

Easton Village Newsletter

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THE TREES IN THE CHURCHYARD AND PLAYING FIELD

Mike Baker



Following the death of a young girl who was killed by a branch which broke off a tree in a public park in the Yaxley/Sawtry area, the Parish Council and the Church Council have been increasingly aware of their responsibilities for people's safety in public areas. Accordingly, we arranged for all our major trees to be inspected and the report from the inspectors suggested that three trees in the Churchyard should be reduced to a small extent, and that the Ash tree in the corner of the Playing Field should be pollarded at about 15 feet.



Because the Churchyard is in a Conservation Area, we had to get permission from the District Council to do this work. That process took some months and then we obtained several estimates for the work to be done. The Churchyard trees do not look significantly different following the work but it is sad that the grand old Ash tree in the corner of the

playing field has been so significantly reduced. It had a disease called *Inonotus* which attacks the heart wood, and indeed much of it is rather spongy and shows that it could have snapped off in a strong wind. I am reassured that it will most likely sprout out and can still be the centre of a children's den in the village, but it will no longer be a threat to people or vehicles under it.

59 CLUB

John Maith

The winners for December and January were Mike Baker and Iris Brooker, so congratulations. This completes the 2017 round and a new round will commence at the end of February. I hope those who supported the 59 Club last year will continue in 2018 and if anyone wishes to join please let me know. It is very simple, you are allocated a number between 1 - 59 and on the last Saturday of each month, the bonus ball from the National Lottery is used to ascertain the winner of the draw. It is £12 for the year – i.e. £1 per month - and the monthly winner receives £25. We do have one or two spare numbers, so give it a go!

MUSIC FOR M.O.T.S.



M.O.T.S. is the Multi-Organ Transplant Support group which supported Susie and Dave Bavington through Dave's transplant at Addenbrooke's in 2013. In order to give something back, Susie is organising a fund-raising concert on Saturday 7th April at 7.00pm in St Peter's Church, Easton. She is hoping this will be a fun evening with something for everyone: so far, she has a choral group, a soprano and a singer/guitarist, with the possibility of a jazz band and possibly a contribution from Robert Burton. Tickets will be £15 which includes a glass of wine and canapés,

and are available from Susie at sfbavington@btinternet.com, tel: 07739-790970 or 869272, or from any member of the Easton Fund & Social Committee.

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 11th MARCH

You are warmly invited to our special service at 9.30 a.m. in Easton Church. There will be flowers for the ladies in the congregation and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please do bring families and friends and join us on this special occasion.

EASTON UNITED CHARITIES

In 2016 each household in the village received a yellow pamphlet outlining the objectives and the work of the Easton United Charities, which comprises six Trustees, of which three are Co-optative Trustees appointed for a staggered five-year term of office. During the next 12 months, the Trustees will have further opportunity to elect one or two new Trustees and therefore if any person resident in the village would like to be considered for such a position, or would like more information about what being a Trustee involves, then please contact the Chairman, Wendy Carolan (07599 074584) weekdays after 6 p.m. or at weekends, or the Secretary, Chris Charlton (01480 896777 or 07710 449123) before 29th March 2018.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH

<p>Sunday 4th March (Lent III) 09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 09.30 SPA Morning Worship (Ms J Dighton) 10.45 KIM "FairTrade" Family Service (Mrs L Bowring) 11.00 BAR Family Service (Rev S Bowring) 15.00 STO Evensong (Rev S Bowring)</p>	<p>Sunday 11th March (Lent IV – Mothering Sunday) 09.30 TIL Family Service (Mrs L Bowring) 09.30 EAS Mothering Sunday Communion (Rev S Bowring) 10.45 KIM Mothering Sunday Family Communion (Rev S Bowring)</p>
<p>Sunday 18th March (Lent V) 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) 18.00 EAS Evensong (Mrs L Bowring)</p>	<p>Sunday 25th March (Palm Sunday) 09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mr M Baker) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring) 15.00 KIM Evensong (Rev S Bowring) 17.00 SPA Prayer & Praise (Rev S Bowring)</p>



Sunday 1st April (EASTER DAY)

10.45 KIM **UNITED BENEFICE EASTER COMMUNION**

(Last service of Rev S Bowring)

EASTON 20th QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the quiz, especially those who contributed so generously with the raffle prizes and those who helped with the clearing away at the end. We made £390.00 for the fabric fund, which includes £114 from the raffle.... and we discovered that in the whole room nobody knew the name of their M.E.P.! (Alex Meyer for those who are interested). We look forward to seeing you all again next year for our 21st!

THE KIMBOLTON PARISH MAGAZINE

This is now free and covers local events and interesting news from Kimbolton and some of the surrounding villages in the area. There are also advertisements covering local contacts. It is produced monthly and contains some good articles. The new editor wishes to increase the circulation so if you would like to have it delivered free to your letterbox, please contact Stephanie Silcock at Crown Cottage (tel. 890455). There will also be some spare copies available each month from the porch at 6, The Lane (previously Kath's house!) with Richard Burton's kind permission.

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 8.00pm on Thursday, 22nd March 2018 in St Peter's Church, Easton.

FREE COMPOSTED HORSE MANURE.



Each spring we offer free horse manure from Springfield, in Chapel Lane. The manure is left for at least 18 months to fully compost, and is then dug out and transported by the narrow-gauge railway for spreading back onto the fields, and some is also left on the driveway for neighbours to help themselves. It provides excellent compost for a range of flowers and vegetables. Typically, it will be available from Easter, so this year it will be available from the end of March onwards for about 4-6 weeks. You can bring your own wheelbarrow and take as much as you wish from a wagon left in the driveway each weekend, or alternatively just bring your car and load up with the bags of compost, also left in the driveway. For those who wish to have the bags delivered (within Easton) at the rate of £1 per bag (minimum delivery 5 bags), just ring Steve or Jan on 01480 891516 or email. thomsk@btinternet.com. We can also arrange for manure to be available all year round if anyone has a need for volumes of manure outside of the above dates.

The manure is transported in wagons that were previously used in brickworks in Germany but are ideally suited to their new role of moving composted horse manure.

Deadline for the April Village Newsletter will be 26th March