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Brian Davis is unavailable this month

SUMMER IS ICUMEN IN...



When did you last hear a Cuckoo in Easton? I don't think I have heard one for at least 10 years, probably more. Traditionally, and in spite of their bad press for laying their eggs in the nests of other birds, they were once a regular subject of letters to *The Times*, with correspondents vying to record the first one!

Nowadays, social media is probably a more popular medium than letters to *The Times* and according to a reliable user of Facebook, one was heard by several people in the Pertenhall area early last week, so they are around somewhere. According to the British Trust for Ornithology, we have lost over half the number of Cuckoos in the UK over the last 20 years and since 2011, they have been satellite-tracking Cuckoos to find out why. They generally arrive in this country about the middle of April, having spent the winter in the Congo basin of central Africa. For more information, look up www.bto.org.

That will not, however, feed you some of the delightful country lore regarding the birds that I find in my antiquarian *British Birds in their Haunts* (1909) which tells me that the Cuckoo arrives in this country about the middle of April. "The song of the Cuckoo, I need scarcely remark, consists of but two notes, of which the upper is, I believe, invariably E flat, the lower most frequently C natural, forming, however, not a perfect musical interval, but something between a minor and a major third. Towards the end of June, the Cuckoo, according to the old adage, 'alters its tune', which at first loses its musical character and soon ceases altogether. In July the old birds leave us, the males by themselves first, and the females not many days after; but the young birds remain until October."

Jenny Hyde

SAVE THE CHILDREN COLLECTION

This raised £146.00 in Easton. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously. Your support is so much appreciated. SCF works tirelessly in 120 countries around the world to help children who are suffering from poverty, disease, injustice and violence. They also assist in disasters and emergencies and help in refugee camps, as well as running UK projects. The total raised in the Kimbolton area this year was £3,377.38, so we really can make a difference to children's lives.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

<p>2nd June - Easter VII</p> <p>09.30 COV Parish Communion Revd J. Rawlinson 09.30 SPA Morning Worship Jill Dighton 10.45 KIM Family Service Lay leader 18.00 STO Evensong Revd R. Lancaster</p>	<p>9th June - Pentecost</p> <p>09.30 TIL Family Service Lay leader 09.30 EAS Parish Communion Revd J. Rawlinson 10.45 KIM Family Communion Revd J. Rawlinson</p>
<p>16th June - Trinity Sunday</p> <p>10.30 COV Morning Worship Lay leader 09.30 STO <i>Worship elsewhere to-day</i> 09.30 SPA Parish Communion Revd R. Lancaster 10.45 KIM Matins Revd R. Lancaster</p>	<p>23rd June - Trinity 1</p> <p>09.30 TIL Parish Communion Revd R. Lancaster 09.30 EAS Morning Worship Lay leader 10.45 KIM Parish Communion Revd R. Lancaster 18.00 KIM Evensong Jill Dighton</p>
<p>30th June - Trinity 2</p> <p>10.00 a.m. Benefice Service at Stow Longa Revd J. Rawlinson</p>	

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

The accounts were presented at the Annual General Meeting held on 9th May last. This was attended by only three people from the village, unlike the Annual Parish Meeting held in March when quite a few people attended. Please note that copies of the accounts are published on the Parish Council website with the public right of inspection of these and other relating documents being available to view from 17th June to 26th July 2019. This notice of public rights will also be on the notice board.

A14 UPDATES

Highways England advise that following some of the feedback from their recent survey, they are increasing their efforts to advertise their digital channels, to help people find regular information on scheme progress and road closures. These are:

<http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A14C2H>

facebook.com/A14C2H

twitter - @A14C2H



Deadline for July newsletter is 24th June 2019

Please note: the deadline for the AUGUST newsletter will have to be Thursday 18th July, on account of holidays.