

# Easton Village Newsletter

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### FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



I love this time of year (I don't say that in every newsletter, do I??!). As we head towards harvest, has all of my hard work paid off? Will the weather be kind for combining, will the wheat and barley seed be good enough quality to get a premium and how much grain will it yield per acre? We have grown Spring Barley for the first time in 40 years and I feel a bit nervous to see the result. Some of you may have noticed that in the two fields near the railway bridge, some of the barley went flat about a month ago and in every storm since, a little more goes down. This is always a risk

with barley as it doesn't stand as well as wheat and it just happens to be next to the road so everyone can see it!! When it goes flat it can mean that the ears are very heavy with fantastically yielding barley (let's hope so!) and I will need some extra sunny days to dry it out. Also, the pigeons and crows can start landing on it and having an early breakfast, so honk your horn as you go past to scare them off. We are about a week from harvest, with the Winter Wheat first, then the Spring Barley afterwards.



Over the last few days I have spent time with an agricultural engineer trying to sort out an electrical fault on our combine, which they managed to mend today, to great relief (can't say I'll be looking forward to the bill though!!). It sits in the barn all year and we use it for a fortnight over harvest; if it stops working it can cost a huge amount if the crop is not combined at the optimum time.

The future is so unknown with Brexit hanging over farming. This week Michael Gove made his first speech as Environment Secretary and stated that farmers will need to earn their subsidy payments by delivering benefits to nature rather than relying on EU handouts for the amounts of land they farm. Many farmers welcome this news and will be encouraged to enter Countryside Stewardship like we have.

Farm safety has been brought to all our attention during harvest as big machinery is in use. We also ask for understanding if you get stuck behind a combine or tractor on its way to the fields. Even I sometimes swear 'damn farmers!'.

### SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUGUST

<p><b>Sunday 6th August (The Transfiguration)</b>            09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)            09.30 SPA Morning Worship (Mrs L Bowring)            10.45 KIM Ice Cream Service (Rev S Bowring)            18.00 STO Evensong (Ms J Dighton)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 13th August (Trinity IX)</b>            9.30 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 (No Messy Church this month)</p>
<p><b>Sunday 20th August (Trinity X)</b>            09.30 COV Morning Worship (Mrs L Bowring)            09.30 STO BCP Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson)            09.30 SPA Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)            10.45 KIM Matins (Rev S Bowring)            15.00 BAR Outdoor Family Service (Rev S Bowring)            18.00 EAS Evensong (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 27th August (Trinity XI)</b>            09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)            09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mr M Baker)            10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster)            17.00 SPA Prayer &amp; Praise (Rev S Bowring)            18.00 KIM Evensong (Rev R Lancaster)</p>

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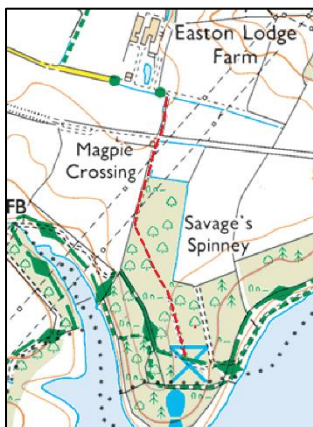
The May winner of the £50 rollover was Vicky Arbuthnott and the June winner of £25 was Roger Silcock. Congratulations to both and good luck to all for the July draw.

**John Maith**

## SCAMS AWARENESS MONTH

July was *Scams Awareness Month*, an annual campaign led by Citizens Advice working in partnership with organisations such as Trading Standards and the Metropolitan Police and other organisations across the country, to take a united stand against scams and fraud which affect millions of people each year. Scams aren't a minor inconvenience: they cause distress and misery, and can ruin lives. *Scams Awareness Month 2017* aims to create a confident community of consumers; people who get timely advice from trusted sources, people who report scams and share their experiences so that others can benefit. Further information about scams and how people can protect themselves and those in their families and communities who are less able to spot scams can be found at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) or 03454 04 05 06. To report fraud, go to [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or 0300 123 2040.

## RESTRICTED BYWAY & FOOTPATH NO 17, Public Path Extinguishment Order no.1 2017 Magpie Crossing



You may have seen the Cambridgeshire County Council notices in the local press concerning Modifications and Extinguishment Orders for the above route (the red dotted line on the map). The Parish Council has checked through the documents to confirm what impact the changes will have. This route was subject to modifications a few years ago to bring most of the sections up to the status of a restricted byway, separated by a very short section with the status of public footpath. Now the County Council is intending to both downgrade the restricted byway and upgrade the footpath section to a bridleway, to standardise the route throughout its length and remove the anomaly. For anyone using this route, the main difference between a restricted byway and bridleway is that a restricted byway allows the use of horse drawn vehicles, which a bridleway does not. In all other aspects, they are the same.

An additional benefit for this change is to reduce the width of the route to 4 metres from its current width of between 5.2m and 7.3m. As the route goes through a section of the Grafham Water SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) it will help to reduce the disruption to the surrounding countryside.

Any objection or representation to this change must be made in writing by 16th August 2017 to Graham Hughes, Executive Director, Economy, Transport & Environment, Cambridgeshire County Council, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP  
email: [HighwaysAssetManagement@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysAssetManagement@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## EASTON BBQ & FUN DAY



On Saturday 24th June, a village BBQ and Fun Day was held on the playing field at Easton. The event was very well attended and villagers enjoyed a BBQ, bouncy castle, treasure hunt and various games including welly-throwing, sack race, three-legged race, bean bag and egg-and-spoon races. Kathy Yates, Chairman of the Social Committee, was very pleased with how the day had gone. She said: "Many people attended and adults and children enjoyed the games on offer and won various prizes and certificates. The welly-throwing is a popular event in Easton and this year the men's champion is David Palmer and the ladies' champion is Pam Bell. Clare & David Hindmarsh (Left) are the Easton Champions of the Three-Legged Race - a very coveted award in



Easton! Clare said that she was looking forward to defending her title next year. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the games." Kathy also thanked all the helpers who made the day a great success.

St Mary's Church, Leighton Bromswold are proud to promote  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 @ 7:30pm.

### LEIGHTON MUSIC NIGHT

presenting

### Midnight Sun Quartet

vintage jazz featuring Derek Scurl on vibraphone and vocals from Kate Williams

### Robert Burton

Oundle Festival of Music Young Musician of the year 2016

tickets £10 (full time education free entry)

available from [a.crosthwaite495@btinternet.com](mailto:a.crosthwaite495@btinternet.com)

**Deadline for contributions to the September newsletter will be 26<sup>th</sup> August**