

EASTON VILLAGE NEWS



Our lovely village photographed from above, courtesy of
Tony Smith (see more photos on the village website).

July 2023

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If you have something to put in the Village News, please submit it by 14th of each month.

Editor's Introduction

Summer is truly upon us and I'm going to try hard not to moan about the heat! There is something uplifting though about waking up to a sunny day.

Lots to hopefully interest you this month. Susan Stone writes about the wildflowers in the cemetery, Fi Siddall brings us up to date with what's happening at the Farm Park, there's a report on the Annual Parish Meeting, Cam at The White Horse tells us what's on there this month ... and much much more.

Also, did you know there is a very interesting film made in 1974 which you can access direct from the village website? Tony Smith writes:

"There are shots of the wiggly wall near Pound Corner (with the camera-man standing on the top of the wall at one point), Harriers Walk just after that was completed, the Hunt Kennels (the old ones opposite Martley Hall, before they burnt down) with a view of the mounting block, the little golf course (again, on the opposite side of the road just before you get to Martley Hall - where the builders fencing is now), somebody's swimming pool full of plastic balls???, and lots of the Easton Harriers Hunt pack of hounds going through the street. You see the "Smoke Room" at the White Horse, as far as the old Post Office (notice there are no Debenside flats opposite the PO, then on to Letheringham Mill. A great little slice of Easton from the 70's. If you know anybody in the film please let me know so I can add some more detail." (T: 746658)

And finally, on behalf of the village I would like to record here our immense thanks to Brian and Sue Boon for all their hard work both in welcoming new people coming into the village, presenting them with a copy of the 'Living in Easton' booklet and for all the wonderful historical features on the village and its history in the magazine. As Brian and Sue embark on the next challenges life presents them, we wish them well and look forward to seeing them around the village.

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EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report on Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting organised and chaired by the Parish Council took place on May 22nd. It was lovely to have representations and reports from Jane Woodbury-Eggs for the Church, James Harper for the Cricket Club and Ian Palfreyman for the Village Hall.

Here is the Parish Council report given by the Chair:

The Parish Council continues with its responsibilities, managing the cemetery and burials, village car park, village play area, village grass cutting, responding to planning applications along with village projects.

The village green Christmas tree is organised and provided by the Parish Council each year and last Christmas benefitted from some new lights. The Parish Council would like to thank the team of volunteers that place and decorate the tree.

Parish Council business which includes finances and conduct is officially audited each year by a qualified independent Internal Auditor and Government External Auditor each year. The annual audit reports and documents are uploaded onto the PC website, along with the Minutes and Finance statements.

SCC Highways installed the speed-calming scheme for the village at the beginning of August last year.

The Neighbourhood Plan has suffered problems and had stalled, due in part to the process that requires involvement from East Suffolk Council. This was also compounded by the Neighbourhood Plan assigned consultant not being able to progress the plan in a timely manner. The Steering Group appointed Rachel Leggett Assoc. as the new consultant.

The steering group managed to get the Draft Plan consultation stage in place at the beginning of the year. After working hard to do so, it meant that it was concluded before the funding financial year end of 31st March. The Plan has stalled once again whilst it waits for the government to open up the next funding window. This is affecting the progress of Neighbourhood Plans nationwide. As soon as the window opens, the steering group will apply for the last phase grant and aims to complete the whole project by the end of this year.

The Parish Council organised the Platinum Jubilee celebration. A successful Hog Roast and Beacon lighting took place. A street party was also held at the Cricket Club which also proved to be successful. It was good to see so many people enjoying the events.

Following the Queen's death, the preparations that were in place were triggered. Together with the Church, a condolence book was set up and available at the Church. The Parish Council has safely handed the condolence book to the Records Office to ensure that the records are held as requested by Suffolk County Council.

The Parish Council joined with the Cricket Club and organised a King's Coronation Tea Party event for the holiday Monday. This was well attended and enjoyed by all that came along. The Parish Council are grateful to the Cricket Club for all their input in creating this successful event. Thanks too to the bell ringing team who rang the church bells on the day of the King's coronation.

On behalf of the Parish Councillors, I would like to thank all the members of the community who consistently give their appreciation for the work that the Parish Council does. All Councillors give a lot of their time to meet their duties as a Parish Councillor and they do their very best to ensure the Parish Council meets its legal obligations and works within its powers for the village.

The full minutes can be found on the Parish Council website.

Sue Piggott, Chair Easton Parish Council

What's On in July



Village Hall

Mondays:

Yoga with Ellie 9.30—11 am

Pre-booking

E: eleanorpenlo@gmail.com

Tuesdays:

50+ Keep Fit Class 10-11 am

£7 per session (block payment per term of 6/7 weeks)

Contact Clare Hassler on

01728 621247/07769 716761

for more information

Pilates for Riders with Dawn

7—8 pm

Pre-booking

E: dfkcoaching@hotmail.com

Wednesdays:

Pilates with Kelly

Advanced 9.15 am

Beginners/Intermediate 10.30 am

Pre-booking

E: pilateswithkelly@hotmail.com

Table Tennis

6:30pm £5 per session

Contact John on 746644

Thursdays:

Rabble Chorus

8pm

E: Kirsty@rabblechorus.co.uk

Fridays:

Yoga with Ellie 9.30—11 am

Pre-booking

E: eleanorpenlo@gmail.com

Sunday Café

16th July

Village Hall

10—11.30 am

Charity Event for Art for Cure

Sunday 16th July

The White Horse (garden)

Music from “Karmit”

3—7 pm

Easton Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting

Monday 17th July

7.45 pm Village Hall

Mobile Library at Easton Primary School 12.25 to 12.45

Wednesday 26th July

A Sense of Place and Time



A shadow unique to Easton!
(Photo by Susan Stone)



The Easton White Horse

Recruitment

Part Time Bar Person required

Cellar management experience preferred

Saturday evenings 5:30 pm - 10:30pm

Contact Cam on 07888 294995 to discuss



Private hire of the pub is available for events/birthdays etc.

Ring 01728 746856 and talk to Cam.





The Easton White Horse

Sunday 2nd July

Street Food

4 till 8 pm

(with music)



Sunday 16th July

Charity Event for Art for Cure

Eclectic mix of music in the Garden from
"Karmit"

3 till 7 pm

(with guest appearance from "Staggy"!)



Next month:

Sunday 6th August

Street Food

4 till 8 pm

(with music)

Easton Farm Park

Spring on the farm has been busy with all the new babies who arrived through the spring and then some perfect weather conditions which sent the grass growing like mad. We have collected in the hay during this lovely dry spell which will keep the animals happy through the winter. As the seasons change the animals have different needs. Many of the babies who were born in the early spring are now being weaned and are enjoying the plentiful grass on the river meadows. Our main focus in this hot spell is to make sure that they all have shade and plentiful fresh water.

As well as looking after all the animals, we took some of them on a holiday to the Suffolk Show where we run the Children's Farm. Our role is to encourage visitors to the Show to get closer to the animals and to show, where possible, the uses of these farm animals. To help us demonstrate this, we work with Vivia Bamford, well-known from Framlingham Library, who makes butter and stretches mozzarella next to the calves, and the Suffolk Spinners, who do an amazing display spinning and weaving our wool next to the sheep. We had extra fun this year as we invited our Goat Yoga teacher to come to the Show with us where we laid on fun goat yoga sessions which were open to all.

As we prepare for the annual Maverick Music Festival which begins on 30th June we are also planning ahead for the summer holiday season. For us, this has to be our harvest, as the visitors we see in the summer holidays are critical to the future of any tourism business and, of course, the weather is always critical to both farmers and tourism!

Steve Swan, our Livestock Manager, had a wonderful time at the May Fair where his chest puffed with pride as he drove his grand-daughter Lily, the May Queen, to the Fair on our lovely old Massey Ferguson tractor. She looked radiant and equally proud to have her grandfather drive her through the village. This is a lovely example of village life where generations come together to enjoy magical moments and we remember, particularly in these difficult times, that community is what binds us together, whether it is family, neighbours or friends.

Easton Farm Park opened in 1974, which means we have been part of this village's community for almost 50 years – I can hardly believe it! Fi



SUMMER SPLASH

21ST JULY – 3RD SEPTEMBER

TICKETS £14

PRE-BOOKED PER PERSON

LOADS OF EXTRA WATER FUN ACTIVITIES

Join us this Summer Holidays for our first ever
Summer Splash Event!

Friday 21st July - Sunday 3rd
September

Save £1 per ticket by booking in advance!
£14 per person (aged 2 and over). £15 on the gate,

Plus - visit us a second time during
the Summer Holidays for 1/2 price
admission!

Easton Bowls Club

With this lovely weather we have been experiencing lately, the bowls season is progressing nicely.

In the Woodbridge league we have now played 5 games, won 3 of them and lost the other 2. At the moment we are 4th in the league with 19.5 points.

In the Fynn league – Easton A have played 4 games and won all 4 of them. They are top of their league with 21 points.

Easton B have so far played 5 games and won 4 of theirs. They are 2nd in their league with 21 points.

We have also enjoyed some success in the early rounds of the Salter Cup and the Marie Curie Cup. By the time you read this we will also have played in the final of the Junior Cup against Stradbroke White Hart.

Home games in July:

02 Sunday	Hammond Salver	10:00
04 Tuesday	Percy Dunnett Cup	6:45
06 Thursday	v Tunstall	6:45
10 Monday	Monday Pairs	10:00
11 Tuesday	v Alderton	7:00
13 Thursday	v Alderton	6:45
16 Sunday	Club Pairs	2:00
20 Thursday	v Sweffling	6:45
24 Monday	Monday Pairs	10:00
25 Tuesday	v Bredfield	6:45

Why not come and give us a look – we are a friendly bunch! You can always join us for a cup of tea afterwards.

Easton Cricket Club



Home Fixtures July 2023

Saturday 1st (13.00)

2nd XI v Dunmow 2nd XI

Sunday 2nd (10.00)

Women's 1st XI v Saffron Walden Women's and Girls' 1st XI

Friday 7th (18.00)

2nd XI v Melton St Audry's Men's T20 1st XI

Saturday 8th (12.00)

1st XI v Coggeshall Town 1st XI

Sunday 9th (13.30)

Sunday 1st XI v Worlington CC Academy

Saturday 15th (13.00)

2nd XI v Chappel and Wakes Colne CC 1st XI

Saturday 22nd (12.00)

1st XI v Wivenhoe Town 1st XI

Saturday 29th (13.00)

2nd XI v Halstead Essex 2nd XI

Sunday 30th (13.30)

Sunday 1st XI v Tendring Park 1st XI

Spectators always welcome.

There are junior matches which take place during the week. For more details visit Easton.play-cricket.com

July in the Garden

"The dandelions and buttercups gild all the lawn: the drowsy bee stumbles among the clover tops, and summer sweetens all to me."

James Russell Lowell



July is a brilliant time in your garden - abounding with delicious edible produce, and beautiful scented flowers for cutting for your kitchen table or to create bunches for friends and family.

The Ornamental Garden

Regularly deadhead bedding and perennial plants to encourage new blooms and a long flowering season.

Plant out the last of the tender perennials such as cosmos, zinnia and nicotiana.

Cutback lavender once it has finished flowering chopping back to where the flowering shoots originate.

Keep on top of the staking - chrysanthemums and dahlias will need support now that they are in full growth.

Prune whippy shoots of wisteria to about 5 buds - you will need to complete a further prune in mid winter.

Lift and divide bearded iris to avoid congestion and promote flowering.

Cut back hardy geraniums, lupins and delphiniums after the first flush of flowers to encourage new growth and further blooms.

Water first thing in the morning or at dusk to reduce evaporation and use mulch to retain moisture around plants.

Take cuttings from your favourite tender plants for overwintering indoors. Cuttings can also still be taken from shrubs and border perennials.

Deadhead your roses to keep them looking tidy. Leave the flowers in place if your rose produces attractive hips (seed pods).

The Productive Garden

Continue pinching out the side shoots of cordon type tomatoes, take out the tops once four trusses of fruit have set and continue to feed weekly with a seaweed fertiliser.

Pick runner beans regularly to prevent them becoming stringy and to make room for developing pods. Leaving mature pods on the plant can prevent further flowers forming and reduce your crop.

Clear away any diseased and spent foliage on and around your vegetable plants to keep them healthy.

Plant out purple sprouting broccoli and leeks where space allows.

Sow a last batch of carrot, lettuce, radish, kale, beetroot and dwarf french beans.

Prune your stone fruit trees like plum, apricot, peach and cherry now. Pruning these species in the summer reduces the risk of silver leaf disease.



Nikk Slowey



DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

Parliament has just returned from its Whitsun recess and as ever, I very much enjoyed spending more time at home, especially visiting the Suffolk Show and seeing all that makes this county such a special place to live and work.

Since returning, I have been reflecting on last week's annual estimate from the Office for National Statistics of the number of people who have migrated to the UK and I am concerned at the debate, in some parts of the national media, that has been provoked.

We must remember that almost 100,000 of those 'migrants' are British citizens returning after prolonged periods of living abroad. Also, a little over 115,000 are Ukrainian nationals, settling here since the Government launched its Homes for Ukraine scheme. I have personally met with and helped Ukrainian families to settle in Suffolk and am incredibly proud of all the support the people of Suffolk have warmly extended to those coming here, seeking safety.

We must move away from the narrative that all migration to the UK is bad and draw a clear distinction between illegal immigration and lawful immigration. In my experience, most people are supportive of migration when people come here lawfully to work, to contribute to the economic life of our country and to pay their taxes.

While at the Suffolk Show, I was reminded how appreciative our farmers and food producers are that the Government implemented the Seasonal Agricultural Workers scheme, allowing vital agricultural workers to come to the UK to work on farms and ensure our food security.

As a practising NHS hospital doctor, I am also proud to work alongside healthcare professionals who were born and trained overseas but who are now caring for patients in our NHS. In many hospitals, more than 1 in 8 staff are migrants and it is undoubtedly to our country's benefit that they care for patients here.

Whilst lawful migration benefits the UK, there should be no shying away from dealing robustly with instances of abuse of our immigration system. The Government has recognised this and is taking decisive action. For example, in the case of international students paying to study in the UK, new rules will ensure that study visas are specific to the students themselves, and no longer include additional visas for the student's extended family.

There must be something in the water ...



Pictured at a recent Sunday Café, Margie Ransome (left) cuddles Alfred Osborne (Freddie) born to Laura Kenny on 24th April. Dot Blane (right) cuddles Elijah Brown born to Amy Kenny on 28th April! How about that for good sisterly timing! Mary Willson and Mark Kenny must be very proud grandparents. Congratulations.

Easton Cemetery Wildflower Area

The grassland in Easton Parish Cemetery is long established and has never been sprayed or fertilised. This stability means that the grassland is a good example of wildflower rich semi-natural grassland, which, sadly, is now a very scarce habitat both in Suffolk and nationally. It is estimated that since 1939 Suffolk has lost well over 96% of its wildflower rich grassland through change of land use, application of fertilisers and herbicides, cessation of traditional grassland management such as hay-cutting and grazing. The fragments that remain are therefore very precious.

When we moved to Easton, some thirty plus years ago, Jonny and I did a survey of the grassland in the cemetery and realised just how diverse it is. Specialities include populations of the nationally scarce and near threatened Sulphur Clover and the ethereal Quaking Grass – also of very limited and localised distribution in Suffolk and nationally.

To maintain the diversity of the grassland, it is essential it is managed appropriately, which includes an annual summer cut and rake – to mimic traditional hay-cutting. In liaison with Easton Parish Council, Jonny and I have been carrying out this management of a designated ‘wildflower’ area in the cemetery for over three decades.

Susan Stone



Top Left : Sulphur Clover
 Top right : Mouse-ear Hawkweed
 Middle Left: Ox-eye daisy
 Bottom Left: Red Clover
 Bottom Right: Quaking Grass

All Saints Church



Services

The benefice service on 2nd July is at 10.00am at Kettleburgh with Bishop Mike.

At Easton there will be a service of Morning Prayer on Sunday 9th July and a service of Holy Communion on 23rd July, both at 11.00am.

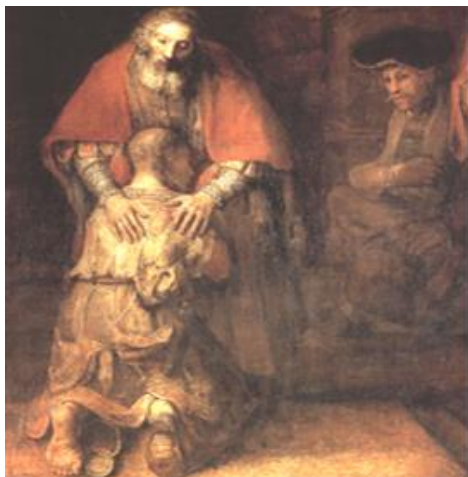
Licensing of Revd. Ann Kember

Ann's licensing will be on 26th July at Brandeston at 7.30 pm followed by refreshments in Brandeston Village Hall. Do come and support the start of her ministry!

Sunday Cafe

The Cafe is on 16th July in the Village Hall from 10.00 until 11.30 am.

Discussion Group



The Discussion Group will meet at Ash Grove Framlingham on 5th July at 10.30 am. The topic is The Return of the Prodigal Son. New members are always welcome.

Ride and Stride

This year the event will take place on Saturday 9th September.
More details next month.

Services on Zoom

The Zoom service is on 16th July at 9.30 am. If you would like to join this online service, please register with Bill Clark for the link (bill78@btinternet.com).

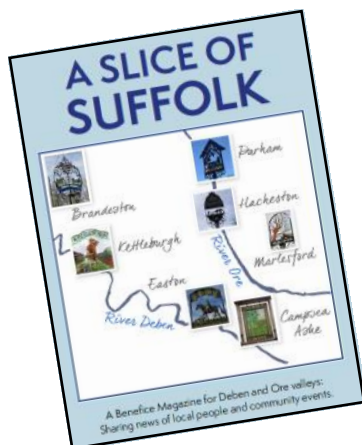
Jane Woodbury-Eggins

*A Slice of Suffolk
The benefice magazine
With all you need to know about
church services and what's going on
in the other villages.*

**Please send me any items of
interest about your village by 21st
of the month and if you can keep
your article to less than 120 words
that would help enormously.**

infoforSOS@gmail.com

The magazine covers Campsea Ashe,
Brandeston, Parham, Hacheston,
Kettleburgh, Marlesford and Easton.



WEDDING OF JAMES PEARSON AND CHLOE STONE

Chloe and James were married in Easton church on 24th June in a ceremony conducted by the Rural Dean, Chris Davey. The bride and their two daughters made a charming picture and James looked proud and delighted.

Lovely pastel flower arrangements decked the church, which was full of family and well-wishers on a very hot afternoon. The bells rang, and the arrival of the bride, and also James and Chloe's departure, were accompanied by a fanfare of wonderful trumpet and organ music.

The newly-wed couple drove away in a vintage sports car hung not with tin cans but with onions as a hint to James' work!

It was a truly lovely occasion and we wish Chloe and James every happiness for a long, healthy and happy marriage.



Jane Woodbury-Eggins



Church Services for July 2023

2 nd	Trinity 4	10am	Benefice Holy Communion with Bishop Mike	Kettleburgh
9 th	Trinity 5	9.30am	Holy Communion	Brandeston
		9.30am	Morning Worship	Campsea Ashe
		11am	Holy Communion	Parham
		11am	Morning Prayer	Easton
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Marlesford
16 th	Trinity 6	9.30am	Zoom Morning Service	
		10am	Morning Worship	Marlesford
		11am	Morning Worship	Kettleburgh
			Morning Prayer	Parham
23 rd	Trinity 7	9.30	Morning Worship	Brandeston
		9.30	Holy Communion	Campsea Ashe
		11.00	Holy Communion	Easton
		11.00	Holy Communion	Hacheston
30 th	Trinity 8	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Marlesford

Friday prayers at 4pm at Kettleburgh

Compline is said at Marlesford every Wednesday at 5pm

Wednesday 26th July at 7.30pm at Brandeston Church

Licensing of Rev Ann Kember to Orebeck Benefice
followed by refreshments in Brandeston Village Hall

Sunday Café



**Sunday 16th July
10—11.30 am
Village Hall**

There's lots of home made goodies, sweet and savoury, all made by our lovely volunteers. Or how about a bacon roll made with Revetts bacon? Our specials board might catch your eye too! All food can be bought to take away and at very good prices (we aim just to cover costs and any profit we do make is sent to charities or donated to the church).

Last month's Café on Fathers' Day was supporting Prostate Cancer and we have been able to send £150. Thank you.

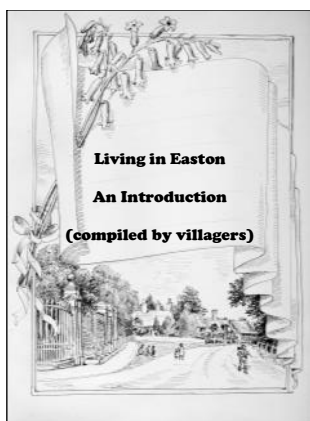
Enjoy catching up with friends, meeting new ones, or reading the Sunday newspapers in our lovely village hall. We've got toys for the children and a covered seating area outside if you'd like to bring your dog along.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Sunday Café is sponsored by All Saints Church



New to Easton Village?



Please let me know if you are aware of anyone who moves into the village. We have always warmly welcomed newcomers and I am now very happily taking on this role. We can also provide the introductory booklet 'Living in Easton' which has lots of helpful information.

Peter Bennett King, 2 Black and White Cottages
T: 747370 E: thebks@btinternet.com



Neighbourhood Watch

News for July

Credit Card Protection

Most people are aware that if you use a credit card, Section 75 can offer valuable protection if you find yourself in a dispute with a retailer or service provider. Section 75 makes your card provider and the retailer or service provider 'jointly and severally' liable for any breach of contract or misrepresentation – providing the item or service cost between £100 and £30,000.

However, Section 75 won't apply if a purchase is made by the secondary cardholder, and the primary cardholder doesn't benefit from it.

One member told us he and his wife were caught out by this when she used their credit card to pay for a holiday, but the travel company stopped trading before the trip.

When the member tried to launch a Section 75 claim, it was refused as he – the primary cardholder – wasn't due to join his wife on the holiday.

This means it's a sensible idea for the primary cardholder to make any big purchases to ensure you're eligible for Section 75.

Courtesy of Which Magazine

Warning issued to WhatsApp users over account takeover scam

Criminals are targeting WhatsApp users by posing as a friend and asking for a security code.

Action Fraud has received over 60 reports relating to a scam that steals access to a WhatsApp user's account.

The scam begins when a criminal gets access to another WhatsApp account which has you listed as a contact.

The criminal, posing as your friend or someone that's a member of a WhatsApp group you're in, will then send you seemingly normal messages to try and start a conversation with you.

However, around the same time you will receive a text message from WhatsApp with a six-digit code. This is because the criminal has been trying to login to WhatsApp using your mobile number. The criminal will claim that they sent you their code by accident and ask you to help them by sending it to them. Once the criminal has this code, they can login to your WhatsApp account and lock you out. The criminal will then use the same tactic with your WhatsApp contacts in an effort to steal more accounts and use them to perpetrate fraud.

What you need to do

- Set up two-step verification to give an extra layer of protection to your account: Tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.
- THINK. CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity.
- Never share your account's activation code (that's the 6 digit code you receive via SMS).

You can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.

Courtesy of Action Fraud

John Owen



MUSICA ANTICA

ROTHERHITHE

I RITRATTI

(Portraits)

A programme of songs and cantatas written by three of the most prolific female composers of the 17th Century: Barbara Strozzi, Antonia Bembo and Isabella Leonarda



SUNDAY 16TH JULY 6.30

Priory Church of St Mary
Letheringham IP13 6QY

Tickets £15 all proceeds to St Mary's restoration fund

Purchase at : www.musicaantica.org.uk/ritratti-suffolk

Or phone to reserve a ticket on : 01728747449

This concert has been generously supported by The Continuo Foundation





Musica Antica Rotherhithe

Sunday 16th July Programme at St Mary's Letheringham

Francesco Cavalli:	Mia speranza from <i>Elena</i>
Antonia Bembo:	Sonetto al Rè: Gran Re che tutto a tutti
Isabella Leonarda:	Sonata Quinta
Barbara Strozzi:	L'Eraclito Amorososo
Isabella Leonarda:	Sonata Terza
Francesco Cavalli:	Ecco idolo mio from <i>Elena</i>
Antonia Bembo:	Volgete altrove il guardo
Barbara Strozzi:	Lagrimie mie
Isabella Leonarda:	Sonata Duodecima
Barbara Strozzi:	Il Lamento: Sul Rodano severo
Antonia Bembo:	Ah, quel'absence
Francesco Cavalli:	D'amor non si Quereli from <i>Ormindo</i>

Dear Friends,

This is a great opportunity to hear this beautiful programme of baroque music in the unique setting and wonderful acoustics of the Priory Church of St Mary's Letheringham and should prove to be a rare treat for all music lovers.

Tickets £15 adults £2 children all proceeds to The Priory Church of St Mary's restoration fund.

Tickets can be purchased at - <http://www.musicaantica.org.uk/ritratti-suffolk>

Or you can reserve a ticket by calling Polly on **01728 747449**

The bar will be open for a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink 45 minutes before start of the concert.

Self-Sufficient Sid



“Fancy moving to Yorkshire?” said Sid’s boss. Now Sid lived in the suburbs of London and quickly realised that he could sell his small semi and buy what to him was a mansion in rural Yorkshire. So, job done, house sold, furniture loaded into Pickford’s lorries and Sid and family moved into their new home with its large garden.

‘No need to buy vegetables,’ proclaimed Sid, ‘we will grow everything.’ Self-sufficiency gathered pace when Sid discovered that he had grazing rights on the village green. At this stage Sid decided that he may need some advice on his new project and befriended the farmer next door, a wily old character called Ken. ‘You need a goat,’ said Ken, ‘get a nanny, mate it, use the milk and sell the kid, no problem.’

So off went Sid to the local market and bought the young goat, arriving home to be greeted by the excited children. ‘What shall we call it,’ they said, at which stage the goat relieved itself leaving a large pool on the ground. The children had made their mind up, Puddles was the name!

Puddles grew up and was duly mated and became an expectant goat. Everyone was excited by the prospect of the new arrival, not least of all Sid who could finally see a return on his investment. The goat was born - a male, a billy goat - not what Sid had hoped for. Sid consulted his mentor, Ken who advised that it was worthless. To the question, what do I do, Ken said bring it up on a diet of good quality hay with supplements and have it butchered at 4/5 months. ‘It will taste like lamb. I can supply the hay and supplements at a reasonable cost,’ he said.

Bringing the goat up with the children and then having it butchered could obviously pose a problem, but Sid was adamant that the children had to understand that not all animals were pets and the goat was destined for the kitchen table. It was explained to the children and they were told that it wouldn’t be given a name as it was to be brought up and eaten. The children left saying they understood and the next thing Sid knew was that they had in fact given it a name and it had started to respond to it. They had called it Dinner! Dinner became part of the family, it played with the children, would follow them to the gate when they left for school and wait for their return.

Five months quickly passed and Sid announced that Dinner was going to the slaughterhouse. The next day Dinner returned in a plastic tray arranged in various cuts of meat and on Sunday, leg of Dinner was the roast.

Sid and his wife agreed this could be very difficult for the children but it should be served like any other Sunday meal. The four plates were put on the table and the adults carefully watched the children's reaction. 'Cor, Dinner's delicious!' proclaimed the young boy. 'Smashing,' said the daughter as they tucked in. At this stage the adults took their first bite and immediately left the room to avoid embarrassment as tears rolled down their cheeks.

So what about the rest of Dinner, neatly packed away in the chest freezer? Well Sid decided that eating it wasn't an option and gave it to Ken who hadn't done bad, a complete goat (minus one leg) and five months of supplying hay and supplements at a reasonable cost. Ken really was a wily old boy!

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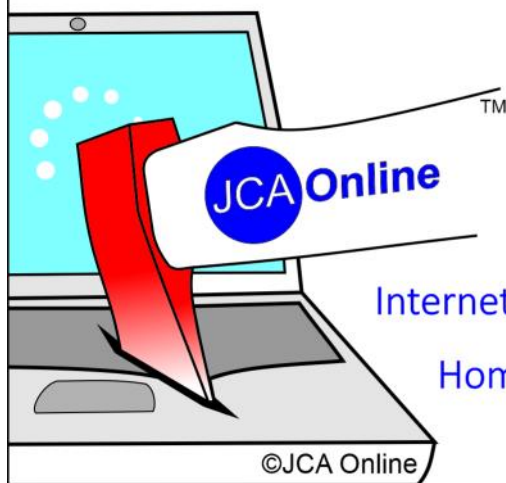
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