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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON

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Dear Friends

April already! A month that never fails to make me appreciate God's creation in all its variety, and in all its glory, living as we do in our lovely part of Suffolk. No wonder then that the Psalmists were moved to say "and his works are indeed marvellous." Reading Psalm 139 recently, one of my all time favourites, where in verse 13 we have the words "I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are your works, my soul knows well". Or maybe you prefer Psalm 118 where in verse 23 it says "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." Writing this month's letter on the theme of creation, and God's marvellous works, reminded of something I was given recently, and I thought to share it with you – hope you like it.

On the first day, God woke up.

On the second he yawned, stretched like a light right across the third.

On day four he was still, and let himself fill all the space he was in.

It was on the fifth day that he suddenly remembered

"Oh my goodness," he thought, "I nearly forgot! I knew there was something."

Day six was incredible.

He created the whole world in one lightning swirl of creative genius.

It was remarkable, no one else could have done it.

It was so beautiful that he could have cried.

Then, on the seventh day, he did cry,

because having worked at such a brilliant pace, he saw there were flaws.

Little cracks amidst the perfection,

that would open over time and be the cause of endless grief.

The little mirrors of himself contained the largest cracks,

from side to side, though they still dazzled like the sun.

Once created, things could not be undone, even by God.

He trembled with helpless love for it,

and glittered from the tears in his eyes.

**With love in Christ
Deirdre**



Church Matters

Mothering Sunday

We had a joyful celebration of mothers and carers, with the children from the COSMIC Club doing a dramatised version of the story of Moses in the bulrushes. We also created a river of boats down the aisle carpet with our prayers on the backs of the pictures. The enthusiastic singing was led by the choir and we distributed posies to the mothers and carers present.

Student Cross

The Essex leg of the Student Cross was cancelled this year because they couldn't make safe arrangements, but there were "legs" organised in other areas for families and younger people. We hope they may return in years to come.

Lay Elder Re-commissioning

My re-commissioning will take place during the service on 24th April. I would be delighted to see anyone there who would like to support me.

Benefice Service

On 1st May the benefice service will be at Hacheston at 10 am. See services sheet for more details.

Discussion Group

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th April at Little Barn, Northgates, Monewden. The topic is Abraham and Sarah (Genesis chapters 18-22). The meeting will start with coffee/tea at 10.30 am. New members are always welcome.

Dates for your Diary

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on 12th April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

May Fair

This will be held on 7th May on the green from 2 – 4 pm. See page 8.

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

EASTER SERVICES

We enjoyed two very different but equally fulfilling services over the Easter weekend. On Good Friday a small number of us took part in a service of meditation and reflection. We read the story of The Passion interspersed with reflective music and prayer. It was so peaceful to be in the church at that time.

Easter Sunday brought a service of joyous celebration of Jesus' resurrection. The church was filled with flowers and the COSMIC Club had made a wonderful altar frontal depicting the people that Jesus died for. Their interpretation was really interesting. If you have time, do go in and have a look.

We had a guest organist who was visiting a family in the village and he made our organ sing. It was amazing. The singing was equally hearty and with 37 adults and 21 young people it was a wonderful sound.

Deirdre asked the children to count how many times we said or sang Alleluia and Arthur Green counted 29! The service finished with Easter eggs which were enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Jane Woodbury-Eggins and Deirdre West who organised these services for us.

Carol Rook



FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Flowers	Cleaning
2nd April	Dot Blane	Dot Blane
9th April	Dot Blane	Dot Blane
16th April	Paul Batley	Imogen Hayward
23rd April	Jean Kendall	Jean Kendall
30th April	Jean Kendall	Jean Kendall

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EASTON
is hosting**

Sunday Café



**Easton Village Hall
Sunday 17th April
Open 10.00 - 11.30 am**

**Celebrate spring with some tasty
homemade goodies,
bacon rolls, takeaways
read the papers, chat with friends.**

Enjoy!

Peter Eaton

(February 1, 1945 – March 9, 2016)



Peter's sudden death has shocked and saddened us. He was a regular worshipper and an active member of our PCC. The night before he died he was at one of our meetings, offering help with the May Fair and showing no signs of ill health. We shall sorely miss his participation and support.

When people move into a new area after retirement, they may choose to "keep themselves to themselves" or alternatively involve themselves in the local community and, with luck, make a contribution. It was our good fortune that Peter Eaton was someone who did want to be involved – and make a (big) contribution.

During his tragically short time in Easton, Peter displayed tremendous commitment to the church and also welcomed the chance to play at the Bowls Club. A number of his bowls club colleagues attended his thanksgiving service.

But in a life of 70-plus years there is inevitably much more to a person and in order to pay a fitting tribute to Peter, this magazine asked his brother Michael for his recollections. He told us:

"Peter was two years (and four days) younger than me, and I probably should have been more protective at times. When we were very young and walking to school in Selsey, Sussex, I occasionally "abandoned" him before reaching home. On another occasion, when holidaying with relatives in Germany, we thought ourselves lost in what we imagined was the Russian zone (there was one at the time), but in fact we were simply on the far side of the hotel.

"As teenagers we both attended Sutton Grammar School in Surrey and this was when Peter demonstrated that he had inherited our mother's linguistic skills. This talent was to prove a significant influence on his life.

"After a brief spell with the Standard Bank of South Africa, he joined the UK offices of Bayer and put his German to good use. Later he joined Rhone-Poulenc and career opportunities in Paris (French spoken here) beckoned. Fourteen years there in senior sales and marketing roles, latterly as director of sales and marketing for the Spanish chemical plants – long trips and Spanish called for.

"Far more importantly, though, he had met Maureen while they were teenagers and they married 50 years ago. They have a son, Alex; a daughter, Kate Bryony; and three grandchildren – Erlina, Luca and Noah.

"When retiring, Peter moved with Maureen back to England and spent many happy years in Devon where church life and the bowls club were constant factors. The French language continued to be useful in certain restaurants!

"Dependable, loyal, determined and single-minded, but always with a sense of humour, Peter displayed characteristics which count for much in family and working life. They were valued in the church as well, I am sure."

At the service, his son Alex spoke movingly of all that Peter had meant to his family, with memories of his father's warm and happy personality. His grandchildren loved him because he would play with them and join in their fun. He loved and supported them in the same way as he had done with his own children. Alex told us of various adventures, often involving the car! Peter saw the best in people and situations. Alex said his father was a glass half full kind of person – usually of red wine!

He went on to say that his father had accepted the gift of hope of new life in God. His faith was strong and very much part of his life. He finished by saying "What do good Dads do? They love – and we loved him".

We send our love and sympathy and offers of support to Maureen and her family at this sad time.

*Jane Woodbury-Eggins & Michael Eaton
(edited and abridged)*



Do you enjoy singing? Can you play the piano/organ? If so, your church choir needs you!



We are very fortunate in this benefice. While a lot of churches have lost their choirs, we haven't. But it's a pretty safe bet that once a church loses its music, it won't get it back again. So in order to ensure that we keep ours, we can always do with more singers and players.

So, if you can sing in tune, how about joining the benefice choir? You do not need to be able to read music (but, of course, it helps if you can!!). The commitment is not all that great. We always sing on the first Sunday of each month in one of the seven churches in rotation. When there is a fifth Sunday, we sing then – again on a rotation basis around each church. There is also the odd 'extra' on special occasions. We practice in Parham on Thursdays - 6.30 to 7.30 - except on the Thursday before any Sunday when we are 'on', when the practice then takes place in the relevant church.

If you don't want to sing but can play the piano, would you consider joining the dedicated but small group of accompanists who play for the choir at the practices?

While some of our churches have a 'resident organist', not all of them do and there are times when it is difficult to find anyone who is free to stand in. So if you can play the organ, how about giving that a go?

If you can help in any way, please ring **Michael Dawe** on **746441** or email him at a.m.dawe@btinternet.com.

'A Great Cloud of Witnesses'

Mark Cazalet, the artist in residence at the Cathedral, has been commissioned to create 153 life size oil paintings of heads, not so much formal portraits, more a collage of colour and shape, all of which are building up to be the great the 'great cloud of Suffolk witnesses'. Mine is number 30, and was painted recently after I responded to the open invitation in the East Anglican.

During the 45 minute session in a temporary studio high up in the north transept choir gallery, with all the life and sounds of the Cathedral going on below, you sit with Mark in silent meditation, with an empty third chair left for Christ to join you, only as Mark prays, he is producing a version of you in oils which when complete goes downstairs to hang on the walls of the Edmund chapel until All Saints' Day.

I was sometimes aware of the smell of oil, or the scratch of a brush, but it was an uncommon luxury for your hardworking priest to have a whole thirty minutes to contemplate in silence and without interruption. One of the sessions of our Lent course offered the chance to practice using silent prayer, and in an attempt to persuade you to try meditation for yourself, I can only say that I found the experience with Mark Cazalet to be profound, spiritual, and very moving.

Knowing you are being observed in prayer should have been uncomfortable, but wasn't. I found myself, my thoughts and prayers, directed to the empty chair, and the feeling of heaven was very close indeed, if that doesn't sound too fanciful, and it was perhaps the most intimate prayer time I have had in a long while. The time passed in a flash and I stayed afterwards to enjoy choral Evensong watching the golden light of late afternoon streaming through the west window, and hearing the choir practice at a distance.

All in all it was an experience I would urge you to try and as an added bonus the food in the Pilgrims Kitchen is so much improved over what used to be offered in the Refectory. They even have leather sofas if you just want pot of tea or bowl of homemade soup.

There are both morning and afternoon slots so you could easily combine this treat with some shopping in Bury and lunch with a friend. You can book this experience, and there are still slots available for later in the year, by contacting Jayne Whitman in the Cathedral Office on 01284 748722.

Deirdre

MAY FAIR

Saturday 7th May

2 till 4 pm

Village Green

Crowning of May Queen 2.30 pm

*Ipswich Community Wind Band
and Rabble Chorus*

Easton Belles WI Cream Teas

*Grand Draw, Tombola, Bran Tub,
Books, Bric-a-Brac, Homebakes, Plants,
Toys, Scalextric, Hook the Duck,*

*Splat the Rat
and much much more!*

Don't miss it!



In aid of All Saints Church

Parish Church Finance

The main financial outgoing of the church is the Parish Share. Every year the Benefice are asked by the Diocese to contribute towards the 'real cost' of ministry and mission. Our fundraising events throughout the year contribute towards some of this parish share and as a PCC we try hard to ensure that our parish share is as fair as possible, reflecting what we can afford.

The money goes towards paying for clergy stipend (wages), pension and some housing costs. Remember, we have to 'share' Deirdre with six other parishes because the money is not available to finance another priest.

Last year we managed to pay parish share of £3,500 to the Diocese. We are hoping to be able to pay the same amount this year. Of the seven parishes within the Benefice, we pay by far the least, so we are punching below our weight.

The distribution of parish share is complicated, but put simply, over 80% of what we contribute goes towards paying for Deirdre's excellent ministry. We also have to find money to pay for insurance on our beautiful church (over £1500 annually), lighting, heating etc.

So you see, your money at our fundraising events, collections etc is absolutely vital if you wish to see our church survive. Many of the PCC give generously of their time towards the running and upkeep of the church, but there is very little room for manoeuvre with continually rising costs to meet.

If you would like to understand more, why not come to our Annual Meeting on 12th April? It is at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. You would be most welcome.

Easton Parochial Church Council



At our March meeting we were transported back to Tudor times and authentic fashion of the day with amazing and beautifully made clothes in rich velvets, silks and embellishments.

April is our 'birthday' meeting and on Tuesday 26th we are off to The Plough and Sail, Snape, for a cookery demo and tasting. Happy 4th Birthday to us!

New members and visitors very welcome!
Enquiries: Janet Prentice - 01728 746808

SUMMER SPORTS IN EASTON



It's the time of year when we think about sitting in the sunshine enjoying a cup of tea or a glass of wine. Why not do this watching cricket or bowls at our clubs in the village? The season begins in April and both groups would be delighted to welcome you at any of their games.

APRIL FIXTURES

Cricket

Sun	10	Memorial Match		Home	1.30
Sat	16	1st XI v	East Bergholt	Home	1.00
Sat	23	1st XI v	Clacton	Away	1.00
Sun	24	Ladies v	Ipswich	Away	1.30
Sat	30	1st XI v	Ipswich	Home	1.00
Sat	30	2nd XI v	Kelvedon	Away	1.30

Bowls

Sun	17	Green opens	New players welcome		2.00
Tue	19	Friendly	v	Framlingham	Away 6.30
Wed	20	Friendly	v	Earl Soham	Away 6.30
Tue	26	W'bridge Lge	v	Laxfield	Home 6.45
Thu	28	Friendly	v	Woodbridge	Away 6.30

EASTON

QUEEN ELIZABETH II 90TH BIRTHDAY



BEACON LIGHTING EVENT

THURSDAY APRIL 21ST 2016 – FROM 6PM

**AN INVITATION TO EVERYONE THAT LIVES IN
EASTON**

**THIS EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL
THERE WILL BE A COMPLIMENTARY HOG ROAST,
AND REFRESHMENTS**

THE BEACON WILL BE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN.



**EASTON PARISH COUNCIL HAVE ACCEPTED THE
REQUEST FROM THE QUEEN'S PAGEANT MASTER FOR
THE COMMUNITY OF EASTON TO JOIN THE NATIONWIDE
BEACON LIGHTING EVENT.**

EASTON WILL BE IN THE RECORDS KEPT FOR HISTORIC ROYAL EVENTS.

**To help with organising the best size of Hog!
Please, if possible e.mail–sue.e.piggott@btinternet.com or
contact any Parish Councillor to give numbers of your family
that would like to join this celebration village event.**

We look forward to hearing from you



Easton Primary School

We have come to the end of another successful term here at Easton School in which we have managed to fit in a lot of exciting events in a short spring term. The children in Pirate Class recently visited Dennington Hall Farm to join them in their lambing season. This is such a good experience for our youngest children seeing first-hand lambs being born and how the mothers and baby lambs are cared for over the next few weeks. We are always very grateful to Penny and her family who take the time out of their busy schedule to fit us in.

Also in Pirate Class we have been very fortunate that so many of our parents were able to stay for the maths club sessions, to work with their children in the classroom. The children love to play maths games and activities with different adults and I think the adults enjoyed being in school too!

In Comet Class the children made a visit to Ipswich Museum to support their work on the Victorians. Once again the children were congratulated on their good behaviour by the staff at the museum and were impressed by how much the children knew and the questions they could answer.

The whole school were treated to a visit to Wickham Market School to watch 'Watoto', a children's choir from Africa. The children loved the singing and the dancing and talked about the colourful costumes. It was a great experience for our children, they joined in with the dancing and loved watching the teachers who were gently encouraged to go up onto the stage for a special performance. The children also took part in e-safety day, we have a team of e-safety ambassadors from Phoenix Class who ran workshops for the younger children, and they provided stories and activities to help them understand the importance of staying safe on-line. They did a fabulous job and are always available to answer children's questions. At the end of the day they participated in a 'be safe online' workshop for parents.

We had parents' conference meetings and reports went out in the last week of term. It was lovely to hear so many positive reports from the children, their teachers and the parents.

Our year 3 and 4 children were lucky enough to experience performing a live music event at Snape Maltings to family and friends. We were one of seven schools that performed on that particular night. Our year 3 children played the viola and cello and our year 4 children played the recorder. We received many positive comments from the audience and the children had an amazing time!

HELP! We are collecting the sport tokens from the EADT and would very much appreciate any that you have. They can be posted through our letterbox at any time. As a small school we are unable to collect as many as other schools in the area so any that you have would make a huge difference to us. Thank you in anticipation!

Mrs D Payne Early years/KS1 teacher

Village View in April



Village Green Tidy Up
Saturday 9th April
10—12 Village Green
PLEASE HELP

Annual Church Meeting
Tuesday 12th April
7.30 pm Village Hall
ALL WELCOME

Mobile Library
Wednesday 13th April
12.20—12.40 pm
Village Hall

Village Spring Clean
Saturday 16th April
10 am start
WE NEED YOU!

Sunday Café
17th April
10 - 11.30 am
Village Hall

Queen's 90th Birthday
Celebrations
Thursday 21st April from 6 pm
Village Green
Hog Roast and Beacon Lighting

St George's Day Quiz
Saturday 23rd April
7 for 7.30 pm
Village Hall

Easton Belles WI meeting
Tuesday 26th April
The Plough and Sail, Snape
Call Janet on 746808

Yoga Flow
Tuesdays
9.30 - 10.45 am
Village Hall
Contact Kat Hesse on 638604

Table Tennis
Every Wednesday
6.30 pm Village Hall
£5 per session

Pilates
Thursdays
2-3 pm
Village Hall
Contact Kat Hesse on 638604

Easton Pre-School
Village Hall
Mondays, Wednesdays or
Fridays 9.15am—3pm
Thursday mornings
9am-11.30am

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Beware – Scammers About!

Local people are being urged to be on their guard, following reports of suspected scams in the area.

Council Tax Scam

Councils have just sent out their Council Tax bills to local residents.

There has been a report of someone being called by a scammer claiming to be from the Council, claiming the person was in arrears with their council tax and asking for their bank details to take payment. Fortunately, the resident did not hand over their bank details.

There have also been reports of a company telephoning and claiming the local resident's property was in the wrong band and asking for nearly £70 to send them their findings. In this case, unfortunately, the resident did hand over their bank details.

Reminder:

The Council Tax Team will not phone and request payment of council tax arrears. They always issue official letters to advise on arrears issues.

Also, if you have any concerns about the Council Tax Banding for your property, this can be challenged **free of charge** through the Valuation Office Website.

Never give your bank account details over the telephone.

DVSA Fixed Penalty Email Scam Warning

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency has been made aware that members of the public have received emails claiming to be from the DVSA Fixed Penalty Office with an attachment to a 'fixed penalty receipt'.

Do not open the attachment, or click on any links within the email, and do not reply to it. The DVSA never sends fixed penalty notices to customers via email.

Tick Tock – it's all about clocks...

With the clocks going forward this weekend, householders across Suffolk are being urged not to make it easy for potential thieves.

Officers are advising people to pay extra attention to home, bike and vehicle security with the onset of lighter nights – often seen as an opportunist time for this type of crime.

Suffolk Chief Superintendent David Skevington said: "Most thefts are carried out by opportunist criminals. The coming summer months can bring with them thieves on the look-out for lapses in security – such as doors and windows left open, bicycles poorly secured or property left on display at beauty spot car parks."

John Owen

Wellie Boots for April

Well, well!! Dare I say it? Yet another mild month, and it's almost the end of winter - one of the mildest for many a year. But, English weather being what it is, spring planting is going to be particularly problematical, with the Queen's Birthday Celebrations on the 21st ... tempting us all into early planting this year. We all know that winter has a very nasty habit of giving us a very sharp nip in the bum with a harsh late frost even into early May. But given the occasion, I'm going to take the risk.

At the moment nest-building around our garden is going on apace but ... who's purloined our thrushes? For the past few weeks to our great delight they've been gracing our lawn, but now they've 'opped it. So send 'em back, NOW. Or, if you



really can't part with them, please treat them like the national treasure they really are. Once very common, having had most of their natural habitat and food chain destroyed, they are now an ever-decreasing rarity – not only very beautiful but also very useful, killing off all YOUR slugs and snails. See why I'm so peeved? Well, I saw them first so it should be OUR slugs and snails they're gorging on, not yours. Tell you what, they say that exchange is no robbery, so



if you send back our thrushes you can have your muntjac back. You know, your cuddly little Bambi? Such a sweet little thing. Should have known better but we came back from the garden centre yesterday afternoon with just a few irresistible perennials which we promptly offloaded to be planted this morning, time permitting.

But Bambi is an early riser and beat me to it. The good news is that I now have half the planting work to do, but the bad news is I now have yet another half dozen closely cropped plants to nurse back to health. But yes, yes, of course ... Easton is having a Hog Roast to celebrate Queenie's birthday, isn't it? It's all coming together now ... if we turned it into a Venison Roast it would become a much more Royal occasion ... Hush now, Delilah, calm down. It's only a joke, dear. Only a joke ... I'll usher Bambi along The Street to your garden later this afternoon, shall I, just to prove there's no ill feeling?

But, as you know, April is also the month when we can hope to welcome two of our most well-known visitors from abroad, one easily seen, the other mostly unseen. Swallow Day is traditionally 15th April and they can always be seen collecting mud from ponds and river banks to make their nests. However, did you know that many years ago, before migration was understood, it was thought that swallows spent the winter months hiding in the mud at the bottom of ponds and rivers?



The cuckoo meanwhile is expected to start to call on St Tiburtius Day, 14th April (no, I hadn't heard of him either) and to cease on St John's Day, 24th June, although actually not leaving the country until several weeks later. You'll be very lucky to see one but you'll surely know from their call when they're around, even if it's always half-a-mile away. Sod's Law, I'm afraid, yet again.

Now, over to the garden and let's start with my favourite "bete-noir" – ground elder - and I think I can say without fear of contradiction that I have the best crop for many a mile, but this year I already have a head start. The offending patches have already been deeply dug and the fragile main spaghetti-type roots extracted and burnt, but now all the little pieces left behind are beginning to show above ground. Some can be removed by hand but you stand the chance of it breaking off again and re-appearing. Instead, now is the ideal time to PAINT the new growth with systemic weedkiller such as Roundup, but use very carefully as it will kill almost everything it touches (so DON'T SPRAY and DON'T HOE). But with the present explosion of other annual weeds in full progress, I'm afraid persistent hoeing and hand-weeding is the only answer to those, excluding the ground elder.

By now, many of us may be fortunate enough to have home-grown seedlings on the go, so careful handling is the order of the day. As you already know, the first leaves to appear are only the seed leaves so wait until the second set appear – these are the first TRUE plant leaves and pricking out can then begin. It's very important that great care is taken when lifting seedlings out with your fingers. After loosening with a small skewer or similar, always pick the seedling up by a seed leaf (the lower leaves) and not by the stem. The stems are very delicate at this early stage in life and the smallest pressure can destroy the seedling. I prefer to use rather small pots and to gradually harden them off in the greenhouse or cold frame. Rather like kids really – mollycoddle them at first, and gradually let them find their own feet. Then, when the weather has warmed up a little bit more and all danger of a late frost is past, it'll be time to plant out your teenage plants into their final home. Here they will hopefully grow into adult plants and blossom into beautiful plants throughout your garden. Meanwhile, I've been pulling some of my larger perennials apart to make plants for elsewhere, only to find to my horror that they have already been infested with bindweed and the dreaded ground elder. So nothing for it I'm afraid other than to wash off all the old soil, remove and burn the offending invaders and then replant them in their new homes in my own mix of home-made compost, leaf mould and multi-purpose compost. The smaller sections can be planted out into pots for next year.





New bed or border in the offing? Then first of all make sure that all the grass is physically removed – don't take the easy option of trying to dig it in, otherwise you'll get grass rearing its ugly head for ever and a day. Many people swear by marking out a new bed using a bottle of sand, but I find that by far the easiest way is using the garden hose. This way you can tweak it, twirl it, and any-which-way it to your heart's content – only don't chop the hose in half like someone we know. Then dig in generous helpings of natural compost, removing any weeds you come across on the way and topping it off with several bags of leaf-mould that we made over a year ago. Yes we did, Delilah, you told me so and you'll have to find it to use it. In the garage? Behind the wood shed? In the fridge? There you are – knew it had to be somewhere – you're almost as bad as me.

Finally, of course, I'm afraid it's that time of year again when the village green is in need of a tidy-up, especially with the Queen's Birthday Celebrations on the 21st April, so with this in mind can I beg for **working party volunteers for a couple of hours on Saturday 9th from 10 until 12**. This will then give me a few days to add a little bit more instant colour to the borders, to be followed a week later by a whole **village clean-up on 16th, same time and place**, making sure we are all spick and span just before the event.

So let the hard work commence but treat those backs and knees carefully – I know I wish I had done so in the past.

Wellie Boots



Parish Council Resignation

It is with a degree of sadness that I inform the village that I have resigned as a Parish Councillor.

Easton is a fantastic village in which to live, and I sincerely wish Easton Parish Council all the very best for the future.

Stephen Parkinson

VILLAGE GREEN TIDY UP

PLEASE can you spare a couple of hours on Saturday 9th April to help get our lovely Village Green in good order before the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations? We shall meet at 10 am and should be finished by 12 noon.



Thank you!

... AND ALSO

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN



Same time, same place—but on Saturday 16th April. We need plenty of volunteers please to walk the streets and collect any litter. It should take a maximum of two hours if we get enough people.

Your village needs you!

Michael Coney

MAY FAIR – GRAND DRAW

Could you provide a prize for the Grand Draw this year? I would be most grateful to hear from you. The more the merrier! Please give me a call or drop in at Almond Tree Cottage.



Charles Pollock — T: 747343

Pilates

Thursdays 2-3pm

**Term starts 14th April for 6 weeks.
£42 for the term, £10 drop in rate.**

with Kat Hesse

Qualified British Wheel of Yoga, Pilates (Pilates Foundation trained) and Somatics teacher

For more information and to book contact Kat on

01728 638 604

or via www.rhythmoflife.org.uk

What is pilates?

Pilates aims to strengthen the body in an even way, with particular emphasis on core strength to improve general fitness and wellbeing. Pilates exercises are done on a mat.

Who is pilates for?

Pilates has something to offer to people of all ages and levels of ability and fitness, from beginners to elite athletes. Pilates focuses on the alignment of the spine and strong and effective "core" muscles. Pilates is more than just an abdominal workout. Pilates helps to align the body back to health and release unnecessary tension. Kat combines Pilates with somatics - a unique combination that allows everyone to work at the level suitable for them.

St Elizabeth Hospice launches brand new frothy, family, fun event

This summer St Elizabeth Hospice is introducing a brand new bubbly event, Bubble Rush.

Bubble Rush is a fantastic, family, fun-filled event which anyone of any age can take part in.

Participants, or 'Bubblers', can run, walk or even dance along the 5km route. The fabulously, frothy event features five 'bubble stations' with bubble cannons which blasts participants with crazy-coloured bubbles, covering you in safe, frothy foam! Each station jets out different coloured bubbles which also have a scent to go with their colour and unique music to listen to as you make your way along the route.

Participants will all receive a free white T-shirt to wear on the course and medal at the end. Merchandise stalls will be selling tutus, sunglasses, wigs and wings.

This sponsored event will take place on Sunday 28 August at Christchurch Park and is open to all age groups and abilities – so bring along your family, friends and colleagues and get bubblicious!

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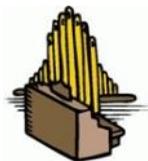
Marlesford is planning to hold a Bible Exhibition in conjunction with Pentecost over the weekend of **14th/15th May, 2016**. The exhibition will take place over Saturday/Sunday and on Sunday we will have a **Family Service with Holy Communion** to celebrate the Church's Birthday, and as many children as possible will be involved in the Sunday celebrations. There will be a birthday cake after the service.

Therefore, we are asking all seven parishes in the Benefice to loan us Bibles for the weekend and to either mark a passage which is a favourite and/or a short explanation of why you love a particular passage or what your Bible means to you. We will receive the Bibles on the Saturday morning and the Church will be locked over Saturday night. We would also like to hear of any children in the Benefice who might like to take part in the Service on Sunday.

Can you please let either me (**747625 cooke299@btinternet.com**) or Nan Waterfall (**747038 nanwaterfall@gmail.com**) know if you are able to loan a Bible or have children who might like to be involved on the Sunday.

Carol Cooke

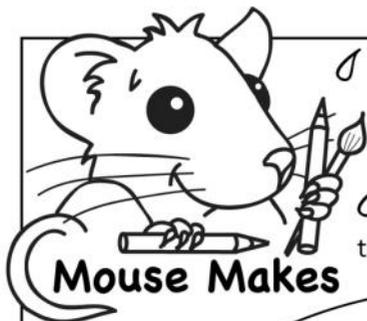
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We now plan to have an inaugural recital by the distinguished former Norwich Cathedral organist, Dr Michael Nicholas, on Sunday April 17th at 4.00pm. This recital of 40 minutes will be followed by tea, coffee, cake and something stronger. There is no entry charge but hopefully a voluntary donation (however small). All are welcome and we hope you will come and enjoy this short recital.

Graeme Hall



It rained and it rained, for forty days it rained until a great flood covered the earth. Only Noah and his family and two of every living creature were still alive, safe in the great ark that God had instructed Noah to build.

When the flood went down Noah came out of the ark, praised God and built an altar to the Lord.

READ Genesis 6 - 9

Why did God save Noah?

What did God promise Noah?



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Do you have something to put in the magazine?

Contributions to the next Parish Magazine should arrive by the 20th of the month before, either by email or by handwritten piece, please.

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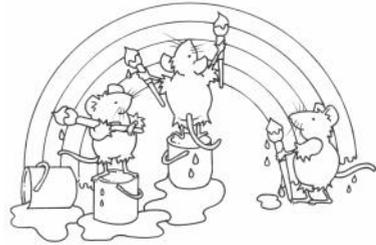
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