

Easton Village Newsletter

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FARMERS BURTON'S 'ROUND-UP'



All farmers are following the news from the EU with extra interest recently as they are on the brink of an historic decision to ban the weed killer Glyphosate, more commonly known as Round-Up in garden centres. This would be a major blow to all farmers and would put some out of business. It could also see food prices rise as farmers switch to using cultivations to try and kill weeds off instead, as we rely on this product to kill weeds (especially Black Grass) prior to drilling our crops into the ground. One local farmer has written in the Farmers Weekly that he has lost 50% of his crop to this troublesome weed.

The current Glyphosate licence runs out on December 15th 2017 with only half of the 28 member states backing the European Commission proposal to renew the licence for the next 5 years. The EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) and other scientific bodies have done research but cannot find links to cancer in humans, which started this debate. Critics say that widespread use of this pesticide reduces biodiversity by killing plants that are essential for some insects. We hope at Lodge Farm that more work with the plough and expanding our wild flower and fauna areas make up for this! British farmers have the highest standards and controls on using this product of any other European country.

To try and control Black Grass we have taken the 'bulls by the horns' and for the first time in my lifetime (the merest smidgeon over 50 years!), we have not drilled any Winter Wheat crop on our farm. This will allow us to do more with the plough, work our land to get weeds germinating and then we can spray and hopefully kill this weed. We will then sow Spring Barley in April, but this crop is always a worry as it is very dependent on the right weather.

Please keep your eyes peeled for fly tippers as we have had a load of soil tipped into our field gateway opposite the Easton turn onto the A14.

As always at this festive time of year, please try to support British farmers and have a safe and enjoyable time.



KIMBOLTON PARISH MAGAZINE

The magazine has a new editor and there is a new email address for contributions - kimboltonparishmagazine@gmail.com. It has been decided that collecting the cover price of the magazine at £4 per year was often proving rather more difficult than it was worth. The majority of the income comes from advertising and Kimbolton PCC are confident of improving this income when advertisers know that the magazine will be free of charge and achieving a wider distribution. Barham and Covington already deliver a copy to every house in their villages, and Tilbrook used to do the same with their own version. If the same can be achieved in all seven parishes, the publication will be a much more useful tool for outreach. The new editor is Claire Holden.

WASTE COLLECTIONS OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

Huntingdon D.C.

Collections will continue throughout the festive period but be aware that your collection day will change for a few weeks (only Easton collections shown):

| Normal Collection | Change to |
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| Tuesday 26 December | Wednesday 27 December |
| Thursday 28 December | Friday 29 December |
| Tuesday 2 January | Wednesday 3 January |
| Thursday 4 January | Friday 5 January |

Why not display the complete list of materials that can be recycled so all your guests know what goes where? Visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin for more information. Real Christmas trees can be put alongside your green bin for composting in January. If it's taller than your bin, please chop your tree to the size of your bin. The Household Recycling Centres accept a range of materials for recycling and are only closed from 1pm Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Find out more at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

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| <p>Sunday 3rd December (Advent Sunday / St Andrew) 09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 09.30 SPA Morning Worship (Mrs L Bowring) 10.45 KIM Family Christingle Service (Rev S Bowring) 11.00 BAR Family Service (Mrs L Bowring) 15.00 STO Evensong (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson)</p> | <p>Sunday 10th December (Advent 2) 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 Christingle (team)</p> |
| <p>Saturday 16th December 17.00 TIL Christingle, Crib and Carols (Rev S Bowring)</p> <p>Sunday 17th December (Advent 3) 09.30 COV Morning worship (Mrs L Bowring) 09.30 SPA Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 10.45 KIM Matins (Rev S Bowring) 15.00 STO Carol Service (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson) 18.00 KIM Carol Service (Rev R Lancaster) 18.00 EAS Carol Service (Ms. J Dighton)</p> | <p>Friday 22nd December 18.15 COV Carol Service (Rev S Bowring) 19.30 BAR Carol Service (Rev S Bowring)</p> <p>Sunday 24th December (Advent 4/Christmas Eve) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 17.00 SPA Crib Service (Rev S Bowring) 23.30 SPA Midnight Mass (Rev S Bowring) 23.30 KIM Midnight Mass (Rev R Lancaster)</p> |
| <p>Monday 25th December (CHRISTMAS DAY) 09.30 COV Christmas Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson) 09.30 EAS Christmas Communion (Rev S Bowring) 09.30 TIL Christmas Family Service (Mrs L Bowring) 10.30 STO Christmas Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson) 10.45 KIM Christmas Family Communion (Rev S Bowring) 11.00 BAR Christmas Morning Service (Mrs L Bowring)</p> | <p>Sunday 31st December (Christmas 1) 10.45 KIM Joint Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>may Peace be your gift at Christmas and your Blessing all year.</i></p> |

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

Huntingdon Male Voice Choir
with
Sing2Help
invite you to a
*Christmas
Concert*



7.30pm
Saturday 16 December
St Mary's Church, Huntingdon

Tickets £10, £8 concessions
from Richard: 01480 383525
or online via our website

www.hmvc.org.uk






Deadline for the January Newsletter is 28th December please!