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NATURE NOTE 102



In the Good Old Days, when biology meant plants and animals rather than cells and genomes, as today, the natural world was divided into bacteria and 'higher organisms', which were further divided into two kingdoms: plants and animals. Fungi were considered a branch of the plant world, though only briefly covered in my botany course. Nowadays, the classification of the living world is far more complex, with fungi awarded a separate kingdom, genetically closer to animals than plants. Fungi play a vital role in the ecosystem by breaking down leaf litter and dead wood and thus recycling nutrients in the soil. What we see is usually just the fruiting body which produces spores, and these mushrooms or toadstools can take an amazing variety of forms. The pictures given here (Shaggy parasol, Chicken of the Woods and Common earthball) typify just three types: cap and gill mushrooms, bracket fungi, (with pores instead of gills), and these earth- and puff-balls (looking remarkably like a little turd!). For one used to identifying plants and insects by a stepwise series of questions that gradually focus down to the

target specimen, I find fungi frustratingly difficult to name. My main mushroom book has pictures of around 1000 different species in Britain, and I simply have to wade through page after page to try and match what I have found. These particular three all appeared during the last month – beside the concrete road to the treatment works, on a plum tree in my orchard and under an oak tree on the footpath to Ellington, respectively. If you find a particularly striking fungus, let me know and I'll do my best to name it.





Please do come and join us for our Harvest Festival Service in St. Peter's Church on Sunday 17th September at 6 p.m. All are very welcome. Light refreshments will be provided after the service. We should be most grateful for extra help with decorating the church on Saturday, 16th September; also for gifts of fruit and vegetables, which will later be taken to the Manor Cheshire Home in Brampton, where they are always appreciative of our support.

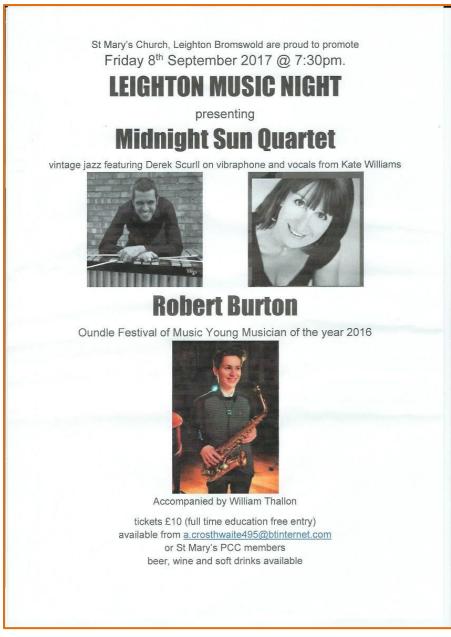
SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3 rd September (Trinity XII)	Sunday 10 th September (Trinity XIII)
09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)	09.30 TIL Family Service (Mrs L Bowring)
09.30 SPA Morning Worship (Mrs L Bowring)	09.30 EAS Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)
10.45 KIM Family Service (Mrs L Bowring)	10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)
11.00 BAR Morning Worship (Rev S Bowring)	16.30 SPA Messy Church
18.00 STO Evensong (Rev S Bowring)	
Sunday 17 th September (Trinity XIV)	Sunday 24 th September (Trinity XV)
09.30 COV Morning Worship (Mrs L Bowring)	09.30 TIL (No service – Harvest Festival yesterday)
09.30 STO BCP Communion (Rev Dr J Rawlinson)	09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mr M Baker)
09.30 SPA Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)	10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster)
10.45 KIM Matins (Rev S Bowring)	17.00 SPA Prayer & Praise (Rev S Bowring)
10.45 KIM Matins (Rev S Bowring) 18.00 EAS Evensong (Rev S Bowring)	17.00 SPA Prayer & Praise (Rev S Bowring) 18.00 KIM Evensong (Ms J Dighton)

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

Mike Baker – Christian Aid Organiser

The collection in May this year raised the amazing sum of ± 367 ! This is a massive increase on any sum we have collected in the village in previous years – in fact we have never collected more than ± 300 . Thanks are due to the collectors – Rebekah Bell, Clive Wood and Peter Gould – and to all in the village who gave so generously.



N.B. Tickets are also available from Richard Burton - 01480-891848

EASTON UNITED CHARITIES

Last year each household in the village received a short yellow pamphlet outlining the objectives and the work of the Easton United Charities, which comprises six trustees. Three of the Trustees are known as "Co-optative Trustees" who are appointed for a staggered five-year term of office. During the next 12 months, the Trustees will be electing 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) after 6 p.m. or at weekends, or the Secretary, Chris Charlton (01480-896777 or 07710-449123) before the end of September 2017.



Deadline for contributions to the October newsletter will be 24th September.

When considering any contributions for the <u>November</u> newsletter, please note that the November issue is unavoidably going to be a few days late; therefore, the earlier contributions can be submitted the better. The editor will not be available until after 30th October!

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