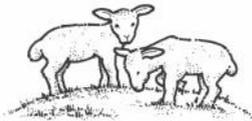


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From The Revd Deirdre West

Dear Friends

Hatch, Match and Dispatch are various events which occur in everyone's life from time to time and all are occasions which make living a ministerial life what it is - what it is really all about. Obviously it is also about personal prayer, pastoral visiting, taking services on Sundays, charring meetings, and even finding time to shop for groceries occasionally. But it is also meeting people in the highs and lows of human life when they look to their Church to help them celebrate - a birth, a marriage, or the life of a family member. And all these events become pastoral encounters with people from the wider communities in which I serve, and they are a joy and immense privilege.

Hatchings of babies unlike baby birds and ducklings isn't seasonal; they can and do occur at any time during the year. Whereas the '**matching**' season is just now getting underway. My first wedding of 2015 is on 2nd May followed by seven more spread out over the summer months, with the last of the year being held on New Year's Eve. **Dispatches** are the occasions where one notices most, year on year, the number of people lost to a community, often someone well loved and respected by more than their immediate family, someone who may have supported the life of the church for many years, often for a lifetime, and who is irreplaceable. Or someone who was a stalwart of parish life and who also can never be replaced. And all these people have one thing in common, which is the legacy of memories they leave behind, which means that people will remember what they did for village life whether in the bowls club or on the parish council, or the allotment, or whatever for generations to come.

May all the blessings of this Easter season be yours.

With love in Christ

Deirdre

**The Church is the body of Christ
We are an Easter people
and Hallelujah is our song
(Pope John Paul II)**



Church Matters

Discussion Group

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April at Easton House at 10.30 am when we shall be discussing the calling of the first disciples and the meaning of discipleship. New members are always welcome.

Easter Sunday

Deirdre will be with us for our service on Easter Day at 11 am. Please join us for this special communion service of celebration.

Benefice Services

As the first Sunday of the month is Easter Day, our benefice communion will be on the second Sunday (12th) at 10 am at Kettleburgh.

Easton will host the communion service for the seven parishes on 19th April at 9 am. This is the service which rotates round the parishes on the third Sunday of the month. Please note the early time (which still leaves you time to get to the Sunday Café)!

Annual Parish Church Meeting

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE:

This meeting is open to all members of the parish and will be held on Thursday 30th April at 7.45 pm in The White Horse. This is a short meeting to accept our church annual report and accounts. Come and get an overview of the year's activities.

Dates for your Diary

May Fair

As you will see elsewhere in the magazine, our May Fair this year will be on Saturday 2nd May in the afternoon. Pray for a fine day!

Hidden Gardens

Don't forget! Sunday 14th June is the date. See information on page 7.

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

Benefice Ministry Team News

Your benefice team of elders are Mary Baker, John Bradfield, Jackie Clark, Graeme Hall, Carol Rook, Jane Slade, Jane Woodbury-Eggins, Valerie Upson and Eileen Leach as an honorary elder. Elders are commissioned by the Bishop to serve in their parish and or benefice for three years, after which time the commission may be renewed.

Valerie, based in Kettleburgh (where she is also Churchwarden and Electoral Roll Officer) will be recommissioned on Sunday 12 April at 11:00a.m at a seven Parish service at Kettleburgh. You are most welcome to attend and give your support to the important work that is undertaken to support our priest Deirdre and everyone in our villages.

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING
THURSDAY 30TH APRIL
7.45 PM IN THE WHITE HORSE
ALL WELCOME!

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Flowers	Cleaning
4th April	EASTER—ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS AND CLEANERS PLEASE	
11th April	Mary Willson	Jayne Gibson
18th April	Jane Pollock	Emma Johnston
25th April	Jane Pollock	Emma Johnston

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EASTON

is hosting

Sunday Cafe



Easton Village Hall

Sunday 19th April

open 10.00 - 11.30 am

Home made cakes and croissants

Bacon rolls made to order

Homemade sausage rolls

Fresh coffee and good teas

Newspapers

Have a chat with friends old and new.

MAY FAIR

Saturday 2nd May

2 till 4 pm

Village Green

Crowning of May Queen 2.30 pm

Ipswich Community Wind Band

and Rabble Chorus

*Lots of Stalls : Bric-a-Brac, Books,
Plants, Toys, Homebakes, Face Painting,*

Bran Tub, Treasure Hunt, Tombola,

Grand Draw and more!

Teas and delicious home made cakes

from the Easton Belles WI

Come and join the fun!



In aid of All Saints Church

PETER GEORGE FARLEY

At his funeral, both Peter's sons spoke of their father movingly and with great love. They emphasised his support and loving care for them as they grew up, telling us of how Peter would stand on the touchline and cheer them on at various sports. He was their hero and encouraged them not only in sport but also in playing music and life in general. His own love of sport, music and the arts was passed on to them.



Peter was born in 1938 but his mother died when he was only two years old and his father put him in an orphanage. His early years were therefore hard and perhaps the memory of this made him all the more determined to provide a great family background for his own sons. Only one photograph survives of his boyhood. As a young man he did his national service on Christmas Island and all his life he loved boats and sailing.

His first job as an engineer was at a hospital and thereafter at Madame Tussaud's and the London Planetarium. His sons were proud and delighted when he appeared on Blue Peter. Peter was someone who really enjoyed getting his teeth into a project, although his DIY projects did not always please their mother as they could be risky!

Peter enjoyed outdoor sports: sailing, tennis, cricket, cycling and walking in the Scottish hills. He took pride in the fact that his sons never beat him at tennis. He also supported Leyton Orient football team (and found like-minded supporters in Easton).

As we know, Peter took on the mantle of historian of Easton and the Hamiltons, producing two wonderful and well-researched little books about them. He was also custodian of the Easton archives which have now been passed on to the Wickham Market Local Archive for safe keeping.

After moving to Campsea Ashe and restoring a house there, Peter came to live in Easton when he married Gil and they spent 18 happy years together. Peter's sons paid tribute to Gil's care for Peter in his last months and thanked friends and neighbours for their support during the last period of his illness. Peter had battled prostate cancer for many years and had been involved in the support group in Ipswich, creating a newsletter for sufferers.

Peter was also a gifted artist and draughtsman (see the cover of this magazine). He enjoyed music and particularly jazz. He sang in the Rabble Chorus (who sang three of his favourite songs at the tea after the funeral) and was proud to have sung with them at the Royal Albert Hall.

His sons described Peter as full of life, energy and fun, a loving husband to Gil and a friend to so many. To his sons he was their hero, mentor, counsellor and friend.

Dear Peter, we shall miss you, but we thank God that you are now at peace after your suffering. We send our love and sympathy to Gil and all Peter's family.

Jane Woodbury-Eggs



EASTON HIDDEN GARDENS SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

This very popular biennial event is a major fundraiser for the church. Would you be happy to open your garden to the public for two or three hours on this Sunday afternoon? Your garden doesn't have to be immaculate, but if you are proud of it and would like to show others round, this is an ideal opportunity. It is a lovely village event.

**Please contact either Carol Rook on 746162 or Clare Owen on 745015.
Thank you!**

BREAKING NEWS

Visit the Easton village website to read, hot off the press,
"The Four Iron Steamships
of
William Alexander Lewis Stephen Douglas–Hamilton"
by Brian Boon

A fascinating history of the Hamilton family's involvement
with sailing.

www.easton.onesuffolk.net



EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Stand for what you believe in - become a Parish Councillor

What matters to you in your local area? Is there a need for more activities for the young, improvements of the services for the elderly, making roads safer?

Whatever needs changing in your neighbourhood, you could be just the person to change it by becoming a local councillor.

Councillors are elected to the local council to represent their community, so they must live or work in the area.

Becoming a councillor is both rewarding and a privileged form of public service. You will be in a position to make a difference to the quality of other people's daily lives and prospects.

Elections of Town and Parish Councils will be held on
7th May 2015.

Election papers can be obtained:-

1. By downloading from [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/your council/elections](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/your-council/elections), then via the link of 'local elections' to obtain nomination papers.
2. From the Returning Officer at Suffolk Coastal's Woodbridge office by calling 01394 444658.
4. From the Chairman, John Owen. at 5 Harriers Walk, telephone 746644.

Papers are to be returned by hand to the Returning Officer at Suffolk District Council, Melton Hill, Woodbridge before 4 pm on Thursday 9th April 2015.

Easton Primary School

www.eastonprimary.org.uk

admin@easton.suffolk.sch.uk



01728 746387



Firstly we have a request! Do you play an instrument and would you be willing to play to the children in assembly? We are looking for people to come and share their talent. As part of the schools music curriculum we are always looking for opportunities for the children to hear live music.

We are lucky enough to have some very talented parents, but they will soon be moving on and so we need your help. Please contact the school on 01728 746387 and just ask for Mrs Payne, thank you!

As we come to the end of the spring term at Easton, a lot has been happening. Pirate class have been to Framlingham Hall Farm to experience lambs being born. They even got to name one and a popular choice from the film 'Frozen' was Elsa. We are always very grateful to Penny for allowing us to visit each year and we are always lucky enough to witness the birth of a lamb or two. During the same week we were grateful to Mr Kiddy who came into school for us, to take part in a county wide experience with 'tractors in schools'. The children in KS2 were given the chance to find out about farming and allowed to explore the tractor. Apparently they asked lots of questions!

You may have seen us out and about in the village recently. Pirate class have been looking at what materials have been used to build a village. We were fortunate to see some building work taking place and the workmen were very accommodating and explained what they were doing.

It was lovely to see the children and staff dressing up for World Book Day. This is a great opportunity for the children to think about characters in stories and write character profiles. Some of the older children had really thought about their favourite stories and explored the characters in detail.

On Friday 13th March we joined in with fundraising for Comic Relief, the children made their faces 'funny for money' and brought in as many 10ps as they could to make a big shiny red (silver) nose. They then helped to count in 10s to find out how much money we had raised. They also watched the educational film provided to schools about the cause and learnt the red nose day song.

Phoenix class had a visit from a forensic scientist where they analysed evidence to solve a crime scene looking at foot impressions, DNA and finger print analysis. The children were very excited about the visit and had lots to talk about afterwards. Maybe a future career for some of them!

We, like every other school in the country, went outside at 9.30am on the morning of Friday 20th March to witness the solar eclipse. As you know it was not as spectacular as we would have liked, but it did give us an opportunity to talk to the children about what was happening. We were very grateful to Mr Cross, one of our parents who kindly brought in his telescope and still managed to talk and demonstrate to the children about what was happening up there!

And finally during the last week of the spring term we will be having our traditional Easter egg hunt in the school grounds. We will be wearing our Easter bonnets to the Easter service on Friday 27th March at 9.30am then back to school for hot cross buns!

Mrs D Payne
Early years/KS1 teacher

Avocet Academy is an independent multi academy trust and we are looking for an additional trustee. This is a non-paid role and trustees are expected to meet around six times a year. A financial, educational or legal background may be an advantage but we welcome all applicants. Please contact our main office at Wickham Market Primary School, Dallinghoo Road, Wickham Market for the attention of Peter Elliot our Chair of Trustees.

THANK YOU

For health reasons, I will not be seeking re-election to the Parish Council in May. I thank all of you and my fellow councillors for your trust and help and all those who supported me in the last Parish Council election.

The past five years have been extremely interesting, educational and, at times, challenging. I have enjoyed serving and providing support for this village which I have known since childhood.

Brian Boon

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Highlights of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 3rd March 2015

District Councillor Snell advised that the new headquarters for Suffolk Coastal would be on the old Girdlestone's site opposite Melton Railway Station. It is expected that the council would move in about two years with an annual saving of approximately £200,000.

Councillor Snell said he was pleased to allocate £1,000 from his community budget towards Easton's Speedwatch programme for which the Chairman thanked him.

Council agreed to the erection of a temporary gazebo on the village green as part of the Pre-School 40th Anniversary celebration - a 40 mile cycle ride.

Council agreed the expenditure of £2,500 for the Speedwatch equipment.

Councillors Bellfield (Suffolk County Council) and Snell (Suffolk Coastal) have each donated £1,000 considerably reducing the cost to the Parish. The appointment of Sally Loader as Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer was officially confirmed.

Highlights of Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 17th March 2015

The meeting was attended by 21 people.

Chairman's Report:

It was reported that Council had considered approximately 15 planning applications over the previous twelve months. In addition Council had two meetings regarding the Issues and Options Consultation which covers future housing and development in the area.

It was reported that Easton came third in Suffolk Coastal 2014 Village of the year competition. The winners were Walpole with Bredfield runners up. Both went forward to the County stage, this being won by Whatfield.

Finally he thanked everyone for their support but said he would not be standing for re-election to the council.

Police Report:

PCSO Hassler reported that in the year to February 28th 2015 there had been 8 reported crimes compared to 14 in the previous twelve months. 3 were burglary, 2 thefts, 1 theft from an employer and 2 common assaults.

Easton Primary School:

From 1st November 2014 the school converted to an independent multi-academy trust with Leiston and Wickham Market Primary Schools. The last results in July 2014 placed Easton in the top 10% of schools nationally and 4th in the county. Future areas for development include improving links with the Pre-School, development of outside space, increasing links with partner schools and increasing the range of sports.

Easton Pre-School:

This year is the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Pre-School. Sandy Stearn celebrates 25 years as a leader at the school. It is hoped in due course to develop a Memory Book. Stories and pictures of Pre-School in the past would be welcomed. A grant from Councillor Bellfield (Suffolk County) will enable the replacement of the old sand pit whilst Sports Relief funding has enabled the provision of dance yoga classes for the children.

Easton Bowls Club:

The club completed its project to add an extension to the club house. In 2014 the club won the Woodbridge league 1st Division, its section of the Fynn League and reached four cup finals.

The new season starts in April and anyone interested in trying bowls should contact Charles Pollock on 01728 747343.

Easton Hunt Harriers:

A good season was had and membership has increased. The Kennels are unique in being situated in the middle of the village. Considerable work has gone into reducing the noise issue and no complaints have been received this year. There was an issue with fouling but this has been addressed.

Easton Belles WI:

The group was formed three years ago and celebrates its birthday in April. Speakers have covered a wide range of subjects including wildlife, photography, gardening and the psychology of confidence. Current membership is 22 and new members are always welcome

Easton Cricket Club:

The club had a successful year with 1st XI finishing 5th, 2nd XI finishing 1st, Ladies XI coming 2nd and Sunday XI 3rd in their respective leagues.

The junior section continues to flourish with around 100 young people participating in 2014. More opportunities will be available to them with a softball division for under 9's, a league structure for under 15 girls and a new under 19 T20 competition.



Neighbourhood Watch:

Whilst we highlight crime and spams in the Parish Magazine, we shouldn't forget that Suffolk has one of the lowest crime rates in the country. The most common crime is opportunistic where cars, sheds and homes have been left unlocked, the stolen goods being easily sold at car boot sales.

Open Forum:

In answer to a question it was reported that the damage to the crinkle crinkle wall had been reported.

It was pointed out that the village website had a wealth of information on it and was available to everyone.

The next meeting will be the **Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 19th May at 7.30 pm** when the newly elected members of the Parish Council will meet for the first time after the election.

If you wish to make any comments or ask any questions relating to Council matters, please contact the Clerk on 07789 538430 or pc@easton.suffolk.gov.uk.

STAINER'S "CRUCIFIXION"

PERFORMED BY

THE GIPPESWYCK SINGERS

7.00 PM GOOD FRIDAY (3RD APRIL)

CAMPSEA ASHE CHURCH

Free admission (retiring collection)



Easton Bowls Club

Would you like to have a go at lawn bowls?

The Easton Bowls Club outdoor bowls season for 2015 starts with the Open Green on Sunday 19th April. If you haven't tried rolling a bowl and would like to have a go, please come along at 2.00 pm. If you have previously bowled and would like to see what our Green is like, come and try it!

If you cannot make the 19th there are 'Roll Ups' on every other Saturday starting on 9th May at 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm. Come and have a try — bowls are available. The last Roll Up will be on 29th August. The only stipulation to rolling a wood on the green is absolutely flat soled shoes. Sorry - no heels or stilettos.

The green is at the top of Cemetery Lane and there is a clear sign on The Street, **Bowls Club**, pointing up the Lane.

For any more information please contact Charles Pollock on 747343.



Dear Algebra

Please stop asking us to find your X.

She's never coming back and don't ask Y.

EASTON BELLES



Tuesday 28th, 7.30pm - Easton Village Hall

April is our "birthday" meeting, so please join us for the evening for coffee/tea and cakes. Our speaker is Jane Pollock who is giving an illustrated talk entitled "Cannibals, Coconuts and Coral".

Janet Prentice

£4000 EASTON FESTIVAL GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE

If you recall, it was decided by the Easton Festival Committee to retain an amount of money from the funds raised for five years in the event that if it was decided to resurrect the festival within that time, money was available to fund it. This period of time has now passed and the Committee therefore invites organisations within the villages of Easton and Letheringham to apply if they need funding for a project.

These grants are awarded by the Festival Grant Awards Committee at their discretion to non-profit making organisations run on a charity basis, although not necessarily a registered charity.

Grants will be awarded on a matched funding basis and only paid out against invoices or pro forma invoices produced, as in previous years.

For information and an application form please contact:-
John Newson Tel:- 746049. Email:- noose52@tiscali.co.uk
by 30th April 2015.

SUFFOLK COASTAL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

There was an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation as around 250 people attended a black tie dinner at Kesgrave Hall on 12th March. All of those present had been nominated for various awards and it was great to see so many local people involved. Revetts the butchers, R & S Hardware and Wickham Market Library were among those hoping to be winners.

Easton Bowls Club, represented by four committee members, eagerly awaited the result of the Enabling Communities category. Many of you were kind enough to vote for us and we are very grateful for your support. In the end the Winners were the East Anglian Sailing Trust who provide sailing facilities for the disabled, so very worthy winners.

However, the Bowls Club was delighted to be nominated and received a framed Finalist certificate and a bottle of champagne. For such a small club we consider it a 'feather in our cap' to have reached the finals.

Thanks again for your support.

Carol Rook



L to R: Cliff Green, Carol Rook, Sue Edwards, Mike Cattermole.

Wellie Boots for April

Hi Folks. Well, it's arrived at last. March 20th was officially the first day of Spring - which is one thing - but the first spring day is another. As many of us know to our cost the difference between them is sometimes as great as a month, although here in the east this year we are doing rather well. But it's still not too late for a late night frost to catch us unawares, so be very cautious when removing tender plants and seedlings from the safety of the greenhouse. If in doubt my advice is "don't", certainly not overnight.

Snowdrops are now a thing of the past, and have been surpassed by drifts of crocus, narcissi and daffodils, now in full splendour. But alas, by the end of April the earlier species of narcissi and daffodils will be in decline, so they will need a little TLC to encourage an even better display next year. A careful dressing of bone-meal will never go astray. But first and foremost, immediately the flowers are finished start to dead-head, dead-head, dead-head, thus stopping the bulb from exhausting itself trying to form seed. But only the flower-head though, as this will then send all the goodness back into the bulb itself to become bigger and better for next year – leave the flower stalk and leaves as they are. It's well worth it, although they'll look quite untidy for a while. And later on in the year, should we get any lengthy dry spells, a good watering or two won't go amiss, water restrictions permitting. Talking of which, if you've no well to plunder for fresh water, why not invest in a large water butt as rain water is so much superior to tap water in the garden.



And now is the prime time to really support your garden – literally. Most of us rely substantially on plastic-covered wire supports or netting which should be put in place this month. Yes, I know, it's going to be a little unsightly for a month or so, but just think of trying to thread fiercely-growing perennials etc through metal supports and netting in a few weeks' time. You'll thank me for it then, as I hope you will for encouraging you to root out all those dark, snailly hide-outs recently (I've managed to despatch several hundred over the course of the winter, all on my own). But now comes the march, or should I say "slide", of the ominous slug. I've been reading about this fantastic product that you water around your susceptible plants and it then destroys all the eggs etc below ground (they look like white caviar). Alas, none of our garden centres locally seem to be stockists, but dear Margie has come to my rescue just in time with "50 ways to kill a slug". As you know, I always value salt, or letting them drown happily in a beer trap, but I really like her idea of a slug playhouse.



Halve a grapefruit and eat it for breakfast. Cut a small piece from the rims so the slugs can enter the grapefruit skin, then place the skins upside down around the garden. Leave for a couple of days and your plants should be left alone as the slugs huddle together under the skin to celebrate their delicious find. Then collect and dispose of the slugs as you see fit. Other than that, Advanced Slug Killer does no harm to pets and birds.

Wildlife-wise, things are getting off to a slow start this year, which I can't really understand, as this has been a comparatively mild winter so really no excuse for deep hibernation. But so far no newts or frogs, although the pair of barnacle geese are back again with their rather odd behaviour. He (at least I think it's a "he") carries out an almost nightly flypast around the village with a mallard drake escort on either side, whilst his missus is tending a near-by nest (I hope). Other very welcome visitors are our usual pair of song thrushes, or could they be mistle thrushes? Never could tell the difference. But every year they turn out to be very fickle friends, always vanishing just at nesting time. Whenever Delilah visits, she swears it's our own fault for destroying their favourite snack – snails - but secretly I suspect she entices them away when we're not watching. April is also the month when we can expect to welcome two of our most well-known visitors from abroad, one seen, the other mostly unseen. Swallow Day is traditionally mid-April, and they will always be seen swooping in collecting mud from ponds and river banks to make their nests. Whereas we all know that the cuckoo can't even be bothered to make one of its own. A rather attractive but nasty piece of work, to be honest. It lays its egg in the nest of some unsuspecting reed-warbler or similar, which on hatching ejects all other eggs or offspring. 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.



But now is the time to set about planting our tender summer bulbs such as gladioli, begonias, lilies, etc, not forgetting dahlias. Should you have lifted the latter last autumn you should find many of them in need of planting-on later this month. And soon, once our winter-flowering plants and shrubs such as forsythia, ribes, winter-flowering heathers, rosemary, etc. have finished, would be a good time to carry out an effective pruning and avoid the autumn mistake of destroying much of the new flowering growth.

I am sure many of you already have several seed trays in the greenhouse getting TLC in abundance, but as the sunny days become more frequent, monitor your temperatures carefully and keep it around 22/23 degrees to avoid unnecessary

disasters. And a tip I find useful when planting up hanging baskets is to sink a small flower pot in the centre of the compost. Then, when you water, not only does the water get directly down to the roots, it also prevents washing away the compost itself. And when buying plugs or bedding plants, please remember they have almost certainly been taken from a heated environment so need careful handling. For a couple of weeks at least, keep them in the greenhouse and on warm days put them outside in the fresh air, returning inside at night, until they gradually adjust to the cooler temperatures.

Finally, I've been asked to repeat how to get free basal cuttings from perennials. I normally wait until the base shoots are about 5" high, then sever with a very sharp knife as close to the main plant as possible. Remove any leaves from the bottom 2" or so and pinch out the growing tip to encourage root growth. Then plunge the base of the cutting into rooting powder or gel and plant them into a mix of two parts cutting compost to one part grit or perlite. Firm the compost, water and put a clear plastic bag over it, securing with an elastic band around the waist of the pot, thus retaining moisture. Try with campanulas, nepetas, geraniums, phlox, lupins, dahlias, delphiniums etc, but the best and easiest of all has to be the sedum.

Successful Procreating,

Wellie Boots



MORE GROANS ...

Due to the current economic crisis, Greece is cancelling all production of Humus and Taramasalata. It's a double dip recession.

Two men stagger out of the zoo with blood pouring from them. "Stuff that," said one. "That's the last time I go lion dancing."

My mate just hired an Eastern European cleaner. It took her 15 hours to vacuum the house. Turns out she was a Slovak.

Since the snow came, all the wife has done is look through the window. If it gets any worse, I'll have to let her in.

I've been charged with murder for killing a man with sandpaper. To be honest I only intended to rough him up a bit.

Two women called at my door and asked what bread I ate. When I said white, they gave me a lecture on the benefits of brown bread for 30 minutes. I think they were Hovis Witnesses.

Thanks Janet!

SPORTING NEWS

Summer is coming and so it's time for cricket and bowls to begin the new season. Everyone is really looking forward to the new season and hoping for good weather to make the games even more enjoyable.

Why not make a point of coming along to a game this year and soak up the atmosphere. Where better to spend an afternoon or evening enjoying a glass of wine, a beer or a cup of tea watching leather on willow or the gentle art of bowls. Details of fixtures will be in the parish magazine each month.

If you are interested in trying bowls please see the separate article on practice sessions or speak to any club member you may know. If you would like to become a non playing member of the cricket club please contact John Rook on 746162.

April Fixtures

Cricket

12th	Hammond Memorial Match			Home
18th	1st XI	v	Haverhill	Away
	2nd XI	v	Mildenhall	Home
19th	Sunday XI	v	Brantham	Home
25th	1st XI	v	Braintree	Home
	2nd XI	v	East Bergholt	Away
26th	Sunday XI	v	St Margarets	Away
	Ladies XI	v	Thriplow	Home

Matches normally start at 1.00 pm.

Bowls

19th	Green opens for practice (Home)			2.00
21th	v Framlingham	Friendly (Away)		6.30
28th	v Laxfield	Woodbridge League (Home)		6.45
30th	v Earl Soham	Friendly (Away)		6.30

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Police warn of cashpoint scam

Suffolk residents are urged to remain vigilant to bank card and telephone scams following incidents in Stowmarket. A woman withdrawing cash from an ATM at Stowmarket Market Place at around 10am on Tuesday 3 March was distracted by two males in their mid-40s who claimed she had dropped a £10 note. The bank card was stolen and subsequently used to withdraw a large amount of cash at a bank in Ipswich.

Facebook scams

Very few words can capture someone's attention more than the word 'FREE.' You would think that the constant use and overuse by marketers worldwide would eventually desensitize us to its power, but such is not the case. Just seeing the word on a page, in an online advertisement, or hearing it on the television or the radio is enough for the average person to stop and take notice.

Facebook scammers and spammers have enjoyed great success with the lure of false promises. At any given moment, you don't have to look very hard to find the following "Free" offers or scams on Facebook:

1. Free iPads, iPhones, Computers—Including iPad Giveaway and other 'Giveaway' Pages
2. Free Gift Cards and Vouchers
3. Free Airline Ticket Offers
4. Free Facebook Credits
5. Free Facebook Events
6. Free Virtual & Game Items

Facebook Lotteries & Promotions

99% of the time, the end game encountered by unsuspecting users is either a survey scam or a marketing gimmick where you have to complete several 'special', 'reward' or 'bonus' offers to qualify for the promotion.

What's in it for the scammers?

So why do the scam creators go through all of the trouble? If there is a word more powerful than "FREE," it could be 'MONEY.' The more benign scams are run by marketing companies that get paid a commission for each survey completed or offer accepted. Users often submit their name, date of birth, home address, email address and phone number while signing up for the 'special' offers. As you can imagine, this is a treasure trove of data for unscrupulous marketers and identity thieves.

If the offer being presented sounds like it could be legitimate, then contact the company to verify the promotion. Visit their website or contact them on the telephone. This will only take a few moments and could save you a lot of trouble along the line.

John Owen

Village View in April



No Parish Council Meeting

No Monday Mardle

Sunday Café

19th April

10-11.30 am

Village Hall

Mobile Library

Wednesday 15th April

12.20—12.40 pm

Village Hall

Easton Belles WI

Tuesday 28th April

7.30 pm Village Hall

Annual Church Meeting

Thursday 30th April

7.45 pm

The White Horse

Yoga-Pilates

Tuesdays

9.30 - 10.45 am

Village Hall

£8 drop in rate

£39 for 6 sessions

Table Tennis

Every Wednesday

6.30 pm Village Hall

£5 per session

Zumba

Every Thursday

6.15 pm Village Hall

£5 per session

Easton Pre-School

Village Hall

Mondays, Wednesdays or

Fridays 9.15am—3pm

Thursday mornings

9am-11.30am



DID YOU KNOW ?

Recycling

You can now recycle even more—as well as cans, tins, plastic containers, textiles, paper and cardboard, the blue-lidded bins will now accept aerosols, metal pots and pans, food and drink cartons (eg Tetra-Paks).

From SCDC Coastline leaflet

Trains

Readers may not be aware that the railway services up and down the coast have been increased to every hour on weekdays and Saturdays. There is now a change for all trains at Ipswich - normally a ten minute wait. (Times correct at going to press.)

Train times Wickham Market to Ipswich/London

Weekdays

06:23, 07:13, 07:39, 08:27, 10:07 and at 7 mins past every hr until 22:07

Saturdays

07:07 and at 7 minutes past every hour until 22:07

Sundays

09:02 and at 2 minutes past every 2 hours until 21:02

Journey time

To Ipswich – typically 30 minutes

To London – typically 2 hours or less

NB: To Lowestoft – similar frequency: typical journey time 1 hr.

Free parking at Wickham Market Station (Campsea Ashe).

Information from Keith Wallace, Letheringham



Charity Bike Ride

Monday 18 May From
Tunstall Community
Centre



Choice of Routes – 10 or 17 miles
Suitable for any ability.

Not ridden for a while?
Why not get out that bike and join us
for a leisurely ride through pretty
villages.

ENTRY FEE £12
Includes drinks and home made cakes

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Please go to:

www.woodbridgewowcharityride.weebly.com

Or Call 01728 747904

Footnote:

Julia Payn who lives in Park View, Easton is organising this event and would be delighted if you would take part. Should you wish to contact her, please call 746494 or the telephone number above for more details.



Music and

Flowers at

All Saints' Church

Brandeston

30th and 31st May

2 to 5 pm

(Church and plant stall open from
11.00am)

Cream teas, entertainment, face
painting, plant stall.

Something for everyone.

Bands and dancing on the lawn.



**“Oysters” by Eastern Angles
at Brandeston Village Hall
Saturday 23rd May at 7.30 pm
Tickets £8 (£7 for concessions)**

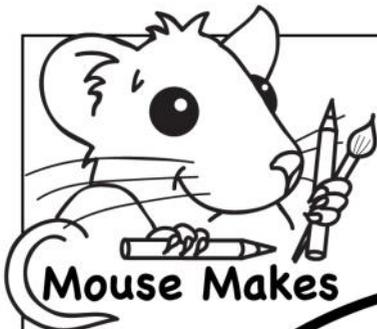
The region's leading touring theatre company, Eastern Angles, is coming your way. They are back on the road with their latest touring production, *Oysters*, written and directed by Eastern Angles' founder and Artistic Director Ivan Cutting. This play is inspired by real-life experiences of boat-builders, Oyster farmers and townspeople living on the Essex coast.

Mo has just turned fifty and is busy restoring an oyster dredger recovered from an Essex riverbed. Helping him bring the boat back to life is Angie, a young apprentice with a chip on her shoulder. When a piece of Mo's beloved dredger goes missing, their lives are up-ended and the past floats to the surface.

Oysters has been researched and developed as part of the Pioneer Sailing Trust *Land and Sea* project, which is focused on restoring the 1893 Oyster Smack *Priscilla* www.pioneersailingtrust.org.uk
Tickets for the Eastern Angles Spring Tour always sell fast...so book early!

**To book your tickets please contact Mary Baker 01728 685807
marybaker555@hotmail.co.uk**

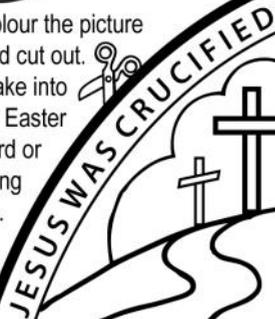
Oysters is sponsored by Ipswich Building Society & Abellio Greater Anglia



Jesus said to Martha,
"I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies like anyone else, shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in me and shall never perish. Do you believe this Martha?"

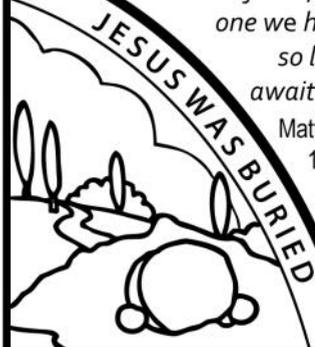
"Yes, Lord," she said "I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one we have so long awaited."
 Matthew 11:25

Colour the picture and cut out. Make into an Easter card or hang up.

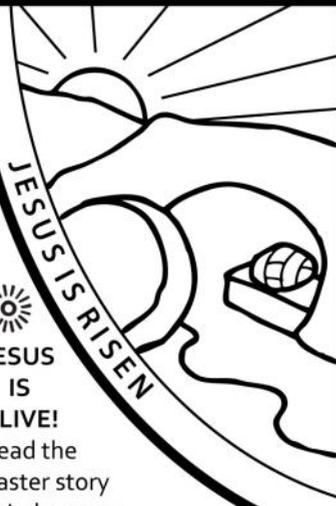


JESUS

SON OF GOD
 Matthew 3:16-17
SAVIOUR
 John 3:16-17
LORD
 1 Corinthians 1:9
SHEPHERD
 John 10:11



JESUS IS WITH US




JESUS IS ALIVE!
 Read the Easter story in Luke 22-24

THE WORD
 John 1:1-50
THE WAY
 John 14:6
THE LIGHT
 John 8:12
THE BREAD
 John 6:35
THE LAMB
 John 1:29
THE DOOR
 John 10:9
THE LIFE
 John 11:25-27




 Jesus said:
"I am the resurrection"
 Read Matthew 11:14-44

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**A copy of the latest draft minutes
of the Parish Council can be read
on the back of the village notice-
board.**

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.

My email address is :-

clareeowen@tiscali.co.uk

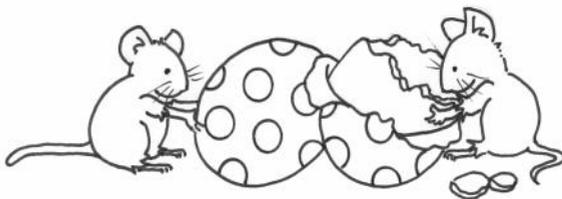
or handwritten pieces to me at 5 Harriers Walk,
Easton IP13 0HA

Village Hall Bookings

Contact Jean Blackwood-Pugh

Email: jeanmbp@gmail.com

Tel: 748378



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www.brandeston.net

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