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KATH GOODWIN aka "AUNTIE KATH"

Richard Burton



This month's article is difficult to write, as many of you know that on Monday 21st September, Auntie Kath passed away. I think she was known as Auntie Kath to as many people as she was Kath Goodwin. We have had many cards from this wonderful village and the word "character" is mentioned time and time again.

Kath was born at Lodge Farm, Easton on 5th August 1927 and attended Spaldwick School (in the old village hall), and she would get there on her bike. She then attended Northfield School at Stonely (later called "Whispers"). At school she excelled in handwriting and maths.

At the beginning of World War 2 when she was 12, the country needed feeding, so she joined the farm and worked as hard as any man, running a 400 pig unit. She could carry a 12 stone bag of feed and stack bales better than most. When not working, Auntie Kath attended Spaldwick Young Farmers Club (often arriving in the Willy's Jeep) and, as with everything she did, was a keen competitor. In 1969 she married Bob Goodwin and she moved from Lodge Farm to The Lane and later into "Greenacres".

Kath loved this village and worked tirelessly for it over the years on the Parish Council, Easton United Charities and the Fund and Social Committees. She loved to have a chat, was well known for her "Stirling Moss" driving and she will be missed by all who knew her. She will be remembered at a Memorial Service in Easton Church on Monday, 12th October at 2.00 p.m., after a private cremation. If you have any memories of Auntie Kath, funny or otherwise, please email me on rburton@tiscali.co.uk

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

<p>Sunday 4th October (Trinity 18) 10.45 KIM Harvest Festival (Rev Nicki Bland) 11.00 COV Harvest Festival (Rev Stephen Bowring) 15.00 STO Harvest Festival (Mrs Lesley Bowring) 18.00 SPA Harvest Festival (Rev Stephen Bowring)</p>	<p>Sunday 11th October (Trinity 19) 09.30 TIL Family Service (Mrs Lesley Bowring) 09.30 EAS Parish Communion (Rev Nicki Bland) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev Stephen Bowring) 10.45 SPA Morning Worship (Rev Nicki Bland)</p>
<p>Friday 16th October 19.00 COV Compline (Rev Stephen Bowring)</p>	<p>Saturday 17th October 17.00 TIL Harvest Festival (Rev Stephen Bowring)</p>
<p>Sunday 18th October (Trinity 20; St Luke) 09.30 STO Parish Communion (Rev Dr John Rawlinson) 10.45 KIM Matins (Rev Ron Lancaster) 10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev Nicki Bland) 11.00 BAR Parish Communion (Rev Stephen Bowring) 18.00 EAS Evensong (Rev Stephen Bowring)</p>	<p>Sunday 25th October (Bible Sunday) 09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev Nicki Bland) 09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mr Mike Baker) 10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev Nicki Bland) 10.45 SPA Family Service (Rev Stephen Bowring) 15.00 KIM Evensong (Rev Stephen Bowring)</p>

SUCCESS FUNDING FOR PLAYING FIELD



Earlier this year the Parish Council applied for a grant from the Woolly Hill Wind Farm Community Fund towards the cost of a new toddler swing in the playing field. We are pleased to say that this was successful and we received a grant of £2,000 towards the swing and we would like to thank the Community Fund for their very generous donation. One of the provisos from them is that we document it being put to good use with photos and questionnaires/statements. If you could help in this, please contact me - Richard Burton - on 891848 or rburton@tiscali.co.uk.

49 CLUB

John Maith

Recent winners of the 49 Club are Geoff Prigmore (June), Angie Smith (July), Maureen and Eric Heads (August) and Charlotte and Mark Payne (September). Congratulations to all. The next draw will be Saturday 31st October.

COUNTRYSIDE WATCH

Did you know that there is a non-profit organisation called Cambridge Countryside Watch that, for an annual subscription, will supply security signage, discounted smart water (for marking valuables), security advice and text messages of thefts in the area? It is mainly aimed at farmers and horse owners but homeowners can also join. It costs £70 for the first year and £40 thereafter. Details can be found at:

www.cambscountrysidewatch.co.uk or Stefan Gidlow, Fenland, Huntingdonshire
& Peterborough Regional Officer, Mobile: 07890455959.

EFSC BEETLE DRIVE

Ed Sloper



Please note that the date of the Easton Beetle Drive has been moved to 21st November 2015 in the Church. This is the same day as the November Big Breakfast.

For those of you who have not attended a Beetle Drive before, this is an event at which increasingly chaotic rules are interpreted by increasingly befuddled players in a game of great skill and a small element of chance! Ticket price will be £6 for adults and £3 for school age. This includes a sumptuous ploughman's supper and donation bar. Full details will be given nearer the event but please reserve a slot in your diary for this singular event.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE ENERGY SWITCH

Save money this autumn on energy bills with the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch! The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch scheme has launched for the fifth time and registration is now open. Previously, the scheme has enabled over 700 households within the county to make average savings of more than £200 per year. Registration is completely free with no obligations. The scheme is backed by Cambridgeshire County as well as the County's five district and city councils. The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch scheme uses the collective bargaining power of residents to bid for better gas and electricity prices. The scheme is open to all residents, including those on either credit or pre-payment meters. Register before midnight on Monday 12 October 2015 to find out whether you could save money on your energy bills. To register online, or to find out more, visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch. Alternatively, contact us for further information or assistance. Email Energy.Switch@cambridgeshire.gov.uk T: 01223 703874.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 4 December to Sunday 6 December

30 beautifully-decorated trees in the lovely surroundings of St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton

Opening Friday 4 December at 7pm
Entrance £5 including ticket for entry on Saturday or Sunday. Children U12 free.
Includes mince pies and mulled wine.

Open Saturday 5 December
10.30 am – 4.30 pm
and Sunday 6 December 12 noon – 4.30 p.m.
Entrance £2.50 Children U12 free.

Refreshments on sale throughout the festival
Various stalls. Everyone Welcome!



Saturday 5 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 Watsons, Kimbolton
or on Sundays after service

Copy deadline for the next newsletter will be Sunday 25th October 2015.