

# Easton Village Newsletter

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### THE BRAMPTON HUT

**Beth Davis**



With all the changes to the important junction of the A1 with the A14 today, you may wonder why it is still called the Brampton Hut interchange. Why Hut? Huts or inns formed a network of post stations which once served the delivery of the post across the country. Many huts and inns date back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century when post was brought on horseback or by postmen on foot and needed shelter. The hut was a simple building which later became a hostelry after the Turnpike act of 1663. The Great North Road in Huntingdonshire became the first highway to have a turnpike trust in the country; it ensured the regular surfacing of the highway. The site of the hut or hostelry eventually became an hotel during the coaching days of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. It retained its name, the Brampton Hut Hotel, but was also known to some as "Creamers Hut". The original brick building on the righthand side in the photograph was extended perhaps in

the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, the hotel sign is displayed above the roof. Country lads from the villages around remember the Brampton Hut for its games room at the back.

Are there any more village memories? I remember the floods in the 1960s; (the photograph was taken in the 1959 floods). As you drive past on the A14 look at how the road levels have changed.

### SUNDAY SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

<p><b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February (Epiphany 4)</b></p> <p>09.30 COV Parish Communion Revd R. Lancaster            09.30 SPA Morning Worship Jill Dighton            10.45 KIM Family Service Lay leader            15.00 STO Evensong Revd R. Lancaster</p>	<p><b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February (Epiphany 5)</b></p> <p>09.30 TIL Family Service Lay leader            09.30 EAS Parish Communion Revd C. Owen            10.45 KIM Family Communion Revd J. Rawlinson</p>
<p><b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February (Septuagesima)</b></p> <p>10.30 COV Morning Worship Lay leader            09.30 STO BCP Communion Revd J. Rawlinson            09.30 SPA Parish Communion Revd R. Lancaster            10.45 KIM Matins Revd R. Lancaster</p>	<p><b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February (Sexagesima)</b></p> <p>09.30 TIL Parish Communion Revd R. Lancaster            09.30 EAS Morning Worship Lay leader            10.45 KIM Parish Communion Revd J. Rawlinson            15.00 KIM Evensong Jill Dighton</p>

### FOOTPATHS AND BYWAYS UPDATE Easton Parish Council

Over the last couple of years, a number of villagers have suffered attacks on their dogs when out walking just outside the village, in the area of Stonely Road near the old barn. This is in use as unauthorised stables and a public footpath runs alongside the building. Two or three dogs have been kept there that have been the subject of restraining orders due to the attacks. Action had been taken previously under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, finally resulting in a Community Protection Notice being served in November 2016. However, there had been repeated sightings of the dogs out loose without their owners.



Following pressure by the Parish Council, at the end of 2017 Huntingdonshire Council finally decided to press charges due to the inability of the owners to keep the dogs under control.

After a long delay, the court case was finally heard in September 2018 and the owners were found guilty of being unable to keep their dogs under control. The sentencing was heard on the 18th December and the owners were fined. As a considerable time had passed since the last report of an attack or the dogs escaping, the owners were not banned from keeping dogs at this location. The sentencing failed to realise that many villagers had been avoiding use of this footpath past the barn for some time and this was likely to be the key factor in the reduction of incidents. Although the dogs appear still to be kept at the barn, it is the view of Huntingdonshire Council who pressed the charges that people should now feel free to walk on this footpath and the roads in the area. They now believe that the dogs are being properly caged and supervised at all times. If anyone using this footpath (or any other footpath in our Parish) encounters any problems at all, or sees any dogs loose in the area, please report this to <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/> and also please let the Parish Council know via email to; [clerk\\_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clerk_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk), or speak to one of your Parish Councillors directly. Our footpaths and byways are a key local amenity, and we will always do what we can to ensure all routes remain a pleasurable resource for all to enjoy.

## RUBY'S FUND

This concert is a fundraiser for a 12-year-old girl who has a rare type of bone cancer. She has been unable to attend school and has missed out on so much over the last seven months due to the horrendous side effects of the chemotherapy. Her treatment is ongoing. All the money raised will help to make up for what she has missed out on, from extra tuition to treats out. She is fighting with everything she has got and knows that lots of people are fighting with her.

Tickets are available from:  
Nina Wilson, 3 Broadweir.

**the guards**

SAT 23 FEBRUARY 2019  
**MANDENVILLE HALL**  
KIMBOLTON  
IN SUPPORT OF  
**RUBY'S FUND**

MUSIC BAR LIVE BAND  
TICKETS £15 ANGIE COLLINS 07764 212636  
DOORS 7.30pm MUSIC 7.30pm THE GUARDS 9pm

[www.facebook.com/theguardsband](http://www.facebook.com/theguardsband) [www.the-guards.co.uk](http://www.the-guards.co.uk)

## HINCHINGBROOKE CONCERT

Easton saxophonist, Robert Burton, will be performing at Hinchingsbrooke Performing Arts on March 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm, following his prize-winning performances in the 2018 'BBC Young Musician of the Year' competition. He returns to his old school to team up with flautist Emma Halnan, herself a BBC Young Musician prize-winner in 2010, and now regularly performing at venues worldwide. They will present an exciting and varied programme, each in duo with their respective pianists, Manon and Christine, both of whom have already achieved exceptional international success as solo and ensemble players. Their programme will include music by Donizetti, Prokofiev and Russell Peterson's trio for flute, saxophone and piano.

## THE 21st EASTON QUIZ NIGHT

A reminder that the annual quiz will take place on Saturday February 9th. starting at 7.30p.m. in Easton church - please note the change of venue. Cost is £7.00 per person, school age children £3.00, plus the cost of the usual fish and chip supper - bring your own drinks and glasses. We would be very grateful for any Raffle prizes, please, if you could bring them on the night.

## EGG BOXES

If anyone has any egg boxes they no longer need, Jenny Hyde would be delighted to have them, please! Just leave any you don't want on the bench in the porch at Fiddlers in The Lane.



Thank you so much!

*If anyone would like to contribute a short article on either a regular or occasional basis, please let Jenny Hyde know. All contributions will be most welcome!*

**Deadline for March newsletter is 22<sup>nd</sup> February**