers to spread the message that we are celebrating and honouring the valued commitment of dedicated family carers past, present and future during national Carers Week, 6-12 June.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Green
Carers Support Team Manager

The packed week of events includes health and wellbeing sessions for carers, information stands, tea parties and drop-ins; carers and groups that support them have pulled out all the stops to host some fantastic events, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

For a full list of local events in your area please go to <http://bit.ly/1Th3FpL>.

If you would like to know more about the support available to family carers or to find out about how you can get involved, such as through sharing your experiences, volunteering or donating, please visit www.carerstrustcambridgeshire.org email care@carertrustcambridgeshire.org or telephone 0345 241 0954, 01480 499090 or 01733 645234.



PLEASE NOTE: Owing to holidays, copy deadline for the next newsletter will be Sunday 19th June 2016.