

Easton Village Newsletter

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NATURE NOTES 15

Brian Davis



Gwen Tomline has given me a list of 22 kinds of birds seen in her garden earlier this year, and I know of another nine resident species plus seven summer migrants so with everyone's help we should easily exceed 40 in the whole parish this year. Please let me know particularly if you see a Spotted Flycatcher, and especially if it breeds in your garden, as this species is declining nationally. (A visiting ornithologist said she heard one in the churchyard two weeks ago but I haven't seen it.) Bullfinch, Tree creeper and Goldcrest are among the least often seen, perhaps (though I often hear Goldcrests' very high-pitched twitterings in conifer trees). As they are insect feeders they never come to feeders. My feeders are besieged by newly fledged Blue tits at the moment, and I hear that Tawny owls have reared two youngsters again this year. Look out also please for Humming-bird hawk-moths. Grasses are one of my specialities and I am trying to see all 80 kinds of grasses that occur in Huntingdonshire. Having seen three new, rare species this year I am within striking distance of achieving my target. Anyone can make a good start as there are more than 30 kinds in the road verges, fields and woods within a mile of Easton.

A MESSAGE FROM GARDEN COTTAGE

The time and effort so many people contributed to the search party on Sunday 18th June is very much appreciated and we are truly grateful for the kindness and care shown. May we taken this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to you all.

Gwen & Geoff

49 CLUB WINNER

The winner of the May draw was ... Geoff Prigmore!

CHURCH NEWS

Services in Easton during July will be:

2 nd July	9.30 a.m. Eucharist;	9 th July	6.00 p.m. Evensong
16 th July	9.30 a.m. Sunday Worship	23 rd July	8.00 a.m. Eucharist
30 th July	3.00 p.m. Open-air service in Woolley Churchyard (bring picnic tea!)		

The Pram Services are now taking a summer break. They will be reviewed in the autumn and Father Jonathan would like to hear from all those in Easton who are keen that they should continue. Plans are being formulated for a Children's Club to take place in Spaldwick School. This will depend upon having a sufficient number of volunteers to run it, so if you would be willing to help on one or two occasions per term, please let Fr. Jonathan know on 01480-891695.

THE EASTON COMMUNITY PROJECT

A reminder that the Diocesan Advisory Committee will be visiting the church on Tuesday, 4th July at 10.30 a.m. to look at the proposals for the alteration of the church for wider community use. Anyone is welcome to take part in the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Chairman of the Parish Council for the next year is Mike Baker. Next year is an election year for the Parish Councillors and it may be an opportune moment to give people plenty time to consider whether becoming a Parish Councillor would be of interest. The village does need a Parish Council and with people moving and having changes in commitments etc. there is always going to be a need for someone else. If anyone would like to consider taking up the 'challenge', any Parish Councillor would be pleased to give a few pointers in the right direction.