

# Easton Parish Magazine



The May Queen and her attendants arriving at the Village Green. This year's May Queen was Georgina Banham (14). Her attendants were Izzie Carter (10) and Jasmine Denny (8).

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# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON

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Dear Friends

‘The times they are a-changing.’ Back in the good old days (depending on where you viewed them from), this was a time when God was in his heaven, and all was right with the world. Every village had a butcher, a baker and a candlestick maker, and all these trades people along with the village school mistress, the ‘bobby’ and one vicar per parish, who between them more or less kept the peace; were all necessary to the well being and survival of the community. But Bob Dylan was right, times do change, as they must if communities **and** their churches are to live and thrive.

And in this, the Diocese 100<sup>th</sup> Centenary year, the Archbishop of Canterbury came to the Cathedral to celebrate the launch of our Centenary year. Among his many wonderful uplifting and motivating words were some which struck a chord with me. He urged us in the next 100 years to not be content to just maintain and preserve our beautiful ancient buildings. He urged us to jettison that focus, because the church isn’t the building, it’s the people who admire it, together with those who worship in it.

Now I’d be among the first to say we’ve inherited an amazing legacy from our past, each unique village with a small population, an historic building, and an even smaller number of people who maintain it. And it’s a task that can often seem daunting, dare I say almost impossible on occasion.

But we can be sure that even if everything is not totally all right with the world, God is still in his heaven, He loves His church, He loves us, everyone of us. God will provide, but we all need to do our bit too. Well, as Archbishop Justin said, used churches don’t fall down, even a church with a small congregation; so long as it also has a few people willing to financially contribute to it, even though they may not want to use it, won’t fall down either.

A supported church with people and sufficient funds will survive into the future, will be open and used, will thrive. And can do what it does best—support the people of its community when they need it. Can you think of a way to offer help in some way or another? To keep your church, one of over 470 in the Diocese, to survive into 2114. Will you?

With love, in Christ

Deirdre



# Church Matters .....

## Discussion Group

The May Discussion Group discussed the story of Moses. The next group will be on the topic of "The Ten Commandments" on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** at 7 Church Road, Kettleburgh. New members are always welcome.

## May Fair

The PCC would like to add their heartfelt thanks to those expressed elsewhere in the magazine. It was a great afternoon and we are truly grateful for the funds raised for the church.

## Church Cleaning Working Party

There were only four of us, but we got a lot of work done cleaning out the bell tower, the north porch and the vestry. Very many thanks to those who turned up and put in so much effort.

## Services

The Benefice Service on 1<sup>st</sup> June is at Campsea Ashe at 10.00 am with our acting bishop, Bishop David.

There will be a BCP Communion Service on 15<sup>th</sup> June at 09.30 am.

There is a United Benefice service at Hacheston on 29<sup>th</sup> June (fifth Sunday in the month) and in Easton on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

## PCC meeting

There will be a PCC meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June at Almond Tree Cottage.

*Jane Woodbury-Eggins*

## FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Flowers	Cleaning
7th June	Jane Woodbury-Eggins	Jane Woodbury-Eggins
14th June	Jane Woodbury-Eggins	Jane Woodbury-Eggins
21st June	Jean Kendall	Jean Kendall
28th June	Jean Kendall	Jean Kendall



# MAY FAIR

My goodness, weren't we lucky with the weather — again! Emma and I were keeping everything crossed (very uncomfortable!) especially with the Saturday before the May Fair having been so wet. But the sun shone and it was warm. Many volunteers did sterling (and very hard) work in setting up gazebos etc and by the time the Fair opened, there were plenty of visitors already eager to try the teas and ice cream, listen to the music from the Ipswich Community Wind Band and Rabble Chorus, try their luck with the Grand Draw, Tombola and Treasure Hunt and play on the Scalextric. The stalls selling their various wares were busy and when the May Queen and her attendants arrived by horse drawn carriage (see front page), there was a spontaneous round of happy applause.

There are far too many people to thank individually, but it was lovely to see Robin Alderson (and D) who agreed to be our 'MC' again, and we were pleased to welcome Dan Poulter who officially opened the Fair for us. This really is a community event and we couldn't run it without all the people who are prepared to help on the day.

All the hard work and custom meant that we raised £831.12 for the church which is a magnificent result. Thank you everyone.

*Clare Owen & Emma Gibbon*

(More photos from the day can be viewed on the village website.)





Thanks to Richard Bryant for these photos which really capture the atmosphere of the day. Ed.



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EASTON**

**is hosting**

# **Sunday Cafe**



**Easton Village Hall**

**Sunday 15th June**

**open 10.00 - 11.30 am**

**If you haven't visited the café yet, why  
not give it a try this month!!**

Come and enjoy a cup of 'proper' coffee or tea with  
a croissant, homemade goodies, bacon rolls or a  
soft drink, read the Sunday papers and have a chat.

Toys and drawing/colouring to amuse the children

**PUBLIC INQUIRY RESULT – DEVELOPER’S APPEAL DISMISSED**  
**for a 25 MW Solar Photovoltaic Development in Hacheston**

**Background to the Inquiry**

It is two years since Hive Energy first announced its intention to build a 100,000 solar panel development within a Special Landscape Area in Hacheston, on agricultural land adjoining a County Wildlife Site. There has been a long wait for the result of the 4-day Public Inquiry held last September, where No Hacheston Solar and the District Council presented its evidence for dismissing the Appeal. The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles, decided to “recover” the Planning Inspector’s decision to make sure that it complied with his Department’s new Planning Practice Guidance for ground mounted solar pv installations.

**Secretary of State’s Decision**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May we heard that the Secretary of State is in agreement with the recommendation of Paul Jackson, the Inspector, to dismiss the Appeal and refuse planning permission. **He felt that the disadvantages significantly outweighed the benefits of the scheme and the proposed development could not be made acceptable.** It would therefore conflict with the Council’s Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Secretary of State agreed with the Inspector that there would be an adverse impact on the **landscape** and for **recreational users**, placing significant weight on this harm. He also agreed that there would be slight harm caused to the setting of two **listed buildings** and significant harm to a third. They both agreed that the 25 year loss of production of Grade 3a “best and most versatile” **agricultural land** counted against the proposal. However, the Secretary of State did not agree with the Inspector that weight should be given to the potential for the land to return to agricultural use after 25 years. He felt that 25 years was a significant length of time over which to harm the setting of Parham Old Hall and that reversibility was not an influential determining factor.

The Secretary of State agreed with the Inspector that there was significant doubt that **maintenance and retention of mitigation planting** could be ensured for the 25 years of the scheme. He too felt that the Unilateral Undertaking (intended to ensure that maintenance takes place for the life of the development) carried little weight should the Council have to enforce the terms of the undertaking. During questioning by the Inspector at the Inquiry last autumn, it became apparent that Hive Energy was no longer the site developer. The new developer was Daylighting Energy Ltd, whose parent company is Moser Baer. The Inspector concluded that the Option and Agreement between the new developer and the landowner, Notcutts Ltd, appeared hurried and were insufficiently clear.

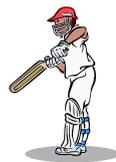
**The Future**

The developer now has 6 weeks in which to decide whether to challenge this decision in the High Court and apply for Judicial Review. A press statement by Hive Energy indicates that at present a further Appeal is unlikely but this may change. It has become apparent, however, that the planning pendulum has swung against such large developments on greenfield sites. It is to be hoped that the District Council will no longer receive planning applications for similar types of industrial scale installations. The emphasis now is on installing solar panels on government, industrial and commercial buildings. Recent planning guidelines encourage community participation in Local Authority planning matters. No Hacheston Solar has shown that there is a place for community input within the planning system and we wish to thank Easton residents for their support throughout this lengthy process.

*Jill Temperton & Chrissie Darby (No Hacheston Solar)*

# EASTON CRICKET CLUB

## JUNE FIXTURES



Sun 1st	Sunday XI	v	Carribeans	Home
	Ladies XI	v	Woodbridge	Away
Sat 7th	1st XI	v	Kelvedon	Home
	2nd XI	v	St Margarets	Away
Sun 8th	Sunday XI	v	BT Waldringfield	Away
	Ladies XI	v	Mildenhall	Home
Sat 14th	1st XI	v	Braintree	Away
	2nd XI	v	Copdock	Home
Sun 15th	Sunday XI	v	Brantham	Home
Sat 21st	1st XI	v	Halstead	Home
	2nd XI	v	Great Bromley	Away
Sun 22nd	Sunday XI	v	Sudbourne	Home
Sat 28th	1st XI	v	Dunmow	Away
	2nd XI	v	Ipswich	Home
Sun 29th	Sunday XI	v	Carribeans	Home
	Ladies XI	v	Ipswich	Away

Matches normally start at 1.00 pm. Why not pop along to the ground and enjoy watching a game and partaking of a pint or cricket tea. If you are interested in becoming a non playing member, please ring John Rook on 746162.



## Easton Bowls Club — June Matches

Sun 1st		Eric Peck Open competition	Home 11.00
Tue 3rd	v	Dennington	W'bridge League Home 7.00
Wed 4th	v	Hollesley	P Dunnett Cup Home 6.30
Thu 5th	v	Tunstall	Fynn League Home 6.45
Tue 10th	v	Otley	Fynn League Away 6.45
Fri 13th		Junior Cup Semi Final	
Tue 17th	v	Leiston Garrett	W'bridge League Away 7.00
Thu 19th	v	Sweffling	Fynn League Home 6.45
Tue 24th	v	Otley	W'bridge League Home 7.00
Thu 26th	v	Yoxford	Salter Cup Away 6.45
Fri 27th		Junior Cup Final	

**Don't forget** , if you would like to try your hand at bowls, come along to the practice sessions. Suitable for all ages. Equipment provided but please ensure you wear totally flat shoes to protect the green.

**Saturday June 14th and 28th 2.00—5.00 pm**

# THE RABBLE CHORUS

The Rabble Chorus is a community choir and huge local success story that began right here in the Easton village hall in 2009. As you can see opposite, we even have the Crinkle Crankle wall in our logo! Since its early days as a small group whose first performance was on the village green for the May Fair it has grown to become one of the largest and most well respected community choirs in the country with over 250 members.

The ethos has always been to accept anyone, without audition, whether they have any previous experience and can read music or not. The singers in the Rabble come from all walks of life and are of all ages but they have one fantastic common purpose which is just to enjoy themselves making a glorious sound. In doing so the village group have also managed to raise money for numerous good causes including the British Heart Foundation, Adoption UK and Easton Church and ploughed back several thousand pounds into Easton village hall through the regular weekly hire. We have sung for local people's weddings and surprise birthday parties, put on a Christmas concert in the Church and have a big free Christmas singalong in the pub for everyone to join in each year.

Our current repertoire is pretty eclectic, we are currently preparing material from Nick Cave to Renaissance Madrigals to sea shanties. At the time of writing we have performances coming up that include another local wedding, a flashmob at Newmarket Racecourse, our own Easton May Fair, Easton Farm Park funfest and Maverick Festival, Landguard Book Festival and all sorts of other events. We also have three coaches going up to the Albert Hall this month to take part in the Really Big Chorus singing the Mozart Requiem for charity!

As the musical director of the Rabble I am so very proud of everything that our local people have achieved, they are in such demand to perform now that I am literally having to turn down gig opportunities every single week! If you have never heard the wonderful noise they make feel free to drop in at the village hall any Thursday evening, come along to any of our performances or check out our website, our YouTube channel, or our Facebook and Twitter accounts. You may even be inspired to join in and have a bit of a sing one day....

*Kirsty Logan*



Some male Rabblers at the May Fair. (See more photos from the May Fair pages 3 and 4.)

# EASTON & LETHERINGHAM VILLAGE HALL



We held our Annual General Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. Our annual report is available on our website at [www.elvillagehall.com](http://www.elvillagehall.com). If you don't have access to the internet and would like to see a copy please call 07775 652820 and we will get a copy to you.

Highlights of the report included that the hall is now hired more than it ever has been before, by the widest range of users and private hirers. Not only is the hall used 5 days a week by our regular user groups, at weekends it hosts numerous private functions from christenings to 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

As well as the continuing successful use of the hall, we also reported that with the kitchen and garden projects we invested over £21,000 during the year. We were fortunate enough to raise £15,000 in grant money from the Big Lottery Fund and the Suffolk Community Foundation, together with £6000 of VHMC funds from village hall fundraising events. Although running costs were slightly down, repair costs were up on last year with essential works to rectify inadequate rainwater drainage to the rear and front hall soak-aways and gutters.

Mark Kenny, who has been our fundraising officer, has decided to step down from the committee this year. Mark developed our website and contributed to raising over £5,500 in funds through various events over the past 4 years. A big thanks to Mark for all he has done.

At the AGM we received a lot of positive comments regarding the improvements to the hall and the hard work the committee continue to show in running the hall. There were also some comments, ideas and requests for consideration, which the committee will seek further feedback on.

*Ian Palfreyman*  
Village Hall Management Committee



## **EASTON 100 CLUB**

**May's Winner : Pam Bennett King (No. 71)**  
**Winning £27.50**

Organised and run by the Village Hall Management Committee  
**Contact Dave Stagg on 746054**  
or visit [www.elvillagehall.com/members-&-numbers.html](http://www.elvillagehall.com/members-&-numbers.html)

# MidsummerFest

**Age: 10 - 14**

**treasure trail**

**design & build ???**

**performance activity**

**ALL THE LOCAL CHURCHES INVITE YOU ON**

**SATURDAY 21ST JUNE**

**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**THE PRIORY GARDENS, BRANDESTON  
IP13 7AU**

**contact: Mary Baker 01728 685807**

**marybaker555@hotmail.co.uk**



## Lewellen Boy Comes Of Age in Easton Egg Dump Tournament

The Easter tradition of “Egg Dumping” was once again the focus of world sporting attention at the Easton White Horse on Good Friday. The turnout this year was immense, resulting in a lottery to determine the 32 entrants ... most of which had the surname Rook.

The first round saw the usual premature demise of “Miserable Mike” (Prentice), along with “The Laughing Policeman” (Gil Blane), Her Majesty Margie Ransome and the former Champion Graham Ransome. Scots duo Dot Blane and Jean Blackwood-Pugh both suffered an early Highland Fling and, although he probably can’t remember, Nick Boulton took an early bath with most of the Rook family (metaphorically speaking, of course). There were the inevitable classic encounters, such as reigning champion Mark “Naughty Boy” Kenny once more knocking out Ric “Ritchie Rich” Ackland-Snow, but with so many Rooks involved, it was obvious there would be a couple of domestics. The face-off between John and Carol Rook was a re-match of last year but this time it was Carol who danced through to the next round (to a chorus of “rabbit, rabbit, rabbit, rabbit, rabbit ...”). As if that wasn’t tense enough, the last couple to compete were brother and sister Samuel and Ellie Rook. Needless to say, it all ended in tears.

In Round 2, Claire Stagg, Peter and Chris Fellowes drew on their Cumbrian roots to win through, with Chris showing former champion, Will Johnston, who was now the Big Cheese. Despite picking up a yellow card for an inappropriate dump, Suzie Blackwood-Pugh progressed to the next round, only to come up against Richard Lawrence – also on a yellow card from an earlier round. We all know Champion Kenny loves his booze in the pub, but it was boos that he had to endure as he, too, won through, joined by youngsters Ellie Rook and Philip Lewellen.

The anticipation of a new champion sent the crowd wild when Kenny was dumped out by Ellie Rook and the Semi-Final line up was between Ellie, Philip Lewellen, Chris Fellowes and Richard Lawrence. The first Semi saw the end of the Rook challenge by Chris Fellowes but it was the second Semi that will remain imprinted on everyone’s memory (except Nick Boulton’s, of course). For the first time in over a thousand years of Egg Dumping tradition, a red card was shown. Lawrence showed flagrant abuse of Dumping etiquette and when reprimanded by Master of Ceremonies, David Stagg, his true sporting colours were exposed with a tirade of abuse that would have embarrassed John McEnroe. Stagg had no option but to show the red card, thus giving Lewellen a bye into the Grand Final.

It was a Grand Final of youth versus experience where youth won through. With a tremendous show of maturity beyond his years, Lewellen held his nerve and produced a master dump just when he needed it most. In a subsequent interview, new Champion Philip Lewellen put down his success to a year of studying Cumbrian and dumping whenever he could.

The event raised £185 for St Elizabeth Hospice so a thanks to all who participated. In particular, thanks to Janet Prentice (adjudicator), Sam Ransome (sound engineer) and Jaff “Delores” Keeble for being the hostess with the mostest (stubble).



Triumphant champion, Philip Lewellen with David Stagg.

David Stagg

### What is egg dumping?

*Eggs are hard boiled in water. They are numbered and a draw is held so each player is given an egg – you can't bring your own egg. The game is played in pairs – one player will choose whether to dump or be dumped. If you are being dumped, you hold your egg still whilst the other player taps your egg from above with theirs. Whichever egg breaks is out .*



Peter mowed his lawn religiously once a

## Wellie Boots for June

**M**y ideal, perfect June day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing ... and the lawnmower is broken. Then lounge out under the wild cherry tree, Pimms close at hand, and watch Wimbledon on a portable TV, not forgetting the traditional English strawberry and cream tea. Oh, if only if only ... I've even managed to mess that up this year. Unusually, I followed my own advice and had the mower overhauled in the spring, so it isn't broken, but the portable TV is, so scuppered on both counts.



Meanwhile, out in the garden, nature has been continuing apace – if only that advancing army of weeds didn't grow at three times the speed of my poor plants. Anybody out there have a use for about ten thousand ground elder plants – excellent condition, no charge. No? I thought not, just thought I'd ask! But mixed news on the wildlife front. The blackbird and robin offspring have all fledged and two boxes of blue-tits are driving themselves to utter exhaustion trying to keep an unknown number of babies warm and fed. But regretfully no further signs of Mrs Mallard since she was last seen crossing the road to the Deben with a long crocodile of ducklings behind – every other year she has religiously taken them to the Deben every morning and brought them back again every night, but not this year. Elsewhere, from a few little “poos” around the lawn it would appear we may have our hedgehog back again after a three-year absence, and perhaps a more unusual sight, an actual thrush, smashing his way through a wonderful meal of pulverised snails. A most rare sighting nowadays, due to pesticides and those little blue snail pellets. No, Delilah, not those dear, they're something completely different. Please concentrate, and send your snails to their Maker in a happy, drunken stupor. Beer traps – efficient and safe for everyone –except slugs and snails. You can buy them at nurseries or DIY stores. Sink a small jar to ground level, three-quarters fill with beer and leave. Empty regularly and then renew the beer. Easy-peasy and an excellent solution.

But on to the garden proper - where to start? Pots and urns? Well, most of the bulbs have now finished and many of the pansies are looking a bit bedraggled and the worse-for-wear, rather like the old man after a good night out at the pub, so perhaps now's the time to consider a good makeover. Yes, him as well, if you insist, but I'm talking about pots and urns. The ideal way is, of course, to completely replace all the soil, but this can be very expensive if you have a large number of large pots as I have, so I normally replace half, improving the remainder with a good general fertiliser and a little of my home-made compost and leaf-mould, which seems to produce very satisfactory results, after topping-up with a multi-purpose mix. If you wish to produce the same colour scheme next spring don't forget to carefully mark-up and store the contents of each container, always remembering to remove that rogue bulb that always has a habit of getting into any display. And above all, once your pots are all planted up, don't forget that in these coming



hot summer months they will need regular, deep watering so ensure all your containers have drainage holes kept clear by a few old crocks. Now be very careful, you know very well what I meant! Broken terracotta pots, smartie-pants, so enough of the snide remarks. And now, of course, is the time to get started on planting out your summer bedding. You will all have your own individual schemes but do remember to water them well both before and after planting, and the planting hole as well if you are also planting out perennials. Now that all danger of a severe frost has passed, it's the time to plant your dahlias out in the open – I've been extremely lucky this year as I left mine to overwinter in the ground (more laziness than design, I must admit) and already some are over six inches high. Also stake up any tall delphiniums – I've already lost several in this week's high winds. Now is also the time to clip box hedging and topiary. Never cut or trim box before Derby Day, which this year is June 7th so it's almost here.



If, like me, your lavender has ended up like a plucked chicken with a few tail feathers left on, don't despair. I am reliably informed I've been doing it all wrong (yet again, the story of my life). Being a Mediterranean plant, lavender likes a gritty or stony soil, so I've been killing it by kindness. So up they're coming and the whole bed dug over incorporating a very generous helping of grit. I'll give the plants themselves a close haircut so that they produce a lot of new growth from the base to produce bushy new plants and re-plant, after having placed a good handful or two of grit in the bottom of each planting hole. Now comes the really good part – apparently, from the top growth I've cut off I can get umpteen cuttings for a extended display next year, so watch this space. And talking of cuttings, this is a perfect time to get going, especially with pelargoniums, fuchsias etc, so get cutting, and any that have already taken root will also want to be moved to a larger pot.

And, of course, as always, dead-heading is the name of the game, and this time lupins are of particular interest. Like many perennials, if you remove the main spike after flowering several more smaller flowering spikes will appear lower down the stem, forming a shorter, stockier plant giving great pleasure for several weeks longer. However, as with many plants at this time of year, watch out for aphids as they find lupins extremely tasty.

In the veg garden and greenhouse, tomato plants will now be progressing well, so remove any side shoots as they appear as they will only sap the strength of the main plant. Salad leaves should be sown every 2-3 weeks to ensure a continuous supply throughout the summer. Don't forget to mound up your potatoes to ensure bigger crops later on and net any soft-fruit bushes to prevent them being stripped by our feathered friends later. Not that they're friends any more – as I look out of the window whilst writing this, three of the fattest wood-pigeons I have ever seen are gorging themselves on some of my best dahlias. Must dash, duty calls. Now where did I put that shot-gun ...

Keep watering (and working!).

**Wellie Boots**





*Alun S Thomas, MH*

*requests the pleasure of your company at the*

*Puppy Show & Open Day at the Kennels, Easton IP13 0EF*

*followed by tea and a presentation to retiring Master, Lydia Freeman*

*on Sunday, 13th July*

*Judging starts promptly at 3pm*

*R.S.V.P.*

*Mrs Jacqueline Thomas*

*The Kennels*

*The Street, Easton IP13 0EF*

*01728 747267 jto45@hotmail.co.uk*

*Sunday Best*

*Terrier Show*

*Please bring your terriers*



## **EASTON BELLES**



### **OUR JUNE MEETING:**

This month we welcome a speaker from 'The Samaritans'.

Ladies, we look forward to seeing you, please join us for the evening - Easton & Letheringham Village Hall, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - 7.30 pm

Janet Prentice

# Easton CP School

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## **Academy Update**

We are now working with the DfE to move towards becoming a multi academy trust with Wickham Market and Leiston Primary Schools. We will be the Avocet Academy Trust and we are looking to convert from 1<sup>st</sup> October. Our school uniform will remain blue and there will be a change of logo on our uniforms and signs.

## **Year 6**

Well done to all the year 6 pupils who have now completed their end of key Stage exams (SATs.) They worked really hard and we are very proud of them all. The results will be back with us at the beginning of July. Year 6 are now going to focus on their end of year production 'Hoodwinked' a modern musical about the life of Robin Hood.

## **Learning videos**

We will shortly be training all our staff how to use QR codes. These will enable the teachers and then the children to record videos and convert them to a code that can be printed on newsletters and in the parish magazine. These codes can then be scanned and the videos can be viewed. We will focus on short videos about how our children learn - we hope to get one in the parish magazine too! QR code scanners can be downloaded for free onto a smart phone or tablet.

**Cheryl Singleton**  
**Headteacher**

# **EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Highlights of the Parish Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

### **Election of Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance**

Cllr Owen indicated that he was willing to stand again and as there were no other nominations Cllr Owen was proposed by Cllr Kerr, seconded by Cllr Boon and unanimously voted into office as Chairman. Cllr Owen duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance. The existing Councillors and Clerk were also duly re-elected as Officers of the Council. In the absence of the County and District Councillors and the Police representative, no reports were available from them.

### **Clerk's Report** (matters arising)

Mobile Police Station - PCSO Hassler is proposing that this will be present on the second Monday of each month. Cllrs agreed that this should be tried on a monthly basis and that notification should be put on the village notice board and website. The clerk will ask PCSO Hassler about putting up a notice in advance of the visit.

Speedwatch - The Clerk is gathering information from other Parishes regarding the setting up of Speedwatch groups. This matter will be re-visited at the next meeting when more information is available. Easton is fortunate that the minimum requirement of 6 volunteers is already available

Asset Register - Cllr Owen proposed that quotations be sought for replacement costs of all assets in order that Council might decide on any alterations required to valuations on asset register.

### **Planning Matters**

An application has been received for necessary pruning works to trees at Fox Bench, Harriers Walk. This was fully supported.

An application for the removal of existing garage and provision of car parking area at the Pump House, The Street was duly considered, discussed and supported.

### **Cemetery Maintenance**

Cllr Boon advised that, due to health issues, he is unable to continue with the co-ordination and work at the cemetery. However, he reported that some works have been done with the help of Nigel Wright and Susan & Jonny Stone. Further work is required, some of which is to the area in front of the semi-circular hedge where rotted tree roots have caused the soil to subside. Cllr Owen to meet with Cllr Boon for a full update on helpers and works required. Also quotations will be sought from contractors for some of the works as well as organising working parties.

### **Emergency Policy Review**

Cllr Smith still to progress the revision of the plan. Cllr Owen had spoken with Mrs Pollock regarding the list of vulnerable people and this matter to be discussed further at the next meeting.

### **Highways**

It was agreed to request the introduction of the Temporary Vehicular Activity sign within the village. 

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 1<sup>st</sup> July 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](mailto:pc@easton.suffolk.gov.uk). He works 4 hours a week during Tuesday – Friday.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

### **Parcel Scam**

Police are urging householders to be alert following two reports of a new scam where residents have been asked to take in parcels.

In both cases older residents in the Beccles area received a visit from a man who told them he had put their address down in error when asking for an item to be delivered and would they help by signing for it. The resident in each case agreed to accept and sign for the parcel. A few days later a parcel arrived and it was then collected.

However it appears that the items delivered were laptop computers that had been sold online by private sellers – and the buyer then requested a refund claiming the items had not arrived. This means the private seller has lost both the laptop computer and the money.

Police are also urging residents to contact them if they are approached in a similar way and to be careful when accepting items on behalf of someone else, unless they are a friend or neighbour.



*John Owen*

# LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

*You may be interested to know.....*

Almost all those who responded to the request for opinions on the phone box favoured its retention. We also received three offers to help with maintenance – from Dean Brooks, Gill Carlin and Jan McNeill. In the light of this, the Parish Council voted to keep the phone box. We are grateful to Dean, Gill and Jan. Thank you on behalf of the village.

The village noticeboard has been refurbished by Peter Carlo who has made new glazed doors in oak and fitted new pin board inside. His work has transformed it, and we are very grateful to Peter and his assistants Jean and Ray for their work.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust is trying to get a picture of the current hedgehog population which is feared to be in serious decline. They are urging people to record current and previous sightings via an online survey on the “I Spy” website. Please make contact if you have anything to report - <http://hedgehogs.ispywildlife.org/>

The River Deben Holistic Water Management Project aims to develop a co-ordinated approach to all the issues of the River Deben – from flooding of houses in Debenham to low summer flows and increasing demand for water from population growth and intensive agriculture. Further information can be found at [www.greensuffolk.org.uk](http://www.greensuffolk.org.uk)

*Paul Clarke*

**STOP PRESS - Population of Letheringham increases by ONE !!!**



We are delighted to welcome a new addition to the village - Poppy Ella Kerr. We send our congratulations to Alistair and Sian and grandparents John and Jill Kerr.

*Marion Brown*

[brownmarion@hotmail.com](mailto:brownmarion@hotmail.com)

*Tel: 746246*



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FREEHOUSE

## **Music at The White Horse**

**Come and listen to our pianist on Thursday  
evenings 12th and 26th June.  
He is excellent!**

# Village View



No Parish Council  
Meeting in June

Yoga-Pilates  
Tuesdays  
9.30 - 10.45 am  
Village Hall  
£7 drop in rate

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

Zumba  
Every Thursday  
6.30 pm Village Hall  
£4 per session

Mobile Library  
Wednesday 11th June  
12.40—12.55 pm  
Village Hall

Easton Belles WI  
Tuesday 24th June  
7.30 pm Village Hall

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  
9.00—11.30 am  
Gentle Intro to PS for 18+ months

## **DON'T FORGET! OPEN STUDIOS**



Shirley Haysom at Lawsons, Framlingham Road and Jane Pollock at Almond Tree Cottage, The Street, will be taking part in Suffolk Open Studios in June and their studios will be open each Saturday and Sunday between 11 am and 5 pm beginning on 8th June. Free brochures giving details of all the Suffolk artists taking part are now in some shops, libraries etc.

Village

Fete



## Kettleburgh Sat 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Kettleburgh Fete is back on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm in the gardens of The Chequers Pub. As usual, there will be much to keep all the family happy. All the traditional stalls will be there: cake and produce, bric-a-brac, toys, rifle shooting, tombola as well as games for all to enjoy. The Raffle has many great prizes and we will be holding our usual Cowpat Competition with the winner taking home £100. Who knows, it could be your lucky year! You will be able to buy your tickets in advance, either in Framlingham or Wickham Market on Saturdays in June or from The Chequers. Why not bring your family and relax in the Pub garden, enjoy the BBQ or tea and cake on the lawn. We look forward to seeing you.

## Wickham Market Area Archive Centre

Did you visit our exhibition on life in this area during the First World War? It was held at Wickham Market Village Hall on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May and we had many visitors. Among the displays was one about Easton Mansion, the Red Cross Hospital during World War 1. We were lucky enough to have been lent a nurse's uniform, worn by Grace Doy during that time. There was also on display postcards of the fetes held at the hospital and pictures of patients and nurses. As part of the Exhibition, we looked at the School Log Book for Easton for that period and this was the entry for the Peace Celebration:

**July 19<sup>th</sup> 1919:** *'Peace Celebrations at Model Farm. Children had Tea and Sports in the Meadow. Lord Graham present.'*  
If you have more information about Easton at that time, we should love to hear from you. If you are interested in what we have found, then look out for a possible re-run of our Exhibition in September.

*Dinah Reed 01728 723613*

## Hacheston Flower Festival

All Saints' Church

Saturday and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014

10 am to 5 pm

The theme this year is 'All Saints' as it is 100 years since the commemorative window was put in the Church depicting St Martin and St George. Craft and Produce Stall at the Church. Refreshments and parking in the Village Hall. Service of praise, 5pm Sunday.





## **Getting the right healthcare advice and treatment**

If you feel unwell, here's some advice which we hope will help you choose the right route to fast treatment and get well soon! For good **self-care**, keep your medicine cabinet well-stocked with the items you and your family need. For minor illnesses, advice on medications and colds, coughs, minor burns, strains and sprains - or if you need emergency repeat prescriptions - contact a **pharmacist**.

Your **surgery** is great for advice on health problems, and examinations and treatments. All main surgeries are open between 8am and 6.30pm Monday to Friday. On the day appointments are available if your need is urgent. If you need help when your surgery is closed **call 111**. You will be asked for information to direct you to the correct service, or to arrange for an ambulance where appropriate.

Ipswich Hospital and West Suffolk Hospital have Emergency Departments for **emergencies only**. Call 999, only for life-threatening illnesses or injuries.

## Easton Pre-School



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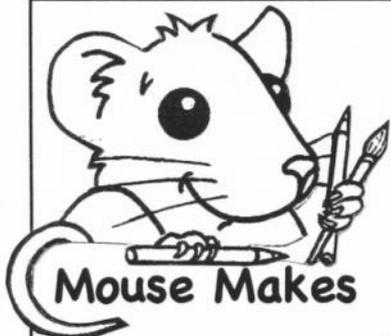
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## Mouse Makes

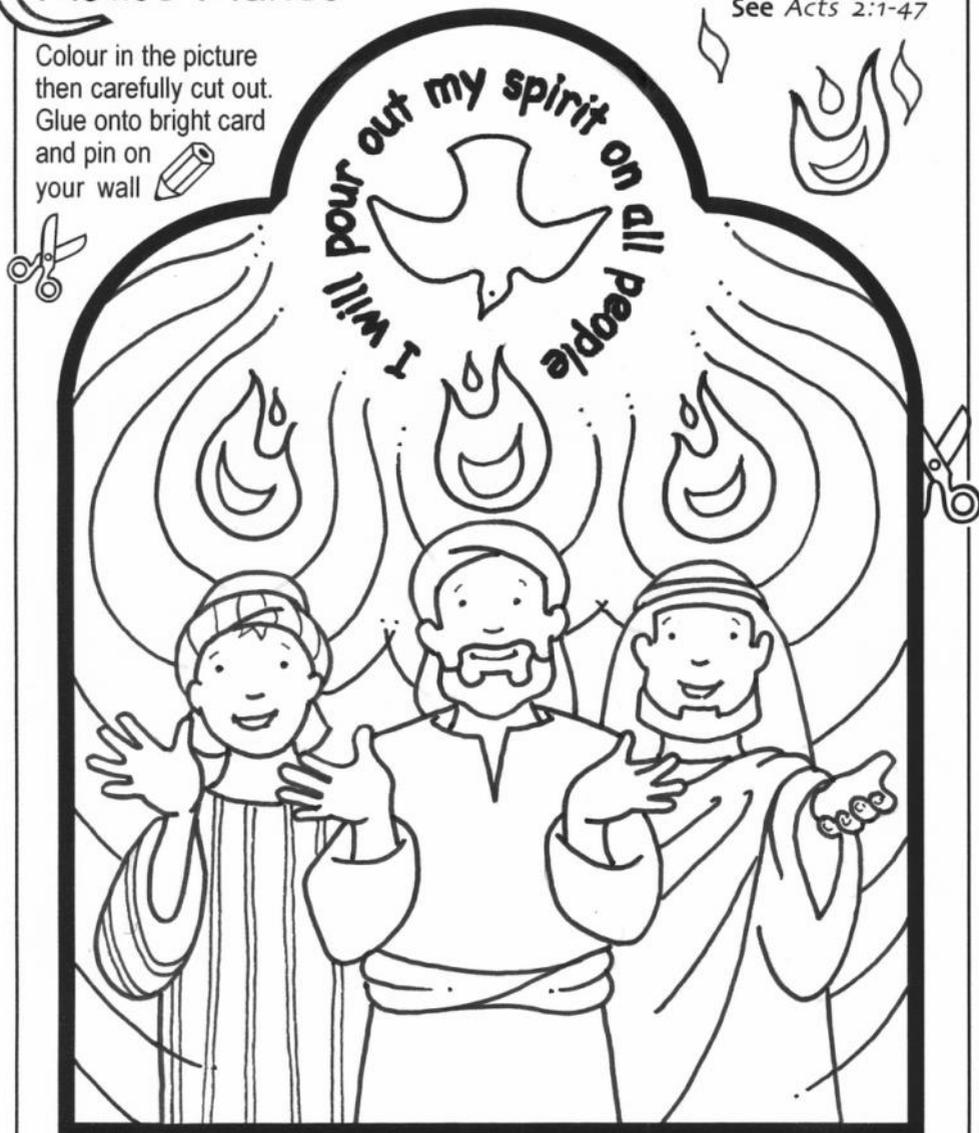
Colour in the picture  
then carefully cut out.  
Glue onto bright card  
and pin on  
your wall 

### THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Now when the day of **Pentecost**  
had come the disciples were all  
together in one place.

Suddenly a sound like a violent wind  
blowing came from heaven and filled the  
entire house where they were sitting.  
And tongues spreading out like fire came  
to rest on each one of them.

See Acts 2:1-47



## **CONTACT DETAILS OF COUNCILLORS THAT SERVE EASTON**

### **Parish Councillors:**

**Chair :** John Owen

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(Also SCDC Representative)

**Vice Chair :** Bob Gibbon

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(Also Playground Officer)

Tony Smith

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(Also Emergency Officer)

Brian Boon

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(Also Public Footpath Officer)

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Tel: 01728 746181

(Also Tree Officer)

John Kerr

Tel: 01728 746517

Adrian Hollins

Tel: 746053

### **Clerk :**

John Lavery

07789 538430

(Also Responsible Finance Officer)

### **Suffolk County Councillor**

Peter Bellfield

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### **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@tiscali.co.uk**

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

## **Village Hall Bookings**

**Contact Jean Blackwood-Pugh**

**Email: [jeanmbp@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmbp@gmail.com)**

**Tel: 748378**



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

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