

Easton Parish Magazine



December
2013

price 25 pence

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON

Priest in Charge : **Harry Edwards** **Tel: 746747**
Churchwarden : **Jane Woodbury-Eggins** **Tel: 746667**
Bickley, Harriers Walk
Treasurer : **Patrick Lowin** **Tel: 723809**
Brook Farmhouse, Framlingham
Magazine Editor : **Clare Owen** **Tel: 745015**
5 Harriers Walk, Easton

Dear Friends

Christmas is all about family and whether we have many or few members of our own, it's a time of year for getting in touch, reminding people that we care for them, that they are special, by exchanging gifts and cards, and video phone calls via the internet if people are far away.

So, Christmas when it eventually arrives after all the frenetic preparations and stress is the time to take a moment to recall the traditional story, told to us in our childhoods – the story of the Holy Family, the stable in Bethlehem, the gifts of the Magi, and the homage paid to the baby in a manger by the shepherds. And that's where the Church comes into its own, with the many and varied festive services on offer, all of which, depending on our personal preferences, help us to remember what Christmas really is all about.

***Christingle Services** with their unique message of 'light' - the light of Christ coming to a darkened world, but with oranges, sweets and candles to do the explaining.*

***Crib Services and Nativity Plays** much loved by the young, who get to dress up in their costumes and re-tell the traditional story.*

***Carol Services** - in their many and varied formats, from the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols, to the less informal Carols by Candlelight, right through to the very informal carol singing around our villages and in our pubs, garden centres and farm cafes.*

So there is something for every taste, and if you're one of the many who only goes to Church occasionally, or never, why not make this Christmas the one you walk up the path and through the 'open' door of your parish Church, or the one that is hosting your favourite type of service. Everyone is welcome everywhere in our seven churches at any time, but especially at Christmas.

And as Christmas is all about family it seems oddly appropriate that this Christmas will be Harry Edward's last before he retires in January after forty years of ministry, having being Rector in the Campsea Ashe benefice for eighteen years and Priest in Charge of Brandeston & Kettleburgh with Easton for six, 2014 will see the start of his well-deserved retirement, giving him more time for his family, including the many grandchildren, but also with unlimited time to walk the dogs, and maybe enjoy the occasional pint of cider in a local hostelry.

And so I'd like to close this letter with some words from one of the most popular carols, one that is completely traditional which has a final verse we only sing on Christmas day, and at no other time.

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given,
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him
Christ the Lord**

And I wish you all a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas.

With love

Deirdre



Church Matters

Discussion Group

In the Discussion Group in November we discussed the story of Jonah and sympathised with his human failings and the task he was set (and his experiences at sea!!)

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th December** when our topic is "What do we really need for Christmas?" We shall be meeting at 10.30 am at Easton House.

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to all who gathered to remember the sacrifices made by our service personnel in the wars of the 20th century and in more recent times. There was a real buzz at the Sunday Café after the service!

Sunday Café

The Sunday Café on 8th December will have the addition of making Christingles for the children. Do come and join in! See separate notice.

Carols and Gift Service

Our traditional service will take place on Sunday 15th December at 6.30 pm. If you wish to bring a wrapped gift for the Ormiston Children's Centre please bring it to the service labelled with the age and sex of the child/teenager which it would suit. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards.



Carol Singing

We shall be singing round the village on Monday 16th December and collecting for The Children's Society. Please meet at the Village Green at 6 pm.



COSMIC Nativity

At 10.00 am on Christmas Eve morning the COSMIC club will be holding their traditional nativity celebration. This has become one of the most popular events of the Christmas period and we would like it to be even bigger this year! There are more details elsewhere in the magazine.

Lesser Benefice Service

The service on Sunday 29th December (when we celebrate St Stephen) will be at Brandeston at 10 am.

Dates for your Diary

Greater Benefice Service – Harry's Retirement

The Greater Benefice Epiphany service on 5th January will be at Hacheston and is Harry Edwards' retirement service. It will be at 11 am and followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in Hacheston Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Flowers	Cleaning
7th Dec	Jane Woodbury-Eggins	Jane Woodbury-Eggins
14th Dec	Jean Kendall	Jean Kendall
21st Dec	CHRISTMAS—All arrangers and cleaners please	
28th Dec	Jean Kendall	Jean Kendall
4th Jan	Mary Willson (Baptism)	Jayne Gibson

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EASTON

is hosting

Sunday Cafe



Easton Village Hall

Sunday 8th December

open 10.00 - 11.30 am

All the usual scrummy foods
plus extras for the children



The Christingle story and
Christingles for the children to make



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EASTON

'COSMIC' Nativity

Why not start the Christmas celebrations with us! **Christmas Eve at 10.00 am** is when we shall be holding our Nativity. The service itself will only last for about half an hour.

If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or friends' children staying, do encourage them to join in. If, as an adult, you would just like to be at the service and enjoy the atmosphere and be part of the real spirit of Christmas, we would be delighted to see you.

The Cosmic Club members will be creating a Nativity procession and invite other children to join in as characters to form the nativity tableau.

We know it's a very busy time for Mums so there won't be time to make an elaborate costume so, if your child wants to be a shepherd just have a tea towel tied around their head. Angels could just have a pretty dress and a tinsel halo and kings a paper hat. If they would prefer to be an animal then a cuddly toy to represent an animal would do. Of course, if you have a proper costume you can use, that would be excellent.

PLEASE come and join us

Children of all ages including toddlers and babies are welcome

Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24th) at 10.00 am

Emma Gibbon & Carol Rook
Cosmic Club Leaders

BC : AD by U A Fanthorpe

*This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.*

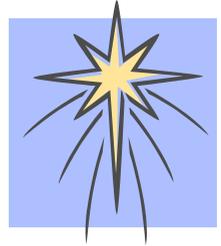
*This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.*

*This was the moment when even energetic Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.
And this was the moment*

*When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect
Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.*

From Christmas Poems, published by Enitharmon Press

Thanks to Marion Brown



Stan and Megan Smith will be sending a donation to East Anglian Air Ambulance rather than sending Christmas cards to friends in the village. They wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year.



EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Highlights of the Parish Council Meeting on 12th November 2013

September's Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the parish council meeting held in September were approved.

Public forum: 1 resident spoke about highways safety in the village, 2 residents spoke against the Hopkins and Moore Development on Bentries Farm land, behind the school.

County Councillor's Report: SCC need to make further savings over the next 4 years and are working to improve GCSE grades in the county. Cllr Bellfield also informed the parish council that hedge trimming can be dealt with by SCC Highways Department and that SCC Highways have no budget for foot way (ie pavement) creation.

District Councillor's Report: No further news on Sizewell C. The Neighbourhood Plan Area for Framlingham has been approved. The probable recommendation regarding ward boundaries will be for the Earl Soham ward (of which Easton is a part) to be amalgamated into a larger Framlingham ward.

Police Report: 2 crimes have been reported between 01/09/2013 and 31/10/2013.

Planning Applications: 2 tree works applications were considered and supported. Council received notification that a new footbridge over The River Deben at Easton Grange and work on 2 Verandah Cottages, The Street have received planning permission.

Clerk's Report: Fly tipping along the Four Bridges footpath has been reported to the police and the dog bin at the end of that footpath will be replaced by SCDC when there is a suitable post in position.

Hopkins and Moore Development: Council have received 8 residents' view points regarding this development. Council will collate responses and inform Hopkins and Moore of the residents' views. Council to ask for more open/detailed feedback following the exhibition and for clarification on the following: foot access to the village, car park availability for residents, which sections of the new road will be 'adopted' by SCC highways and which 'unadopted'.

Highways: Cllr Coney and Cllr McEvoy to create a map showing where safety measures need to be taken in the village (eg hedge trimming, line marking). Clerk to send this to Highways to ask for a further site visit and to obtain information regarding having a 20mph village speed limit.

If anyone wishes to see reports and correspondence referred to above please contact the Clerk.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14th January at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.



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.

She works 4 hours a week during Monday – Thursday.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Since the last Parish Council meeting Cllr McEvoy has resigned. A bi-election to fill the vacancy will be held if ten electors for the parish give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer not later than 13 DECEMBER 2013. The address of the Returning Officer is COUNCIL OFFICES, MELTON HILL, WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK, IP12 1AU. If no such notice is given the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

If you feel that you would like to know more about being a Councillor please contact the Clerk or the Chairman of the Council, Cllr John Owen. (Contact details can be found at the back of the magazine.)

I would like to thank Jenny McEvoy for her help and support during her time on the Parish Council.

John Owen

Grass Cutter Required

from April 2014 for approx 6 months

Easton Parish Council are looking for someone to cut the grass in the play area and trim/cut the grass around the play equipment, there will also be some need for nettle management! This is approx 3 hours work each time and remuneration is available.

Please contact the Clerk, Esther Brown on 07789 538430 (Monday – Thursday) for more details.

THANK YOU!

Easton Parish Council would like to thank the Easton Harriers Hunt Kennels for their generous donation to village funds following their last fundraising event.

EASTON & LETHERINGHAM VILLAGE HALL



All at VHMC would like to wish all residents and user groups a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2013 has been another good year for the village hall with continued high levels of use from a range of user groups. We also installed our new garden in the summer. As for next year we are well advanced in our plans to replace the kitchen.

We have arranged a “Mulled Wine and Mince Pies” themed Coffee morning at the hall on Saturday 7th December as a thank-you and an opportunity for residents and user groups to meet before the hectic remaining couple of weekends before the big day. All VHMC look forward to sharing a glass with you.

Ian Palfreyman
Village Hall Management Committee



Mince Pies & Mulled Wine



COFFEE MORNING
With a “seasonal theme”



Saturday 7th December
11.00 onwards

An opportunity to re-new your 100 club numbers for 2014



EASTON 100 CLUB

**November winner—John Newson
(No. 23)**

Winning £45.00

Organised and run by the Village Hall Management Committee

Contact Dave Stagg on 746054

or visit www.elvillagehall.com/members-&-numbers.html

Village View



Parish Council Meeting
None for December

Mobile Library
No visit December
(Christmas Day)

Table Tennis
Every Wednesday
6.30 pm Village Hall
£4 per session

Zumba
Every Thursday
6.15 —7.15 pm Village Hall
£5 per session

Easton Belles WI Party
Tuesday 10th December
7.30 pm Village Hall

Go with the Flow Youth Bus
Tuesdays 3rd and 17th December
6-8.30 pm

Easton Pre-School
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
9.15-11.45 am and 12.30—3.00 pm
(Lunch Clubs 11.45—12.30 pm)
Thursdays
9.15—11.45 am
Gentle Intro to PS for 18+ months

Toddler Group
Every Tuesday Village Hall
9.45—11.45 am

Cemetery Maintenance

For a number of years, Nigel Wright has maintained the grounds of the cemetery (with the exception of the wild flower area). The Parish Council records their sincere thanks for his sterling work.

Nigel has indicated he would like to reduce this role. If possible we would like to avoid employing a contractor to do this work as this adds to the precept villagers would have to pay. We are therefore exploring the possibility of putting together a working party that would meet approximately four times per year to carry out the work. If anyone is interested in being part of this, would they please contact either Esther Brown or me. Contact details at the back of the magazine. Thank you.

John Owen

... And talking of working parties ...

Last month, a working party cut back a lot of trees in the churchyard. This revealed a number of gravestones, the fence separating the church yard from the Old Rectory and allows the church to be better seen from the road.



The working party consisted of Robin and D Alderson, Colin Haysom, John and Carol Rook, Jane Woodbury-Eggins and Jane Pollock .
(Left: Colin Haysom and John Rook..
Above: Robin Alderson)

Thanks to Jane Pollock for this item and photos. Ed.

EASTON BELLES



AGM aka 'A GOOD MEETING'!

The formal side of our AGM over - with committee renewed and Anne Parkinson, a majority popular choice, to continue as our President, we then went on a 'journey' of wine tasting with Carol Rook.

Carol's obvious fascination and interest (as well as enjoying a small glass or two) in the subject were obvious and a lovely evening was had by all! Our thanks to Carol and Christine.

Our Christmas party will be on Tuesday 10th December (**more wine tasting**) - Village Hall 7.30pm - so please come along and meet us and find out what we have planned for next year. The first meeting is on Tuesday 28th January (Village Hall 7.30pm). *Further details in January's mag.*

Meantime, Easton Belles would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and healthy New Year.



Janet Prentice



Wellie Boots for December

“Give me the end of the year an’ its fun, When most of the planning and toiling is done ...”. Which reminds me, the next time we meet will be 2014, so a very Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year to everyone. Yes, Delilah, even to you, and when I told Mrs Jones the other week that you were a bit of a pain, I was only referring to the time you hit me on the knee with that wheelbarrow last year. Honest Injun, that’s all I meant.



So, now that the weather is still being kind to us, let’s see what else we can do outside whilst we are still able. Carry on digging over beds and borders, putting in as much organic matter as you can. Forking over not only helps prepare the soil for next year, it helps reduce pests by exposing them to hungry birds. Now you didn’t really think that feisty little robin redbreast, always near the end of your fork, was there because he liked you? Silly girl, ‘fraid not, he just looks on you as a waitress about to produce some wholesome but delicious mixed platter of worms and grubs, followed by a delicate, tangy berry dessert. This will then be washed down by a few scintillating sips of Eau de Vie, vintage 2013 (pond-water to you and me). If you ask me, that robin is getting a little bit too hoity-toity for his own good. But then he often sings for his supper, has beautiful manners and a fine tenor voice. so we’ll let him stay for a while.

As the redwings have still not put in their annual appearance, I now have oodles of red berries in situ on the hawthorn tree, so I intend to net a portion before the ravenous hordes arrive and filch the lot as we intend to use them to liven up the house at Christmas. The berries, Delilah dear, not the redwings – redwings really would be too messy, don’t you think? But why not do the same to your holly as it’s looking quite magnificent right now, but do please make sure the netting is quite secure so no birds can get trapped in loose folds. And don’t try it with the mistletoe Delilah – it’s a little too high at your age, dear. Instead why not tidy and open up your trees and shrubs by cutting out any dead, diseased or damaged wood, as well as any closely crossing or rubbing branches? And, while you’re out there with the secateurs, keep thinking winter decoration. A very beautiful door wreath can be made at little expense from a ring of crushed wire netting interlaced with evergreen sprigs from your garden, a variety of berries and fir cones, rose hips, dried orange slices, cinnamon sticks etc, and a wonderful whooshy bow of wide, wired ribbon. And all your very own work so why not take a bow. No, not that one, you daft hap’orth, now you’ve spoilt the whole thing, so back to the drawing board. I said take a bow, not take a bow. No, no – forget it – you know what I mean. Isn’t English marvellous when you know how?



Although I know very little about vegetable growing, I do remember back in the dim and very distant past my mother telling me that parsnips were never good for eating until after a good sharp frost, Brussels sprouts should be picked from the bottom

upwards, and if they grow too tall, stake them. Oh yes – and if your brassicas start to turn yellow, remove the offending leaves as they encourage fungal disease. And while you're at it, carry on removing any dead foliage from around or in the ponds, especially leaves etc, as these will only start to rot away making the feature quite unpleasant and which can often prove fatal to fish. Clearing debris and refuse is vital to prevent slugs and snails from setting up home in these lovely warm and damp conditions. But with wet leaves, pile into black plastic sacks forked with small holes, throw in a corner and forget for a year. Result? The best leaf mould you can get and a smashing hide-away for all our hibernating critters as this year we had a snake in our garden. We always thought grass snakes were greenish, but this was more buffish so we still don't what it is. And they'd feel even better if you could bear to keep a motley selection of sticks and logs nearby to make a wonderful "des-res" for hibernating hedgehogs and the like. And a nice piece of corrugated tin for our snake just in case, although I'm quite sure he's already "snug as a bug in a rug" in our compost heap. However, if you're fortunate enough to also possess an alpine garden, as their name suggests, they will withstand very low temperatures, but will die if left damp for too long. So now is the time to remove dead leaves and other debris among the plants and cover any bare patches around clumps with a gritty compost to encourage future growth.



Talking of lower temperatures, if you've still got any outside bulbs unplanted then shame on you (afraid that means me as well, guilty as always). Do as I say, not do as I do, that's my motto, but do get them underground yesterday, if you know what I mean. Then at least they'll make an appearance in the spring, even though a little bit later than usual. But with all your tender plants already safely installed in the greenhouse, I do hope you remembered to line it with bubble wrap to keep the warmth in and the cold out? Easy-peasy if it's made from wood but a bit more difficult if it's metal. In any case, make sure any heating appliances are kept well away from any inflammable materials (and that goes for inside your own house as well). Unfortunately accidents do occasionally occur, so better safe than sorry. Which also goes for those outside urns and pots. Although supposedly frost-proof, nearly always one or two will suddenly crack in midwinter, so if you have any spare bubble-wrap it might be a good idea to use it for added protection. I also use bubble-wrap to hold any straw mulching in place for those tender outside plants that die down in the winter but cannot be moved. Pegged well down at the corners, these will also prove to be excellent winter retreats for toads, frogs and newts etc, so it's an excellent no-lose situation.

Christmas always means houseplants, so to prevent accidents I always use a cachepot or tray underneath to prevent furniture damage. Paperwhites, poinsettias, amaryllis, azaleas, African violets, hyacinths, lilies – resplendent in all their forced glory – are about to engulf us. Not to mention the cyclamen, which I find thrives much better when a little Tomorite is added to its tray. In general, pot plants should be kept



away from heat, never be allowed to dry out completely, given adequate light and turned partly every couple of days to prevent leaning, plus many of the taller ones may require staking as they grow. Should you be extremely fortunate enough to receive a bunch of my favourite winter flower, the Amaryllis, these will need particular care. Being so tall and top-heavy, they need a cane inserted up through the stem, sealed in with a small plug of cotton wool and secured by a small elastic band at the base to prevent the stem splitting later on before placing in the vase. All being well, that should ensure your cut amaryllis display lasts for three weeks or more.

And finally, in freezing conditions water is probably more important to wildlife than food, so always make sure there is a plentiful unfrozen supply of both. Personally, I think the suet balls we buy are a little too hard for this time of year, so why not try this? Scrape half a pot of peanut butter into a basin and stir in enough assorted bird seed to make a firmish mix. Then take a large open fir cone, already strung (I suppose an artificial one would do equally as well), and fill it lavishly with the mixture. Suspend, and behold, before your very eyes, instant birdy Christmas joy for everyone. And another cheerful Christmas thought for gardeners, the gardening year officially ends on December 31st.

Unfortunately for us, the new gardening year commences on January 1st, as well we know. Happy Days – no rest for the wicked so they say.

Wellie Boots



The Christmas present your children will love the most



This Christmas there is one very special Christmas present that *only you* can give your children. Don't give it all at once, on Christmas day, but in regular chunks throughout the month (and on into next year). It is *your time in letting your child talk to you*.

Sounds silly? Think again: nearly 30,000 head teachers across the UK are now so concerned at certain trends in modern family life that they have launched a national campaign to wake parents up.

The problem is this: parents enjoy their mobile phones and TV in the evenings. It is so easy to get engrossed in these that they cut time in talking with their children (who can be much harder work!). So children are put to bed without much conversation and no story-time. Days and weeks (and years) slip by, and children do not get a chance to develop their speaking and listening skills. Eventually, the child arrives at school – and really struggles to know how to talk and how to listen in the classroom.

The head teachers are warning that the problem is now so critical across the UK that many parents risk damaging their children's long term social development. The campaign, Ready to Learn Everyday, has been backed by the school minister, and will be distributing four leaflets through nearly 30,000 schools.

The campaign urges parents to turn off electronic devices. "Give your child your attention. Don't check your mobile phone at the same time as they are talking to you. Switch off the television and laptops well before bedtime and chat with your child, or read a bedtime story together instead."

The guidance also urges parents to be patient when their child is talking, and not to interrupt them. Instead, ask them questions, discuss their day, and have a family meal together where possible. Praise your children when they in turn listen to you, and follow your instructions.

Parish Pump

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Between 9th and 16th November, there were seven crimes involving theft from premises or cars in local villages. In the case of four thefts from premises, the doors were unlocked giving easy access for the thieves. In the three cases involving cars, all were unlocked and two had keys left in them. Both cars were stolen with one found later wrecked.

As a past business colleague of mine found out, insurance companies are not keen to pay out when the owner has been negligent. In his case he had left his car unlocked for a few minutes while he paid for petrol, the car was stolen and the loss cost him just over £25,000!

Police are urging shoppers to be vigilant following reports of purse thefts and attempted purse thefts in the Suffolk Coastal and Waveney areas.

A purse was stolen from a shopper in High Street Aldeburgh just after midday on 5th November and in Lowestoft a purse was stolen from the handbag of a woman shopping in London Road North between 1.45pm and 2pm. Attempted thefts were also reported in Newmarket and Beccles on 4th November and a store in The Thoroughfare, Woodbridge at around 11am 5th November.

Shoppers can take the following steps to keep their belongings safe -

- ◆ Always keep your bag on your person and the top secured with a zip. Wear a shoulder bag across the front of your body. Never leave your bag unattended on a trolley or pushchair, or on the floor as you look at items in shops or are seated.
- ◆ Use a purse chain, which will alert you if someone tries to remove your purse from your bag. These are available from your local police station or Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- ◆ Secure your purse and ensure your bag is fully fastened before moving away from the till.



- ◆ If someone asks for your help in a shop, only give it if you are happy to. If you do help someone, keep hold of your bag at all times. If someone pushes or bumps into you check your bag immediately.
- ◆ If you find your purse or bag has been stolen, call police and cancel bank cards and mobile phones. A call to police as soon as the theft has been discovered may enable CCTV operators to scan the area for the offender.

If you think you have any information about these thefts please contact Suffolk Police on 101.

STOP PRESS

Water Theft

There are thieves operating in the area taking mains water from the water companies' pipelines. We witnessed such an incident this morning (27th November) in Harriers Walk and reported it to the Suffolk Police on 101 and Essex and Suffolk Water. Apparently this is now a regular occurrence and in one incident in Kettleburgh, actually left residents with no water supply.

Another incident occurred recently outside The White Horse according to the water company. The perpetrators if approached sometimes produce certification that they are operating legally, but nevertheless if you see anything like this, please report it to the Police on 101 and the water company on 0845 782 0999.

John Owen



LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

WERE YOU THERE?

If not, you missed the talented Peter Holloway entertain a packed Village Hall in November in right royal fashion

We marvelled at the magic tricks - how did he swallow a metre long balloon? How did he correctly guess a word chosen by Jill from the Little Oxford dictionary? And how did he get Ruth to use a hand-whisk whilst holding it to her forehead? Yes, I know it sounds bizarre but we couldn't believe our eyes either! We laughed heartily at the 'Silly Suffolk' comedy routines (I kept wondering who he had modelled his characters on) and we were charmed by his musical aptitude, notably his rendition of Elvis's 'You were always on my mind' which will stay with us all - for various reasons!

We raised over £200 for St Mary's so thank you Peter for a jolly memorable occasion, and thanks also to everyone who braved the chilly weather to turn out in support. I'm sure all would agree it was well worth it!!!

Letheringham PCC would like to wish all residents of neighbouring villages and Friends of St. Mary's, a very Happy Christmas and joyous New Year.

Marion Brown

Christmas Cards

Again this year we have decided to give individual donations to the St Elizabeth Hospice instead of sending Christmas Cards to our local friends. Therefore, through the good pages of the Parish Magazine, we wish our Easton Friends a Merry Christmas and a tranquil 2014.



Dot and Gill Blane
Carol and John Rook
Paul Batley and Michael Coney
Shirley and Colin Haysom
Jean and Brian Kendall
Anne and Steve Parkinson
Charles and Jane Pollock
Donald and Christine Burgoyne
Clare and John Owen
Jane Woodbury-Eggs



ART AND CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS

run by the artists involved with the TIDAL MARGINS project

<http://tidalmargins.wordpress.com/>

and funded by Touching the Tide, a Heritage Lottery funded
Landscape Partnership Scheme

<http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/projects-and-partnerships/touching-the-tide/>

Full day workshops exploring the Suffolk Heritage Coast in the mornings and using local village halls or similar in the afternoons.

All materials supplied, but bring your own packed lunch.

Cost: £10 payable on the day by cheque to Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB.

Ten places per workshop.

To Book and for more information please contact Jennifer Hall by email: jen@jennifer-hall.com or on 01394 610292 (please leave a message and she will return your call).

Saturday 25 January 2014 at Iken, River Alde

Drawing and Painting with Heather Hodgson and Karenza Jackson

A morning out in this sheltered bend of the River Alde, using charcoal drawings and sketches to gather information for an afternoon of painting. In the afternoon of studio time, combine all the beauty of the natural landscape and habitat to create and experiment with a range of drawing and painting materials to explore mark making, colour and texture.

Saturday 22 February 2014 at East Lane to Shingle Street

Beachcombing & Painting with Heather Hodgson and Margaret Wyllie

The morning exploring the coast, recording and collecting objects that interest you. These may be natural or man made detritus, plants, fragments of sea or wartime defences.

The afternoon spent using the beach combings and sketches to make artwork - collage, installation, painting and/or mixed media.

Christmas unwrapped?



You may welcome your Christmas presents this year, but will you be able to unwrap them? A recent report from Which? magazine reveals that 4 in 10 of us have hurt ourselves while trying to open the packaging on everyday household items.

Brillo Mr Muscle soap pads, Listerine mouthwash, Warburtons crumpets and WH Smith rounded blade scissors are named and shamed, but top of the list comes the Oral-B Vitality electric toothbrush and all things wrapped in moulded plastic packaging. Opening those can end in bloodshed.

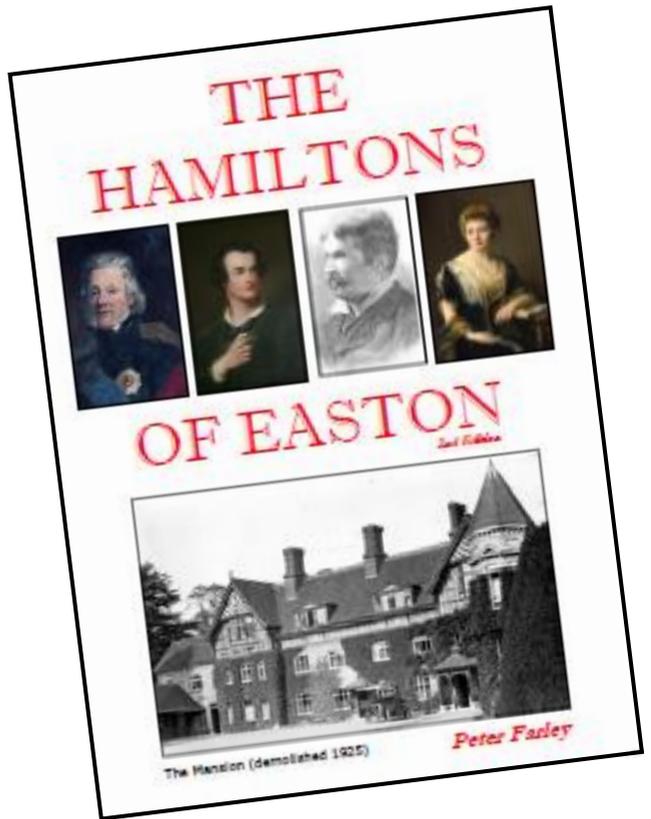
No wonder, for 89% of us use scissors, 8% of us get out the Stanley knives, and 4% of us use a razor blade. The remaining 2% of us seemingly go berserk - and resort to smashing the thing with a hammer.

Whatever you use, be careful: in the last two years, a million Britons ended up at their GP or in A&E, just because they were trying to open a tin can!

Parish Pump



**Makes a great
Christmas
present!**



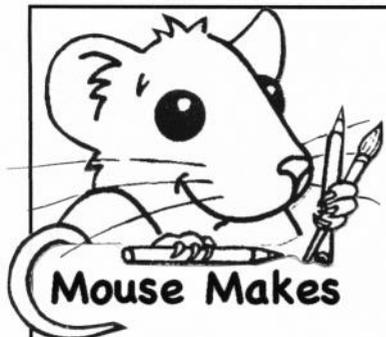
Back by popular demand!

***We have produced the 3rd edition of the book
chronicling the lives of this important family in the
history of Easton.***

***A limited number of copies are now available from
Peter Farley on 746856.***

Cost: £7 per copy (in colour)

(Any profits to All Saints Church)



A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN!
"Good news! - **wonderful, joyous**
news for **all** people.
A Saviour has been born.
He is **Christ the Lord.**"



"Glory
to God
in the
heavenly
heights,
Peace
to all
men and
women
on earth
who please
him."

- Make this
crib box
to hang
from the
Christmas
tree.



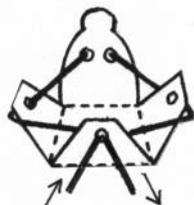
- Glue onto
thin card then
carefully cut
around the
outside.
- Fold back
the sides
along the
dotted lines.



Read about the
birth of Jesus
in Luke
chapters 1 and 2



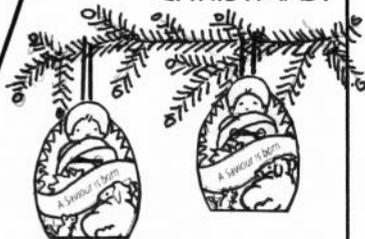
- Punch out the
⊗ holes then cut 30cm
of thin ribbon and thread
through the holes.



- Pull
together
and knot to
form a box.
Hide small
sweets inside.



HAPPY
CHRISTMAS!



- Photocopy this page onto card
to make lots of crib boxes.

CONTACT DETAILS OF COUNCILLORS THAT SERVE EASTON

Parish Councillors:

Chair : John Owen

Tel: 01728 746644

(Also SCDC Representative)

Vice Chair : Bob Gibbon

Tel: 01728 746866

(Also Playground Officer)

Tony Smith

Tel: 01728 746658

(Also Emergency Officer)

Brian Boon

Tel: 01728 745057

(Also Public Footpath Officer)

Michael Coney

Tel: 01728 746181

(Also Tree Officer)

John Kerr

Tel: 01728 746517

Clerk :

Esther Brown

07789 538430

(Also Responsible Finance Officer)

Suffolk County Councillor

Peter Bellfield

Tel: 01473 735259

Fax: 01473 735859

Suffolk Coastal District Councillor

Bob Snell

Tel: 01728 685877

A copy of the latest signed minutes of the Parish Council can be read on the back of the village noticeboard.

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@aol.com

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



**For more information on your
local villages, visit the parish
websites:-**

www.easton.onesuffolk.net

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

Bespoke Travel Agency

long haul - safaris - honeymoons - luxury -
city breaks - family holidays - villas -
groups & more

Contact Julie 01728 748209

jules@travelwithjules.co.uk

www.travelwithjules.co.uk

ABTA & ATOL protection



*Travel
with Jules*

NEAL'S GARDENING SERVICE



**Grass cutting
Weed clearance
Patio cleaning
Planting
Strimming
Plant care**

**For all garden maintenance
call Neal on
07856 399576**

K Thomas and Sons Ltd

Extensions, Renovations
and General Building work

Tel 07944921633

or 07796925313

DEBEN DOMESTIC APPLIANCES

Domestic Appliance
Repairs

Washers - Dryers
Cookers - Fridges

Call Mike Hawes on
07770 944565

Jeff Redgrave
Fencing, garden and woodland
management

Deer & rabbit proof fencing

Livestock & horse fencing

Picket, closeboard

All types of gates

Tree and hedge planting

Garden and estate maintenance

Weed control - Pond clearance

Fully insured & NPTC certificated

References available - 25 years' experience

01728 748067 or 07880 733689

Reuben's

**LANDSCAPE DESIGNS
of Little Glemham**

**Complete Garden
Makeovers!**

**Tel: 01728 745035
Mob: 07957 657967**