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NATURE NOTE 103

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In July 2011, I showed a photograph of a Hornet moth, and in November 2016 I showed a picture of an actual hornet in our garden. Here are two hoverflies of several that mimic wasps or hornets. The first is Chrysotoxum, whose Greek name means *golden poison*, and whose larvae are thought to feed on root aphids underground; and the second is Volucella inanis, the Hornet hoverfly, whose larvae also feed underground - on the larvae of wasps and hornets! There is another species of Volucella which has two forms that mimic red-tailed and white-tailed bumblebee, both of which I have seen in our garden and whose larvae feed as scavengers in the nests of bumblebees. There are about

160 species of hoverflies in Britain altogether, many of whose larvae feed on greenfly and

whose adults are all valuable pollinators, so they are clearly 'a good thing', (except for the notorious Bulbfly, Merodon, which can be a pest of daffodils). Because of their intrinsic attractiveness and variety, I started to make a collection of hoverflies when I lived in Aberdeenshire, and continued this when I came to Monks Wood, listing 103 species there in the first 10 years. Nowadays, there is a wonderfully illustrated handbook for hoverflies (2013) to join the library of books on birds and butterflies and bees and dragonflies to encourage would-be naturalists in exploring the world around them.



SUNDAY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 5th November (All Saints Sunday)	Sunday 12th November (Remembrance Sunday)
09.30 SPA Morning Worship (Mrs L Bowring)	09.30 TIL Act of Remembrance (Mrs L Bowring)
09.30 COV Family Communion (Rev S Bowring)	09.30 Memorial outside Bicton Estate: Act of Remembrance (SB)
10.45 KIM Family Service (Rev S Bowring)	10.45 STO Remembrance Sunday Service (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson)
11.00 BAR Family Service (Mrs L Bowring)	10.45 KIM Remembrance Sunday Service (Rev R Lancaster)
15.00 STO Evensong (Rev S Bowring)	10.45 SPA Remembrance Sunday Service (Rev S Bowring)
	18.00 EAS Remembrance Evensong (Rev S Bowring)
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ANNUAL CHURCHYARD TIDY

This is scheduled for Sunday November 19th. starting at 11.00 a.m. Bacon sandwiches and coffee will be provided for all participants. If it is raining we will postpone it to the following Sunday November 26th. Please bring any garden tools you think may be useful!

MURDER MOST FOUL



Terror comes to Easton thanks to our writer and director Simon Malivoire and an enthusiastic cast of misfits and ne'er-do-wells from Easton. Reserve your tickets now for murder, mystery and dinner. The mayhem will take place at Easton Church on Saturday 25 November starting at 7.00pm sharp. Tickets are £15.00 and they are limited to 50 maximum for residents of Easton and their friends or family.

Members of the audience are not required to participate as suspects, victim or murderer in the action - just sit back and enjoy your dinner. Watch and listen carefully as the events unfold before deciding "whodunit". If you are Brave enough contact Ed or Maureen Sloper on 891364 to reserve your tickets.

CHRISTMAS in KIMBOLTON

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

30 beautifully-decorated trees in the lovely surroundings of St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton

Saturday 02 December 10.30am – 4.30pm

Sunday 03 December 12noon – 4.30pm

Entrance £2.50 Children U12 free

Refreshments on sale throughout festival

Tombola and various stalls

Everyone Welcome

Saturday 02 December CONCERT BY THE ARAGON SINGERS

7.30pm at St Andrew's Church Kimbolton

Tickets £8 [including a glass of wine] from 1st November from Kimbolton Flower Shop or on Sundays after service





Deadline for contributions to the December newsletter will be 26th November

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