

FROM OUR "ARTS CORRESPONDENT"

Ed Sloper

Last March, Rob Burton appeared in the Bosendorfer Concert series at Hinchingsbrooke Arts Centre, supported by his accompanist, Christine Zerafa and cheered on by 24 residents of Easton at this sell-out event. Also appearing were Sally Stocks on flute accompanied on piano by Paul Turner, but I will confine my remarks to Rob. Conjuring up a beautiful tone on his soprano sax, Rob played for his first piece the Concerto in D minor by Marcelo. This lyrical piece, at its best in the adagio second movement, demonstrated the emotional depth that Rob now brings to his playing - I nearly had to reach for the Kleenex!

His second piece, the *Tango Escuela* by Piazzolla, was foot tappingly infectious and the third, the pyrotechnic Sonata in C sharp minor by Decruck provided a complete contrast with its contemporary feel. My favourite of the evening, however, was undoubtedly the final piece, *Pequina Czarda* by Iturralde. Although written in 1949, it was evocative of the Art Deco Jazz Era, summoning a world of Jeeves and Wooster and Hercule Poirot. The variations on the melody became progressively more intricate and it is a mystery how Rob's fingers stayed connected to his brain, not to mention bending notes that always landed on target. Rob has come a long way since busking in Cambridge and appearing in the Jubilee Jamboree. This was a triumphant return to Hinchingsbrooke and another step on his path to the stars.

HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL VILLAGERS!



Have you noticed the improvement in the village lately? A great deal of hard work has recently gone into making Easton a place we can be proud of. Back in March, Charles and Melissa Nixon spent a couple of days washing and painting the bus shelter which involved a lot of effort, not least trying to bring supplies of hot water in a wheelbarrow from Glebe Cottage to the bus stop!

Then in April, a group of the girls (!) got together litter-picking around the roadside and verges. This is not a pleasant job, you will surely agree, but not only have they made an enormous difference to the state of the village, they intend to continue with this task on a regular basis to ensure it stays clean and tidy. I'm sure they

would welcome any additional volunteers! Well done to all those involved – it is enormously appreciated.



LOST AND FOUND

A small rucksack has been found on Saturday 13th April by the side of the road on Stonely Road, a short distance from Easton. If anyone has lost a bag like this or knows someone who has, can they please get in touch with Steve on thomsk@btinternet.com.

EASTON – GOOSEY CLOSE PLAYING FIELD

The Parish Council would like to remind everyone about an item in the above report which was given at the recent Annual Parish Meeting. The report included the information that the Parish Council "...continue to keep the field cut on a regular basis to enable the playing of football and other sports on the playing field. This year we have also recently replaced the bin, which is only to be used for rubbish and is not for dog walkers to use as a bin for doggy poo bags. Indeed, no pets are allowed in the playing field...." Please respect this request and encourage others to do so, too.

Deadline for June newsletter is 24th May 2019