

Easton Village Newsletter

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Farmer Burton's Country talk



Once again, I am writing about the weather. In March and April, it didn't seem to stop raining but then someone turned the tap off and we have been desperate for rain, so I was delighted with the 20mm we had last week. It came at the perfect time for the winter wheat because the

ears had just emerged and the grain inside needs rain to fill them out and make them nice and plump. Incidentally, neighbouring farmers, only at Stow Longa, had hardly any rain at all, so you can see how localised the storms were. It also greened up some grass that I had set round the new farmhouse, which was starting to look very grim!

It's not long before harvest now, which is the time of year all farmers look forward to, the opportunity to see if the years' work has paid off. I have just purchased my fertilizer for next year's cropping and prices are still very high and grain prices are half what they were last year. Weather, Brexit, Ukrainian war all make it hard to know what to grow.

There continues to be lots of vehicles coming down the Stonely Road in connection with the National Grid re-wiring of the pylons. Farmers have been told that if the UK is to meet net zero and levelling up ambitions, high investment in infrastructure will be needed over the next 10-20 years. This means farmers will have land compulsory purchased and more than five times

the amount of transmission infrastructure will need to be delivered in the next seven years than has been built in the past 30 years! We have enough on our land already!

Over the Summer please be patient if you get stuck behind a tractor and combine on the road, many farmers will be working long hours over this time to put food on the table for you.

As with last year, please be careful with portable BBQs in this dry weather and there is campaigning for Chinese lanterns to be banned because of the high risk of fires breaking out.

Fly Tipping



We are fortunate not to have many reports of fly tipping in and around Easton. However, in the last few weeks we have had reports of two instances. In the verge along Stonely Road and a few yards down Hartham Street. There were a number of black bags of rubbish dumped in the hedgerows.

Fly tipping is illegal and can attract a fine of up to £400. On examination, sadly one of the dumps appeared to include contents originating from a household in Easton. Both instances have now been reported.

Artificial Intelligence

Charles Nixon

There has been a lot in the press recently about the danger of artificial intelligence.

I have used ChatGpt and google Bard to describe Easton and each have glaring errors. It is illustrative of the problems of AI where GIGO (garbage in garbage out) still applies. However, it is a great starting place and only took 5 seconds. There are also up to 6 versions of an answer to choose from.

ChatGPT says:

As an AI language model, I have access to a vast amount of information about various places, including the village of Easton near Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire, England.

Easton is a small village located approximately 7 miles west of Huntingdon, in the historic county of Cambridgeshire in eastern England. It is situated on the east bank of the River Kym, which flows into the River Great Ouse just to the north of the village.

The village is home to St Peter's Church, which dates back to the 12th century, and several other historic buildings, including a 17th-century manor house and a 19th-century watermill.

Easton has a population of around 400 people and is surrounded by open countryside, making it a popular destination for walkers and cyclists. The village is also known for its annual scarecrow festival, which takes place in September and attracts visitors from across the region. In terms of transportation, the village is located just off the A14 road, which provides easy access to nearby towns and cities such as Huntingdon and Cambridge. The nearest railway station is Huntingdon, which is served by regular trains to London and other destinations.

Bard says:

Easton is a village and civil parish in Cambridgeshire, England. Easton lies approximately 6 miles (10 km) west of Huntingdon, between the villages of Ellington and Spaldwick. Easton is situated within Huntingdonshire which is a non-metropolitan district of Cambridgeshire as well as being a historic county of England.

Easton is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 as a settlement consisting of ten manors, with 19.5 ploughlands (approximately 2340acre) of arable land and 840acre of meadows. The village was a berewick of Spaldwick at the time, and was passed in 1109 to the Bishop of Lincoln as part of the appurtenances of Spaldwick. It later descended as part of the soke of Spaldwick and into the ownership of the Duke of Manchester.

The village's church, St Peter's, was built in the 11th Century, partially reconstructed in the 13th and 14th century and majorly rebuilt in 1781.

Easton is a small village with a population of around 170 people. The village has a pub, a village hall, and a primary school. Easton is a popular destination for walkers and cyclists, and there are several public footpaths and cycle paths in the area.

Easton is a quiet and peaceful village with a strong sense of community. The village is well-served by local amenities, and there are plenty of opportunities for recreation and leisure activities.

Waste reduction and Management

The waste minimisation team would like to invite you to our next waste minimisation meeting, where residents and councillors will hear about current trends and activities, as well as get the chance to express their thoughts and ideas on the topic of reducing our waste in Huntingdonshire.

It takes place on Wednesday 12th July from 5.30-6.30 pm at Pathfinder House Huntingdon and refreshments are provided.

You can book a ticket via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/665133521267> if interested.

Parish Council Accounts

Anthea Beer

The accounts for the year ending 31/03/2023 have been approved and signed at the recent Annual General Meeting and are now posted on the Parish Council website. (www.eastonpc.co.uk) The Notice of Public Rights and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return have also been posted on the notice board. The dates all records are available to any person interested, who has the right to inspect and make copies, is 12th June to 21st July 2023 on reasonable notice by application to Easton Parish Council, Church Road, Easton, Huntingdon PE28 0TU, by email to: clerk_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01480 890332

Church Services July 2023

Sunday 9 th July	9.30	Easton	Parish Communion
Sunday 23 rd July	9.30	Easton	Morning Worship

For further information on Church Services please visit

<https://www.kymchurch.org.uk/wp2/index.php/church-services/>

Rector: Rev Philip Howson **Email: revphiliphowson@icloud.com**

And Finally:

- It has been reported that we have Fly Catchers nesting in the village
- Village Coronation photo to be delivered soon!!

Deadline for the next Newsletter is Friday 21st July