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NATURE NOTE 107

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I like to use a photograph or two that I have taken to write about, and this month I have seen both the caterpillar and the adult moth of the Buff Tip. The caterpillar is colonial as the eggs are laid as a batch around a stem of sallow or beech or other tree – and they remain together until they are full grown, like this individual. At this stage they can strip a whole branch, and it was this leafless branch along the Spaldwick track that first caught my eye. The

adult moth came to a moth

trap in our garden last month. The ends of its wings mimic a cut stalk. We had another moth trap out this last Sunday which attracted about 40 different kinds of moth, including 300-400 individuals of one called a Setaceous Hebrew character. Setaceous means finely hairy, and as you might guess there is an ordinary (unhairy) Hebrew character as well. This also occurs in our garden, along with a Quaker or two, just to show that we are quite unbiased in our racial and religious Lepidoptery.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER



Sunday 9 th September – Trinity 15
9.30 TIL Family Service (Lay)
9.30 EAS Parish Communion (Revd. J. Young)
10.45 KIM Family Communion (Revd. C. Owen)
Saturday 22 nd September
17.00 TIL Harvest Festival (Canon Brian Atling)
Sunday 23 rd September – Trinity 17
9.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mrs. J. Dighton)
10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Revd. R. Lancaster)
18.00 KIM Evensong (RL/Other)

Sunday 30th September – Trinity 18 10.45 a.m. SPALDWICK United Benefice Service

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Please do join us for our Harvest Festival service in St. Peter's Church on Sunday, 16th September at 6 p.m. All are very welcome. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards. We should be most grateful for extra help with decorating the church on Saturday, 15th September; also for gifts of fruit and vegetables, which will later be taken to the Manor Cheshire Home in Brampton where they are always grateful for our support. Thank you.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

The CHCT annual sponsored "Ride, Drive and Stride" will take place on Saturday 8th September. Participants can cycle drive or walk around their local churches to raise money through sponsorship for the Trust and for the local church or chapel of their choice. There are signing-in forms at each church and refreshments are also often provided; half the sponsorship money raised will go to the participant's own church and the other half to the CHCT to help with grants for the upkeep of the many beautiful old churches in Cambridgeshire. Our church has just had a new roof alarm system installed with the help of a grant of £1,000 from the CHCT, which has been necessary to enable the lead roof to be insured for its full replacement value in case of theft. The main source of income for the trust is from the *Ride Drive and Stride* so particularly this year we should support this event and get fit! Sponsorship forms and other information can be obtained from Roger Silcock (Tel 01480 890455). Alternatively, just turn up on the day and give your donation/sponsorship money to Roger afterwards.

ART 4 AFRICA 2018

Two artists from Easton will be displaying their artwork at this year's Art 4 Africa exhibition from 6-9th September at Keysoe. Mark Payne will have some of his incredible oil paintings of woodland scenes and Rob Burton will display some of his oil paintings and his stunningly realistic pencil drawings of Kimbolton, pets and portraits. Details below.

Art4Africa 2018

An Exhibition of Art, Sculpture & Pottery At The Old Chapel House, Keysoe September 6th - 9th 2018 Daily opening 9 am - 5 pm Free Entrance

One House, 5 Rooms, One Garden, 4 Marquees, a gift and card area. BBQ and Bar (Sat & Sun) - A Great Visitor Experience - Free Tea, Coffee & Cake

Exhibitors:

Artists – 36: Cartoonist – 1: Glasswork – 1: Potters – 12: Photographers – 3: Indoor and Garden Sculptors – 10: Stone Carvers – 3: Textile Art – 2: Jewellers – 1: Indoor and Outdoor Willow Sculptor – 1: Wood Sculptor – 2: and Fillingdon Fine Art – a marquee with all items imported from Africa

> Total of 73 Exhibitors Over 500 pieces of Art

59 CLUB

I give below the recent winners to date of the 59 CLUB:

April	-	Claire & Michael Lawson
May	-	Clive Wood
June	-	Agi & Jim Gray
July	-	No winner so August will be a £50 rollover.

Congratulations to all winners and good luck to all those with numbers!

An Alternative Ode to the Spotted Flycatcher O Villagers of Easton

Whilst we've all been rather sad We are very pleased to tell you That things are not so bad.

For every summer evening Next door to the church Are two spotted flycatchers On their favourite perch.

And if you look quite closely High in our cottage eaves You'll see a new built nest Between the ivy leaves.

Then from the old apple trees They swoop and swerve and dive Two spotted fly catchers Very much alive!

So though these birds are tiny And becoming rather rare It's clear that in Easton We have a breeding pair!

> Melissa Nixon (Inspired by Margaret Halliday)

John Maith

Deadline for the October Newsletter is 24th September