

Easton Parish Magazine



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON

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FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

| | Flowers | Cleaning |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1st Dec | Dot Blane | Dot Blane |
| 8th Dec | Mary Willson | Emma Gibbon |
| 15th Dec | Mary Willson | Emma Gibbon |
| 23rd Dec | Wedding | Volunteers please |
| 29th Dec | Jane Pollock | Jayne Gibson |

From Revd Graham Hedger

I wonder how long you have been preparing for Christmas? Are you one of those who starts in January, or do you leave it until the last minute? Preparations are well in hand for the many services throughout the benefice. I enjoy the many carol services, Christingles and great build up towards Christmas Day, but I do miss the opportunity to use Advent as a season of reflection and preparation.

Why? Because Advent is one of the most significant of all seasons. It captures the great themes of biblical thinking. Creation, judgement, God's love and the consummation of all things at the end of time. It is the season which both poses questions and answers to us as we reflect on God's presence in the world. During the events of November 10 and 11, I was asked on more than one occasion where is God in all this mess? The seasons of Advent and Christmas have the answer.

One of my favourite poems from a book of modern war poetry called 'Lest we forget' is 'Aftermath' by Pearl Reynolds. The poem acts as a bridge between Remembrance and Christmas. The final verse says:

'I am He who took upon himself
The suffering of the world
The nations' healer
The Price of Peace
The Christ of God.'

The coming of the Christchild, who was to live and die that we might live eternally in God's presence, is God's ultimate answer to the mess of the world. Jesus is the Emmanuel (literally God with us), the one who brings peace and unites us with God. Why not come and find out more at one of the many services throughout the benefice as we follow the season of Advent and celebrate Christmas. This year many of our services will take the theme of '#Follow the star' which is part of the national Church of England theme for Christmas this year. Enter #Follow the star into your search engine and find out more, there are 'thought for the days' which can arrive by text or email. A great opportunity to begin to prepare for Christmas.

Graham



Church Matters

Christmas Fayre

Do come and join us on 1st December! Lots to buy, delicious things to eat, a raffle and, of course, Father Christmas will visit. Details about the fayre are on a separate page and on the delivered flyer.

Carols and Gift Service

Our candle-lit carol and gift service will take place on Sunday 9th December at **5 pm**. If you wish to bring a gift for the children at FIND (Families in Need in Ipswich) please bring it to the service. They would prefer to have the presents in gift bags and not wrapped so that they can distribute them appropriately.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served after the service.

Carol Singing

On Monday 17th December we shall be singing round the village and collecting for The Children's Society. If you can join us to sing, please meet at the village green at 6 pm. If you would particularly like us to come and sing at your house, please contact me on 746667.

Café and Christingles

As has become our tradition, there will be an opportunity for the children to make Christingles at the Sunday Café on 16th December. This is as well as all the usual café goodies.

Easton School Carol Service

The service is due to take place on Wednesday 19th December at 9.15am. This is always a lovely occasion as the children sing so well.

COSMIC Nativity

On Christmas Eve morning at ten o'clock 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.

Christmas Day

This year our service on Tuesday 25th will be Family Holy Communion with carols at 10 am. The Revd Deirdre Parmenter will take the service.

Benefice Services

In a change to the published schedule (due to works at Marlesford church) the service on Sunday 2nd December will be at here at Easton at 10 am. The last (5th Sunday) benefice service of this year, on 30th December, will be at Parham and the first benefice service of the New Year, on 6th January, will be at Brandeston. Both services at 10 am.

Discussion Group

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th December when our topic is the three wise men. We shall be meeting at 10.30 am at Ash Grove, Framlingham.

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

Baptism of Harry Hurlock

On 28th October Harry Hurlock was baptised in our church where his parents, Oliver and Kathryn, were married on New Year's Eve 2015. The baptism was a joyful occasion and young Harry was happy and smiling throughout. He was enthusiastically supported by his godparents as well as many of his family and friends. We ask for God's blessing on Harry and all his family and hope to see them again soon.

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

Don't miss it!



Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 1st December
11.00—2.00 pm Village Hall**



**Come and meet Father
Christmas at 12 noon!**

Festive Decorations 

Gifts



**Homemade
Goodies**



Books

Raffle & Bottle Tombola



Christmas Cards

**Homemade Soups, Rolls, Mulled
Wine, Tea and Coffee, Cake**



ALL SAINTS CHURCH
welcomes you to

Sunday Cafe



Easton Village Hall
16th December
10.00 - 11.30 am



Special Christmas Café

As well as all the usual homemade goodies,
there will be Christmas cakes too.

Bring the children to make Christingles
(see details on next page).

All food available to eat in or take away

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

It's

C O S M I C !

Come and Join Us!



We will be decorating the enormous Christmas tree in the church on **Saturday 8th December at 9.30am**. Come along and join us to make the Easton All Saints Christmas tree glitter and sparkle.

Sunday Cafe

Sunday 16th December



We invite you to bring your children along to start the Christmas festivities.

Children will hear the Christingle story, make Christingles and then they will join the cafe customers to sing the Christingle song.

All the necessary items will be provided and there is no charge for the Christingles.

Please arrive by **10.30 am** at the latest if you would like your children to take part.

Cafe is open from **10.00 am** with lots of food and drinks to enjoy while your children are busy. A chance for you to relax and catch up with neighbours and friends.

See you there!

Emma Gibbon T: 746866

COSMIC (Children on Sunday Morning in Church)



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 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.

You can also see the altar frontal the COSMIC children have made.

Christmas Eve (Monday 24th) at 10.00 am

Emma Gibbon

Remembrance Weekend

The weekend of Remembrance Sunday was always going to be very special, and so it proved. I'm sure many of us are grateful to all those who put together research and exhibitions that brought names to life and helped us see the impact of the war on village life. It was very poignant to note the impact of multiple casualties on some families and also the number of men who had no known grave.

A very big thank you to all those who worked so hard over many months and in some cases, years, to help us honour those who have gone before. A special thank you to the bell ringers (some only took up the craft recently in order to ring for the centenary). Over the weekend the bell ringers moved from tower to tower in order that the sound of bells could be heard, culminating with a peal in Easton at 7 o'clock as part of the nationwide beacon lighting and peal of bells.

Rev. Graham Hedger

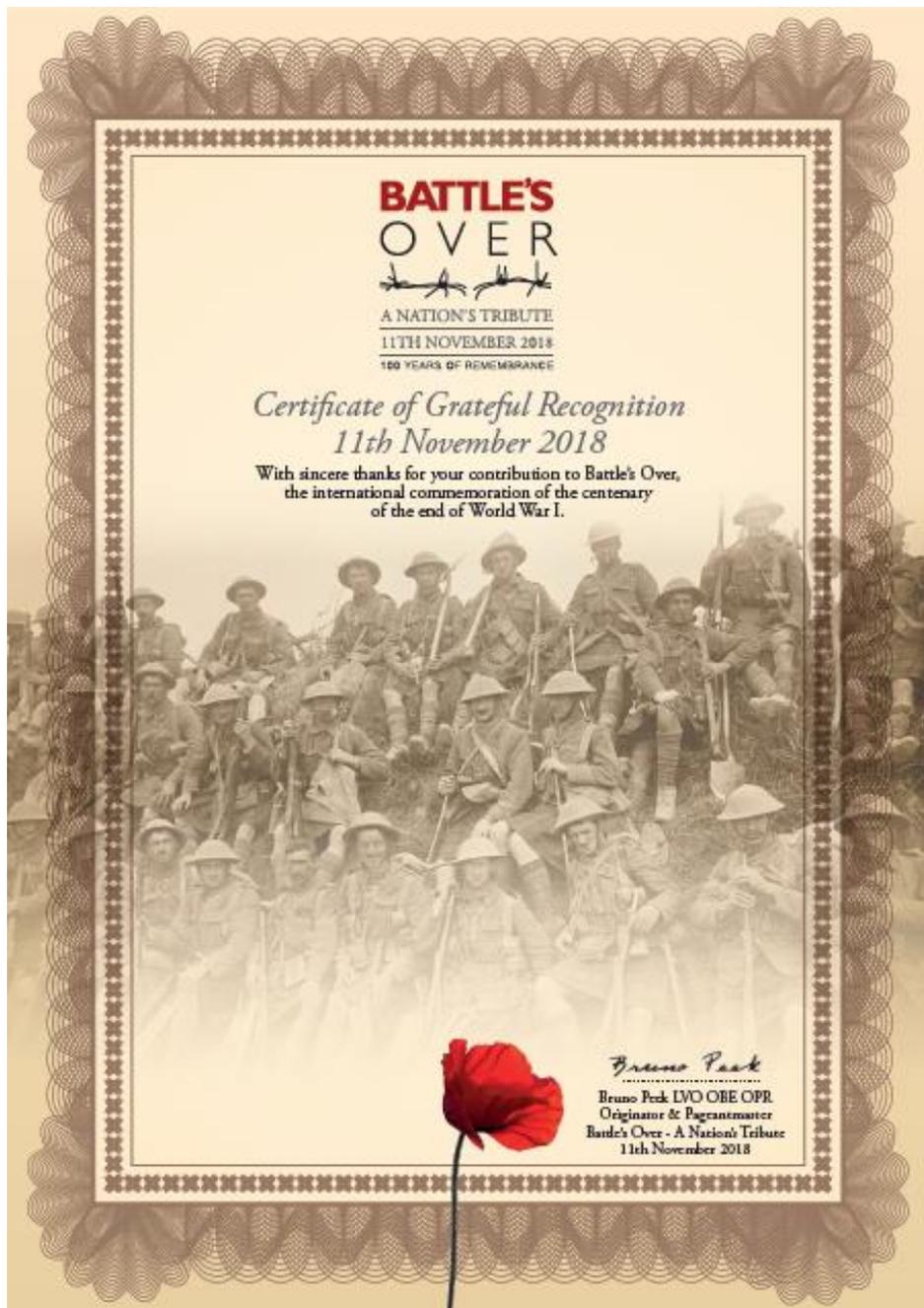




On behalf of all those who attended, thanks to the Parish Council for organising this special village event. Ed.



**The Certificate received by the Parish Council following
our village commemoration.**



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



As you are probably aware, there have been thefts from sheds and outbuildings in Easton. In addition a burglary has taken place in

Letheringham where jewellery and other valuables were taken. Below is security advice from Suffolk Police.

House

1. LOCK

- Lock all doors and remove the keys before leaving the house. This limits the amount of escape routes available to burglars.
- Keep front doors locked even when you are at home and especially if you are in the back garden.
- Close all windows fully before you leave the house, lock downstairs windows and remove the keys.
- Use window limiters to allow air in instead of keeping windows fully open, even when you're at home.
- Install window locks on upstairs windows that can be easily accessed by a flat roof.
- Lock back gates using a sturdy lock such as a closed shackle padlock to no less than CEN 3-4 security grade or 5 lever lock.

For more information on types of locks and locksmiths visit the Master Locksmiths Association website.

2. LIGHT

- Leave low-energy lights on timers around the house and keep a radio on to make it seem as though someone is home.
- 'Dusk-to-dawn' sensored security lighting is a cheap, low cost way of making sure the front of your home or shed/outbuilding is well-lit.
- Burglars often prefer to work in the dark to avoid detection. Stop burglars from hiding in your driveway and paths by installing an ambient security light that will not disturb neighbours.
- Visible burglar alarms can make burglars think twice; get specialist advice and consult your insurance company.
- Hedging and shrubs to the front of your property should be pruned to no higher than 1m and trim trees up from the ground to 2m. This will allow a clear line of sight across your property and will stop the garden being used as a hiding place.

3. HIDE

- Keep your valuables, jewellery, cash, passport and deeds to your property in a safe.

- Never leave spare keys in an open place. Hide away to prevent them being stolen.
- Keep dustbins and wheelie-bins away from fencing/gates as these can be used by thieves to climb into windows or used to escape.
- Make sure valuables are property marked. Take photographs and keep a note of any serial numbers.
- Don't leave equipment and tools lying around that can be used by burglars to break into your home, such as hammers, shovels or gardening tools. Keep ladders locked away and out of sight.

Sheds and Outbuildings

Sheds and outbuildings are vulnerable because of what they contain and where they are. By following a few simple steps, you can reduce the chance of your shed or outbuilding being broken into:

- Secure the door using either mortise locks to BS 3261 standard or closed shackle padlocks to no less than CEN 3-4 security grade and hasps approved by Sold Secure. Hinges are also a weak point so use coach bolts or one-way security screws.
- Consider a 'shed bar', this and other approved security products can be found at www.soldsecure.com or www.securedbydesign.com.
- Windows can be an easy entry point so block them or fix a steel mesh to the inside.
- Keep high value items in a secure locked garage or other brick building.
- Cycle locks can be used to secure cycles and other heavy items such as ladders and lawnmowers to a strong anchor point or to each other.
- If you own a lot of power tools invest in a metal locker and secure with a closed shackle padlock to no less than CEN 4-5 security grade.
- Make a property list detailing the make, model, serial number, value and description of items and take photographs to aid identification.
- Mark items by etching or painting your house number and post-code. This will make them less attractive to steal and more difficult to sell on.
- Consider fitting a shed alarm to deter thieves.*

Register your property at www.immobilise.com. This is a free web-based property registration service approved by the police.

*Shed alarms are available for less than £10 from companies such as Amazon.

John Owen

Village People

Carol Rook



How long have you lived in Easton?

Twenty-two years.

Why did you move here?

Partly for John's work and also because his Mum lived in the village and was reaching the stage of needing some care. She was a wonderful lady and made me feel so welcome in the village and in to her family. She was also responsible for bringing me back to my Christian faith for which I am grateful.

What's your favourite thing about living here?

Where do I start: I love the people, the community spirit, all the activities, the beautiful countryside. I could go on and on but that would be boring.

What's your least favourite thing about living here?

Where our particular house is: the lousy television signal, no mobile signal and even fast broadband isn't brilliant.

What's the most interesting job you've ever had and why?

Probably working in the wine trade. Before I joined that company I thought I was an alcoholic if I had half a bottle of wine on a Saturday and a Bacardi and Coke on a Wednesday evening. Then along came Coopers of Wessex. they sent me on wine and spirit courses, I learned how to give wine tastings and the rest is history (as anyone who knows me well will tell you). I also had the opportunity to organise a number of annual corporate events and trade shows which I really enjoyed.

Have you ever lived in another country and if so, where and why?

I lived and worked in Guernsey for three months but don't think that really qualifies as 'abroad'. Although when John asked me to come to Suffolk I did think I was coming to the end of the world!

If you could pass any law you would ...

Ensure that people (especially those in the media) use the English language properly and also that they can spell. I get so angry with newsreaders and with the newspapers when our language is so poorly used.

Your greatest strength is ...

Organisation - in other words being bossy.

Your greatest weakness is ...

I'm hopeless at saying 'no' and so I end up doing too much and getting tired.

Your favourite TV programme

Most quiz programmes - Pointless, Only Connect, University Challenge, and I love a really good and intriguing drama. My favourite of those is probably The Night Manager.

Your favourite book ever

I don't have a favourite. I just love reading - thrillers, historical, romantic (not Barbara Cartland or Mills and Boon) as well as good factual books and biographies.

Your favourite place in the UK (other than Easton!)

Dorset - my home, the Lake District and Scotland. The diversity of scenery on our small island is amazing and I never tire of seeing new places in the UK.

The best day of your life

There are quite a few, I couldn't choose one. The births of my two boys, their wedding days, especially my youngest who married last Christmas for the first time at the age of 42. (For I while I didn't think he would ever do it!) The births of my grandchildren and, of course, my own marriage six years ago to Mr Rook - and he never stops telling me I am the luckiest lady in Easton!!



Easton Primary School

We are now well into our second half term here at Easton School and have had a busy few weeks. At the beginning of the term the whole school were busy making plastic bottle poppies for our display on the school fence to mark 100 years since the end of World War One. It looks very effective and we will keep it there for as long as possible.

The ESA organised our annual sponsored Fun Run to raise much needed funds for the school. We are very grateful to the Cricket Club for hosting us once again. The children had a great afternoon and we even had some records beaten from last year.

The children in years 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament at Hartismere High School and came second, narrowly missing being winners on a penalty shoot-out! Well done to the team for their team effort and good sportsmanship!

Our year 1 children participated in an academy dance workshop at Leiston Primary School. They thoroughly enjoyed their morning learning a dance to The Greatest Showman!

The ESA organised the school disco with reception, year 1 and 2 first with party games and dancing, and then a slightly older version for years 3 to 7. It was lovely to see some of last year's leavers coming back to see us for the disco. They all had a great time dancing and showing us their moves!

Caterpillar Class have been learning about the four countries of the United Kingdom in geography. They know the flags of each country and some significant details that are unique to those countries. In science they have been investigating science experiments and predicting what might happen. The children continue to enjoy their free time where they get to be creative and work collaboratively together in the outdoor space.

Crocodile Class have been exploring the legend of 'The Tiny Crusader'. They have used this to stimulate their own ideas and incorporate this into their own writing. In computing they are on the hunt for the missing chocolate cake. I'm not sure if they've found it yet? Perhaps they should look in the staff room! I know this has created a lot of excitement and a great way to use technology skills.

In Warrior Class the children have been learning all about the Vikings. They have had an amazing visit from a Viking and he told them all about what Viking life was like. He brought hundreds of artefacts with him which they were allowed to touch and use. They all loved learning to play a Viking style horn. They are now learning all about baking bread and are having their very own 'Great Viking Bake Off'!

We will finish the term of with our usual Christmas activities such as our Christmas play 'Bah Humbug', Glitter and Glue day, Christmas parties and our carol service at the church.

On behalf of Easton Primary School we would like to wish all the people of Easton a very happy, healthy Christmas!

Mrs D Payne
Early years/KS1 teacher

Easton Belles WI



Members of Easton Belles WI send their best wishes to you all for a very Happy Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

A big THANK YOU to all those people who collected small goodies to fill their shoeboxes for a family or an elderly person—then wrapped them in brightly coloured paper. This is where the onward journey to Eastern Europe for the shoeboxes begins.

Lynne Townsend

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Raffle and Tombola
Letterbox for the North Pole

The event will be raising money for E.A.C.H



The Story of a Mission : Part 4

We are indebted to Malcolm MacNicol for this fascinating insight to a 2nd World War bombing mission from Parham.



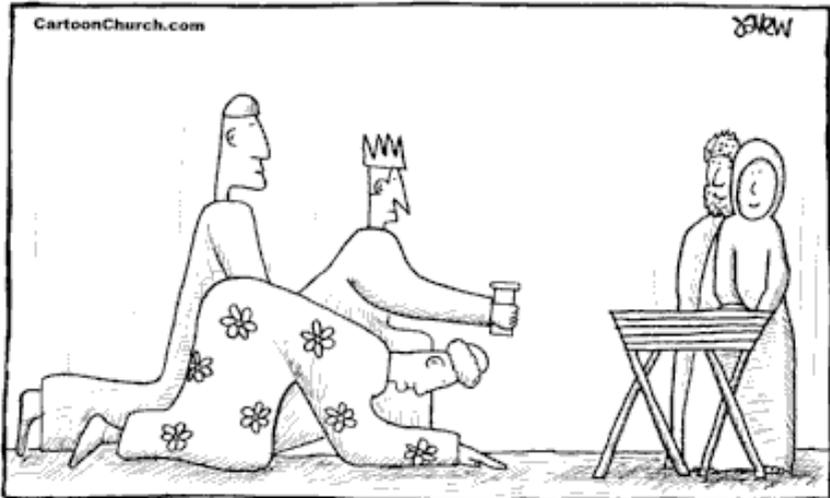
... The big ships (planes) wheeled off gently to the right some thirty degrees as the 40 Fortresses of our 390 Group lined up on the approach to our target. Other Groups headed off on slightly different courses to the precise targets given in their Attack Orders. “This is it” I thought, as I searched the sky for the expected Flak. The Navigator’s voice came again: “Fourteen minutes to target”. The skipper called for an oxygen check to make sure all our apparatus was OK, and the men sounded off in order, starting with the tail gunner “No. 1 , Check”. “Flak at twelve o’clock. Level.” This came from the bombardier. We were at the climactic point of the whole mission. The target was heavily defended, and to reach it we were compelled to fly within range of some three hundred enemy ack ack guns, all determined to stop us, whilst we had to hold a straight, level course – clay pigeons. I felt like a sitting duck in a shooting gallery. You cannot shoot back at flak. Now the stuff was all around. A big black puff just suddenly appeared and rushed back towards the tail. More and more came up – and closer. Suddenly a ship in our formation on my left received a direct hit in one wing. An engine was on fire, pieces of the wing flew off and the ship slipped quickly out of line, falling rapidly to the left and beginning to spin ...

TO BE CONTINUED ...

Easton Christmas Cards

To all in Easton
we wish you a Merry Christmas
and Prosperous New Year
to extend the ties of happiness
we will not be sending Christmas Cards to you;
but collectively are
making a donation to Saint Elizabeth Hospice
as a gesture of goodwill and happiness

Pam and Peter Bennett-King, Barbara and Stephen Bell,
Christine Burgoyne, Paul Batley, Claire and David Stagg,
Michael Coney, Maureen Eaton, Lorna and Gary Edwards,
Shirley and Colin Haysom, Emma and Will Johnston,
Lizz and Malcolm Plews, Helen and Chris Neil, Dot and Gill
Blane, Clare and John Owen, Anne and Steve Parkinson,
Angus and Nancy Pearson, Jane and Charles Pollock,
Carol and John Rook, Jane Woodbury-Eggs



It really was the worst possible time to lose a contact lens.

Ceremony of Carols—Gippeswyk Singers

New Year Concert with Martlesham Brass

Gippeswyk Singers are welcoming in the New Year with special guests Martlesham Brass in a concert at **St Michael & All Angels Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL on Sunday 6th January at 7.30 pm.** Come and enjoy an uplifting evening of beautiful music from the choir including Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" and Brian Latchem's "An Abundance of Blessings" conducted by Gippeswyk Singers' inspirational musical director, Geoff Lavery and accompanied by the talented young professional harpist, Anna Wynne.

Martlesham Brass are featured performing on their own as well as joining the Singers for a wonderful medley from "The Sound of Music" which will have the whole audience singing along.

**Tickets £5—at the door or contact
paulgalley@btinternet.com.
Refreshments will be available.**

Gippeswyk Singers are supporting local charities FIND (Families in Need/Food Bank Ipswich) and ICSRE (Suffolk Law Centre).



**Next concert: Saturday 15 December 2018,
7.00pm at Framlingham College**

Phoenix Singers



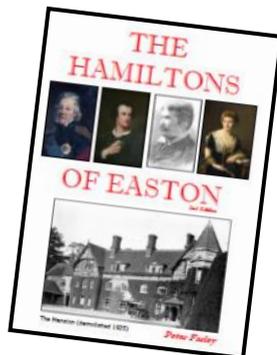
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PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE

ON SALE AGAIN NOW

*For more on the history of the
Hamiltons and their influence on our
village, the booklet 'The Hamiltons of
Easton' by the late Peter Farley is
available from Gil Farley on 746856
at a cost of £5.00 (profits go to church
funds).*



MAKES AN EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

AN APOLOGY

I had hoped to publish the next chapter in the story of the Auction of the Duke of Hamilton's Art Collection in 1882. However, computer problems have made this impossible.

Normal service I hope will be resumed before long!

Brian Boon



Village View in December

Christmas Fayre
Saturday 1st December
11—2 pm Village Hall

Easton Belles WI
Tuesday 4th December
Dinner in The White Horse

Sunday Café & Christingles
16th December
10—11.30 am
Village Hall

Carols at the Kennels
Sunday 16th December
5.30 pm

Carol Singing
Monday 17th December
Meet on Village Green 6pm

Mobile Library
Wednesday 19th December
12.25—12.45 pm
Easton Farm Park

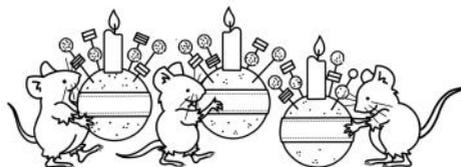
Strength and Balance Class
Mondays
2—3 pm
Village Hall

Yoga Flow with Kat Hesse
Tuesdays
9.30—10.45 am
Village Hall

Pilates
Every Wednesday
9.15 am (advanced)
10.15 am (mixed ability)
Village Hall

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

Rabble Chorus Community Choir
Thursday evenings
8—9.30 pm
Village Hall
First session free!



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(Joint Play Area Officer)

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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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or handwritten pieces to me at 5 Harriers Walk,

Village Hall Bookings

Contact Lorna Edwards

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... and search Easton

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The Parish Council Website is where you will find all Parish Council documents and information. The address is:

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

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www.brandeston.net

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