

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## 5 NOVEMBER 1605

## CHARLES NIXON

During this period of religious ferment as the monarchy changed from Catholic



to Protestant, sentiment in the country ran very high. The Catholic plotters had intended to assassinate Protestant King James I and his ministers by blowing up the Palace of Westminster. Celebrating the King's survival, people lit bonfires around London; and months later, the Observance of 5th November Act mandated an annual public day

of thanksgiving for the plot's failure. (This was repealed in 1859).

It is called Guy Fawkes Day because he was the unfortunate one who was caught with the gunpowder under the Houses of Parliament. His fellow conspirators were John and Christopher Wright, Robert and Thomas Wintour, Thomas Percy, Robert Keyes, Thomas Bates, John Grant, Ambrose Rookwood, Sir Everard Digby and Francis Tresham. The latter was from Rushton near Kettering and you can visit his father's half-built house Lyveden New Bield now owned by the National Trust (picture above).and his Rushton Triangular Lodge owned by English Heritage

Remember, remember, the 5th of November,  
Gunpowder, treason and plot.

I see no reason Why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot.

Guy Fawkes, Guy Fawkes, 'twas his intent  
To blow up the King and the Parliament  
Three score barrels of powder below  
Poor old England to overthrow

By God's providence he was catch'd  
With a dark lantern and burning match  
Holler boys, holler boys, let the bells ring  
Holler boys, holler boys  
God save the King!

## **FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE**



Please could we ask villagers for their kind consideration for those who live in thatched cottages in the village? On Bonfire Night rockets can often be blown off-course, even in the slightest wind, resulting in sparks raining down on nearby thatched roofs. If it is possible to avoid these areas it would be very much appreciated. Also, dogs, cats, horses and other animals don't understand what fireworks are – all they know is that there are loud, frightening explosions, and their instincts kick in, telling them they need to run and hide for safety. These blasts can leave animals confused, disorientated, lost, in a state of severe shock, or even injured. At one time pet owners used to be able to prepare for Bonfire Night, but nowadays the celebrations can be anytime over a two-week period or more.

If any villagers are planning on having fireworks, a message on Facebook would also be greatly appreciated by many pet owners. There are two local organised displays at [Huntingdon Racecourse Friday 27th October](#) and at [Kimbolton School Friday 3rd November](#). Thank you

## **REMINISCES OF AN ORGANIST**

## **MARGARET HALLIDAY**

Waking up in time to play the organ on a Sunday morning was always a challenge. Certain hymns are particularly difficult. "All things bright and beautiful" has to be played five and half times. Weddings usually ask for "Jerusalem" Not easy when it needs a hand span of width and force at its beginning. And with weddings keep playing until the bride finally appears. Not a job for the faint hearted! The previous organist said no-one notices organists. People assume they are always there. So next time you go to church don't look at the dust in the rafters but to the person kindly seated at the organ and give grateful thanks.

## DOG CONTROL UPDATE

## EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Further to the article last month on the control of dogs in Easton, Huntingdon District Council have confirmed that the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) has been extended for a further 3 years. This order now includes further measures to tackle out of control dogs. The conditions are to challenge the behaviours of irresponsible dog owners or those in charge, which includes protecting public spaces from dogs which damage or destroy other animals, cause people alarm and/or distress, and from people responsible for dogs that repeatedly stray.

The link for the full PSPO is now available on the Easton web site.

## COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT

## VICKY, PAM & CLARE

☕ "Come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake in the church on Monday, November 13th between 10.30am and 12.30pm. All proceeds will go to the church.

We are planning to hold these coffee mornings on every first Monday of the month and hope to see you there!" 🍰 🧁

## 59 CLUB

## JOHN MAITH

The latest winners of the 59 Club were Caroline Perry with number 25 (July), Ron Sinclair with number 43 (August) and Malcolm Halliday with number 52 (September). Congratulations to our winners! The next draw will be on Saturday 28th October, so I hope you are lucky. As usual, the winning number will be the bonus number from the National Lottery Lotto draw for that Saturday

## CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> Easton 6.00 Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> Easton 9.30 Morning Worship

**For further information on Church Services please visit**

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

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Our Remembrance Day service will be held 12<sup>th</sup> at 6.00p.m. Please come along to this



on Sunday November very special service.

## THE ANNUAL CHURCHYARD TIDY UP

PCC

This year the annual churchyard tidy will be on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>. starting at 10.30 a.m. There will be bacon sandwiches and coffee or tea for all who help so please come along and help with raking the leaves, clearing the weeds, clearing the gutters on the church roof etc. etc, all help is much appreciated. If it is raining that day, we will postpone it till Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## JOHN HILL



Following the very sad passing of John, Nina would like to thank all the villagers for their kindness, support and the many, many cards that she has received. John's funeral will take place at St. Peter's Church Easton Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30 am.

## AND FINALLY.....

-Please note the collection times at Easton and other local post-boxes have changed to 9am. There is no evening collection.

-Highly Recommended **Friday November 24th 2023**: Concert with **Rob Burton saxophone** and Richard Zhang **piano** at Hinchingsbrooke Performing Arts. Tickets available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk>

- The application to implement a 20mph speed limit through the village was unsuccessful. We apparently narrowly missed out because of the small size of the village, but the submission will be rolled over into the next phase.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 2023**