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Dear Friends,

As I write this on St Valentine's Day, the view from my study window is of a grey and damp morning ... the snow all now melted.

After a long cold winter how we all long for the Spring and some sunshine! The season of Lent began yesterday, mirroring a longing for Easter and the new life of the risen Christ.

Lent is a wonderful time of preparation. A time to examine our priorities and 'Spring Clean' our souls. The lack of flowers in our Churches, and the sombre colour of purple are real reminders that Lent beckons us to a new seriousness of purpose in our discipleship.

But let the last word be with St Benedict who reminds us that there is always 'joy' in that discipleship:

'In these days, therefore, let us add something beyond the wonted measure of our service, such as private prayers and abstinence in food and drink. Let each one, over and above the measure prescribed for him, offer God something of his own free will in the joy of the Holy Spirit.'

So may you have a joyous Lent and a doubly joyous Easter!

With love,
Harry Edwards.

Church Matters



Discussion Group

There was no Discussion Group in February. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13th March** when we shall be studying the Creed. The meeting is at **10.30 am at Bickley, Harriers Walk.**

Dates for your Diary

Mothering Sunday

Easton will be hosting a benefice service for Mothering Sunday on 10th March at 10.00 am. Do come and join us for what is always a very special day.

Palm Sunday

Brandeston is hosting this service, starting with a procession (with a donkey) from Brandeston Village Hall. The service in church begins at 11.00 am.

Student Cross

During Holy Week each year, groups of students (of all ages) carry a life-size cross from various East Anglian towns to Walsingham. The group starting from Colchester will stop at Easton church on Monday 25th March for refreshments and to share something of their story. Do come and meet them! They are due to arrive at about 2.30 pm.

Good Friday

Our Stations of the Cross meditation starts at 11.00 am in the church.

Easter Day

A special family Holy Communion will take place at 10.00 am to celebrate this wonderful day

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

Sunday Café

Sunday Café is a new venture. Instead of a service in church on the second Sunday in the month we will be hosting a café in the Village Hall.

This is not a religious event and neither is it a fundraiser.

The idea is to encourage people to come and meet for half an hour or so on a Sunday morning to enjoy a leisurely breakfast, read the papers and have a chat. There will also be activities to amuse the children while you relax.

It is open to everyone be they villagers, visitors or people passing by. There will be a small charge for refreshments just to cover our costs

Do come and join us on Sunday April 14th from 10.00 am and ENJOY!!

Carol Rook

New Electoral Roll – New Members Welcome!



Every six years a completely new Church Electoral Roll is prepared. This will come into operation in Easton on 9th April 2013.

The Electoral Roll is the list of those qualified to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for

- a) the parochial church council
- b) the parish's representatives on the deanery synod.

If you would like to be more involved in our church business by becoming a voting member in this way, please contact Emma Gibbon at 2 School Lane for an application form (telephone 746866). If you are an existing member, you should already have received a letter and renewal form.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EASTON

Sunday Cafe



on the second
Sunday of every
month



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

Storytelling and craft activities to amuse the children.

Easton Village Hall

Sunday 14th April

open 10.00 - 11.30 am

Elsie Brittan 1916—2013



Elsie was born in Harlesden, London. She went to a school run by nuns which was very strict and from the age of fourteen worked for Johnson Matthey, a gold bullion company in Soho. She worked for them until 1973 when she moved to Easton.

Her first marriage was in 1939 but sadly the couple divorced and she went to live with her father in Neasden until 1956. She met her future husband, Frank Brittan, in 1961. He worked for the Prudential Insurance company as a superintendent. Elsie and Frank were very happily married and moved to Harriers Walk in Easton in 1973 with Elsie's father.

Elsie loved ballroom dancing, representing England in an international competition. For many years she was a devoted member of the WRVS, Mothers' Union and the WI. She was also a great animal lover, having kept several dogs and cats over the years.

She took great comfort in receiving Holy Communion in her own home after her return from hospital. She was interred next to her beloved Frank in Easton Cemetery.

We send our love and sympathy to her son David and family.

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Flowers	Cleaning
2 Mar	Lent—No flowers	Jean Kendall
9 Mar	Mothering Sunday Jane Woodbury-Eggs	Emma Gibbon
16 Mar	Lent—No flowers	Imogen Hayward
23 Mar	Lent—No flowers	Imogen Hayward
30 Mar	EASTER ALL ARRANGERS AND ALL CLEANERS PLEASE	

Easton CP School

'A creative learning family in a wonderful setting'

Head teacher: Mrs C Singleton BEd Hons MA

Tel: 01728 746387 Fax: 01728 747557

Email: admin@easton.suffolk.sch.uk

Website: www.eastonprimary.org.uk



School Lunches

We have been asked by County catering to advise parents as follows:

"With so many shocking revelations emerging in the press about horse meat being found in items advertised as processed beef products, we are keen to reassure parents and children that all our food is exactly as advertised.

A high proportion of our dishes are traditionally made from scratch in the school kitchens allowing careful control of the ingredients. The small proportion of ready prepared meat items are made from meat carrying the Assured Food Standards (Red Tractor) accreditation, including sausages (made in Bury St Edmunds) and pork burgers (made by Wicks Farm, Tolleshunt Major, from their own farmed pork) from pork with full accreditation. The Red Tractor logo ensures every critical step of the food supply chain is independently inspected to assure quality standards from farmers, growers and producers in the UK, from farm to pack".

Holiday Requests

Parents are advised that permission for holiday absence will only be given in line with County and national guidelines. These state that holiday permission can only be granted in the case of seasonal workers and those in the armed services on annual leave. All absences (whether permission has been given or not) are recorded by County and included in the child's attendance figures. When a child is absent due to family holiday, as long as they return to full time attendance within 2 weeks no further action is presently taken.

Car parking in the street..

We have met with the Community Police Office, the Highways Department and the Parish Council to discuss possibilities of ways in which we can try and ease traffic congestion at peak dropping off times. The Highways Department and the Police are working together closely and we will feed-back to you when we have any further information.

END OF TERM
Thursday 28th March 2013
SUMMER TERM starts on
Tuesday 16th April 2013

EASTON & LETHERINGHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS



February has been a busy month on the maintenance side of the building. During the February half term we carried out 4 key areas of work that had been planned and we had raised funds to do.

The Wooden Floor - We have had the floor re-buffed and oiled. This is almost two years after installation and having it done at regular intervals ensures the longevity of the floor.

The Drains – We have had a blocked drain issue at the rear of the property and this was causing damp and water damage to the wall on one of the corners of the building. This has been cleared and re-routed into a new soak away, which will stop any further damage.

The Damp Proof Course – The original slate damp proof membrane was failing in a number of places and causing rising damp. This was especially noticeable in the kitchen. We have had the damp proof treated with an injection resin that will act as a new damp proof membrane for the next 15 years.

Lighting – With the extra usage of the hall at night, the darkness and un-evenness of the path were causing some concern to the committee and user groups. We have therefore had subtle lighting installed on the fence that will illuminate the path outside the hall. These will be on a timer Monday to Thursday and will be adjusted as the nights get lighter.

We were hoping to get Suffolk County Council to repair the path as well before the hedge starts to grow back. However although they visited and acknowledged the path is in need of repair, the cost would be £5000 and they have no money to do it. So unfortunately this will not be done in the foreseeable future.

Ian Palfreyman
Village Hall Management Committee

www.elvillagehall.com

EASTON 100 CLUB

January winner—Joe Jackson (No.43)

February winner—Anne Parkinson (No.6)

Each won £41

Organised and run by the Village Hall Management Committee

Contact Dave Stagg on 746054 or visit www.elvillagehall.com/members-&-numbers.html for available numbers.



EASTON BELLES WI

LOOKING FORWARD

Because our January meeting was cancelled and because February is a short month and it was too late to report on our evening, I am leaping into March to tell you what we are planning to do for both this month and in April.

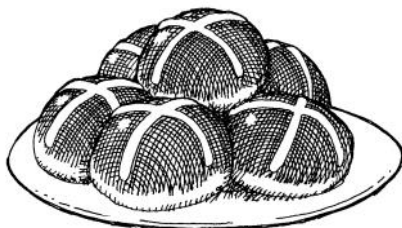
Tuesday 26th March - the timing is tight (with Good Friday being the 29th) but we will be welcoming Karen Openshaw to give us a demo and workshop on Easter cards and craft ideas. 7.30pm Easton Village Hall.

Tuesday 23rd April - we are very pleased to say that David Garnett from Garnetts Nursery in Hacheston will be 'entertaining' us with ideas for hanging baskets and tubs. 7.30pm Easton Village Hall.

Looking much further ahead - and probably in September - I can tell you that Allister from the White Horse will be inviting Easton Belles WI members to the pub for a cookery demonstration!!

Look forward to seeing you! Everyone welcome.

Janet Prentice



Launch of new NHS 111 medical service in Suffolk



A new three digit freephone number – 111 – which people can call for medical advice and urgent healthcare information was launched in Suffolk at 8am on 19 February.

The new service, NHS 111, is part of a national programme to make healthcare more accessible by introducing a single telephone number for every kind of non-emergency health care.

NHS 111 will be available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls from landlines and mobiles will be free.

Dr Billy McKee, a local GP and Suffolk 's NHS111 lead said: “Patients can call the NHS 111 service for a number of non-emergency reasons. If it’s a non-emergency question about medication or a medical concern about yourself or someone else; maybe you want to find your nearest GP, dentist or optician; or perhaps you have a health question that can’t wait until your GP surgery is open or you think you need to access the out-of-hours service.

“NHS 111 is about making it easier to access local healthcare services. Simply by calling 111 patients will be directed to the most appropriate service that meets their needs. The big advantage of this service is that NHS 111 staff members are Suffolk-based and they have access to local health service information.”

For less urgent matters patients should still contact their GP surgery direct. Patients who are under the care of community health services or mental health services should continue to use the number they have been given for their specific treatment.

The NHS 111 service takes over from the out of hours number and the NHS Direct telephone service. The service does not replace the emergency 999 number which must still be used in life-threatening situations.

More information is available online on the NHS Choices website at www.nhs.uk/111

*Issued by NHS Suffolk Communications Team on 01473 770014
For more information about NHS Suffolk visit www.suffolk.nhs.uk*



**Go with the Flow Youth Bus in Easton
Tuesdays fortnightly from April 9th**

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Location: Village Green

Age : School Year 6 upwards.

**(Some over 18's could volunteer to help run the sessions -
good for CVs and/or DofE Awards.)**

**Possible Activities include...Wii, X box, TV/Films, Cooking,
Craft, Games....**

More details about the bus are available here:

<http://gowiththeflow.onesuffolk.net/>



Easton Parish Council

“A Visit to Zimbabwe”



Revd Malcolm Rogers will tell us
about an orphanage in Zimbabwe
he visited last summer.

7.30pm on Monday 18th March
at St. Andrew's Church,
Britannia Rd. Ipswich IP4 5HF

An opportunity to learn more & to pray for the country.

Organised by Suffolk Churches for Zimbabwe
Contact Val Dufour on 01473 431757 or email val@du4.org
Kathy Blair on 01394 382030



NEWS RELEASE

Could you make a difference?

The Telephone Befriending Service is designed to benefit older people who are socially isolated, offering regular contact and friendship. For some older people, their befriender may be the only person they hear from that day or even that week.

Telephone befrienders are volunteers and can live anywhere in the county – it doesn't matter where they live in relation to the person they are befriending. We are keen to extend this service to older people across the area and need more volunteers to help us to do so.

Would you be able to give about twenty minutes of your time each week to make a call to an older person – sharing stories and news, having fun and making a real difference? If you would like to know about being a telephone befriender or any other volunteering opportunities with Age UK Suffolk, contact us at the volunteer office on 01473 298684. Alternatively you can email us at volunteer@ageuksuffolk.org or look at our website at www.ageuksuffolk.org.

Age UK Suffolk is a local independent charity working with and for older people across Suffolk. We'd love to hear from you.

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Wellie Boots for March

March winds, April showers, bring forth May flowers – yes, I know it's the gardeners' old mantra but so true. And much more reliable than "So many mists in March, so many frosts in May" and much less worrying. But I really do love March – the weather may not be perfect but it's a glorious gateway to far better days to come. And event-wise this year is spectacular! St David's Day on the 1st, Mother's Day on 10th, St Patrick's Day on 17th, Palm Sunday on 24th, closely followed by Easter the following weekend with two Bank Holidays. And add to this the fact that the first day of Spring is on the 20th and on the 31st we gain an extra hour's gardening time as the clocks leap forward into British Summer Time. No excuse whatsoever for not getting a flying start to your display for Easton Hidden Gardens now, is there?



But first of all – apologies! If anyone has encountered a silly old buffer driving a car nearby who suddenly turned without signalling, it wasn't my fault. Really, it wasn't. It was Ratty's. But fortunately nothing happened so I didn't have to explain that to the police, otherwise I'd probably still be locked away. Yes, dear, I know. Not before time, did I hear you say? But I told you about Ratty last month, remember? So when I took the car to be serviced the wretched varmint had only chewed right through both indicator leads, as well as leaving his leftovers all around the engine. But he could have caused a very serious accident so if your car is not garaged all the time, do please check your indicators are working, especially in the winter months. Meanwhile, Ratty is no longer at our house. Whether he succumbed to "preventative measures" or bailed out during a trip out of the village I neither know nor care, he's been and gone and gorn. Good riddance!



Back to business, and the most obvious place to start is on the lawn as they're all looking a bit manky after a very wet and frosty winter. First, remove as much of the unwanted "thatch" and moss as possible, giving it a good "going-over" with a lawn rake. Then spike the lawn with a garden fork to about 10cm deep and give it a few good old "Easton wiggles". Not only does it aerate the lawn but it also takes several inches off the hips as well if done properly. Honestly, it does! And for anyone watching, instead of a wiggle, it gives us a giggle as well. Happy days! And if you need to re-seed any patches then protect them until established. Pretty they may be, but birds like nothing better than breakfasting "al fresco" on newly planted seed beds.

However, I do hope you have now made sure that all your bird boxes have been cleaned and are fit for habitation – lots of new tenants looking for child-friendly homes at the moment, well away from marauding cats, etc.



With all the new shoots appearing above ground, now is the time to start “slug attack” before they start on you. Yesterday I found a few round pots in the garden that I had crammed into a square one for quickness, and on being separated I found no less than 27 overwintering snails of various sizes. Normally I try to deal with them by means of beer traps etc, but this required more urgent action. However, if you’re not too “green-minded” now is the times to get into action with the old slug pellets, especially around such tender plants as hostas, lupins etc, being careful to shield them from domestic pets. Slugs and snails will crawl under almost anything. If you have any bare beds around, now is the ideal opportunity to give them a thorough weeding, a liberal coating of organic manure and then dig over to incorporate the two. Gives you a running start once the frosts are over, as will a top dressing of fresh compost to all your pots and containers. Also, don’t forget that many perennials will need support during the summer, so get ahead of the game so that your lovely poppies, peonies, lupins, delphiniums etc can grow through their supports. Much better than being trussed up conspicuously with canes and string come the moment of near collapse later on. The green plastic-covered supports are easy, convenient, but quite expensive if you need quite a few, although much cheaper versions can be formed with long twigs for a more natural look. Use also canes, plastic netting or wire netting which will soon be invisible when the underlying plants start to shoot skywards.

Now is probably the last opportunity to lift and divide any overgrown clumps of perennials (throw away the dead centre) and seize the chance to inter-plant with summer-flowering bulbs, whilst willow and dogwood should be cut back now to ensure colourful winter stems. But don’t throw away the cuttings – they can quite easily be grown-on into new plants for another year. If only the same could be said of my snowdrops – yet another disastrous year, so I give up. Either my soil just isn’t right or those wretched tree rats and mouskies have had a year of midnight feasts at my expense, so they’re out. But aconites are easy-peasy, my newest (and probably only) success as they grow from seed, not bulbs. Now at their best, the seeds are easy to harvest as the pods burst open, flinging out their contents in wild abandon, forming a golden carpet in about two or three years. May pot on a few for the May Fair and next year I might try mixing them with hyacinths indoors – blue and green over a sea of yellow?? Yup, it should work well.



But talking of indoor bulbs and plants I hear Delilah still can't get it right, can you, dear?? Now remember, a quarter turn to the right every five days or so and they'll end up straight as a ram-rod, not looking like the Tower of Pisa on a very windy day. And as for summer bulbs and tubers such as gladioli, lilies and dahlias, now is about the best time to get them on the move to get an early effect, with fortnightly plantings thereafter to get continuous flowering. At least, they tell me that's the way it's done, but I'm just not that well organised. Too many jobs to do, too few hours in the day to do it in, that's the trouble.

Finally, don't forget to clean and repair all your garden tools, book the lawnmower in for a service and check garden furniture for rot. When it's warm enough, treat sheds, fences and trellis with a wood preservative; brushes and rollers are fine for most things, but a sprayer could be well worth buying if you have a tricky project such as woven panels.

Happy gardening and digging, but mind that back!

Wellie Boots



PS. Almost forgot. It's time to start feeding the fish again so you can take your ball back now, Delilah. You know, the one you put in the pond to stop it freezing over during the winter. What?? You forgot?? Now why aren't I surprised?? Worse than me you are!



Neighbourhood Watch



A pro-active policing operation, held as part of Operation Drawbridge, was held in late January, to target burglars and those suspected of handling stolen goods across Suffolk.

Eleven teams of officers carried out warrants across the county, whilst Police Community Support Officers provided reassurance to local communities.

Twenty-four warrants were executed, 13 arrests were made, one man was reported for consideration of an offence and seizures were made of goods suspected to be stolen, quantities of drugs and offensive weapons.

Operation Drawbridge is a countywide initiative, aimed at reducing the number of burglaries across the county and increasing the number of crimes being 'solved' with offenders brought to justice.

The operation was aimed at tackling acquisitive crime, by carrying out warrants based on intelligence and by arresting outstanding offenders. Second-hand dealerships were also visited to ensure that items were being sold legitimately. The day was also used to gather intelligence and provide reassurance to local communities.

Detective Superintendent Stuart Sedgwick said; "[January's] operation was a success and a clear message to anyone who is considering burgling someone's home, or attempting to profit from the sale of items that do not belong to them.

"Tackling burglary is a key priority for the force. We have dedicated work going on across the county to ensure that we reduce this area of crime, by ensuring that communities know how to protect their homes and by taking action against those we know to be responsible.

"Whilst there has been a significant reduction in the number of house burglaries over the last twelve months, this operation was designed to target those individuals still committing this type of crime. There was an additional focus on people prepared to buy stolen goods as this contributes to the problem.

"Anyone who chooses to steal from a home, or to knowingly buy or sell stolen goods can expect to be pursued by police as part of Operation Drawbridge."

Anyone with information concerning burglaries or people who handle stolen goods is asked to report it to police on 101

John Owen



NEWS FROM THE WHITE HORSE

Well! After a month of madness we finally have our new kitchen ready. It is looking fantastic!!! After a week of getting used to its capabilities, it really will make a huge difference to the pub's facilities. We have introduced a style of menu that has seen us put some cheaper and quicker lunch options on without compromising on quality. The evening menu is looking great as well and has been well received. We are still serving all day at the weekend so hopefully you will all find an excuse to pop along and see us at some point.

You will probably have noticed that the driveway is looking a little worse for wear. This is due to a burst water pipe we had during the kitchen refurb and it is on the long list of items for repair. The toilets are next on the agenda.

As ever, thanks for your support and we will continue to work hard in keeping your local vibrant and alive.

Allister and the Team



L to R: Allister, Sam and Joe limber up to cook their first Saturday's evening meals in the new kitchen.

Steamed Seafood in a Herb Infused Broth with Egg noodles (serves 4)

This is one of my favourites. Although it has loads of fish in it, the chicken stock in place of a fish stock gives it another dimension. This dish is also great if you have a lot of things going on on top of the stove as the hard work is already done and the rest is mostly in the oven. It is a great dish to present at a dinner party for a starter being quite light but very tasty. I had to make this for a stag party once with only an ironing board to plate up on! It went down a treat. A few stripped peppers and courgettes in this is also great.

1 piece of Salmon (200g or so) cut into thick chunks.

A few Mussels (cleaned)

A few Cockles (cleaned)

A few Clams (cleaned)

A few Langoustines (shelled)

Some Scallops are great in this as well. Only use fresh scallops! (They are expensive so can be left out if you like, but are well worth adding.)

1.5 ltrs Chicken Stock (lightly flavoured, bouillon is ok but fresh is better if you have the time)

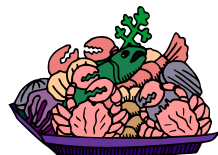
50g Coriander, roughly chopped

50g Basil, sliced into strips

A few Chives (roughly chopped)

200g Egg noodles (cooked)

1 Courgette



Lay out a piece of tin foil with baking paper on top. This should be large enough to accept all of the fish and shell fish. Make the foil into a parcel by bringing up the sides.

Before you seal the parcel, put a ladle of the stock on top of the fish.

Place the parcel into a moderate oven on a baking tray until the fish is cooked and the shell fish have opened - about 15 minutes. (Discard any shell fish not open.)

Prepare the courgette with a peeler, peeling down to the middle on all sides to make ribbons.

Meanwhile, put the rest of the stock in a pan and bring to the boil.

Turn down to a simmer.

Now add the herbs and check the stock for seasoning, put in the noodles and courgette ribbons. Simmer for two minutes.

In a large serving bowl or individual bowls, put the fish into the bottom. Pour the herb infused stock with noodles over the top and serve.

Enjoy!!!



British Red Cross Across Suffolk - Winter/Spring Snapshot of what we do near you

The International Red Cross & Crescent celebrates it's 150th birthday this year. We are the world's largest humanitarian organisation, offering assistance wherever it is needed across the globe and in our local communities.

Last year the British Red Cross helped 3000 people with free medical equipment loans in Suffolk. **If you need a short term loan of a wheelchair, commode etc call us on 01284 727 252.**

We have almost 100 'home from hospital' volunteers, offering home visits to vulnerable people after a stay in hospital. They work from Ipswich and James Paget hospitals. **If you would like help from the home from hospital team or to volunteer a couple of hours a week please call 01473 702 485.**

The East Suffolk Fire and Emergency Support Team attended three night-time house fires between Christmas and New Year, providing a refuge for families whilst the emergency services were in attendance. To volunteer with this vital (FESS) team call 01473 219260. The FESS team were also out on the Suffolk streets with blankets and help for homeless people during the bitterly cold weather in December and January.

Look out for the new Red Cross Open Gardens leaflet at libraries and tourist information centres. We've many new gardens to visit across Suffolk - so do join us for flowers, tea and cake.

Red Cross Week is May 5th-12th - please help us to raise £15,000 in Suffolk by holding a pub quiz, putting a collection can in your local shop or even jumping out of a plane.

If you would like me to talk to your local group about the work of the Red Cross (or for anything else) contact Jane Dow on 01284 727247.

Every penny that we raise in Suffolk gets spent on helping people in crisis in Suffolk. Thank you for your support.

Easton Pre-School News

The first cheque from "Bags 2 school" - a full £230! We managed to collect 460kg of clothing, that's nearly half a ton! Well done to everyone and a special thanks to Kate and Simon Talbot Hurn for all their collections and giving up their dining room to house all the bags!

We are having another collection being **picked up from Easton Pre-School at the Village Hall on 20th March at around 9am.** If anyone has any bags of clothes, shoes, bedding or curtains that they want rid of, please bring them down or let us know and we will come and pick up from you. Number to ring please is 01728 746935.

We would like to thank the owner of what was 'Pandora' in Fram, who lives near to us now, for the kind donations of paints, paint pots, a painting easel, wooden pull-along train and phonics puzzle; our Pre-Schoolers (and staff) love them!

Jackie Wall

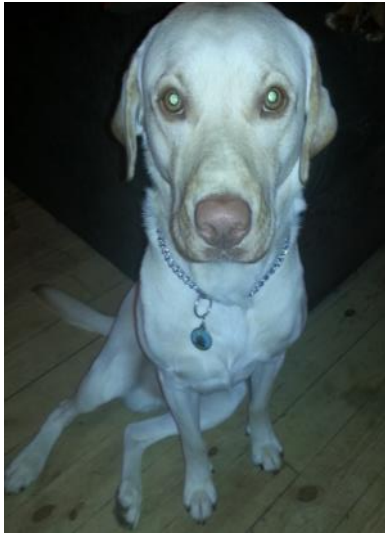


A WARM WELCOME

Dr Dan and Mrs Hilary Poulter have moved into the village and we extend to them a very warm welcome.



Christine Burgoyne



Can you give me a new home?

We are looking for a new home for our one year old lab, Ralph. He is great with children and other dogs/cats and is very loving with a great personality. We are reluctantly rehoming him as we can't give him the time and attention that he needs. He is Kennel Club registered. Contact me, Jenny Cole, on 07585951340 or email me jenniferkaufman@hotmail.co.uk

I don't think this story is about Ralph!!!

A man sees a sign outside a house - 'Talking Dog For Sale.' He rings the bell, the owner appears and tells him the dog can be viewed in the back garden. The man sees a very nice looking Labrador Retriever sitting there.

"Do you really talk?" he asks the dog.

"Yes," the Labrador replies.

After recovering from the shock of hearing the dog talk, the man asks, "So, tell me your story."

The Labrador looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the SAS. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one imagined that a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years. But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at Heathrow to do some undercover security work, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded several medals. I got married, had a few puppies, and now I've just retired."

The man is amazed. He goes back into the house and asks the owner how much he wants for the dog.

"Ten pounds," the owner says.

"Ten? But this dog is absolutely amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheaply?"

"Because he's a liar. He's never been out of the garden."

MONDAY MARDLE

Monday 18th March

7.30 pm

Easton & Letheringham Village Hall

Speaker : Clive, Bishop of Dunwich

‘The Icons of Suffolk’

Clive Young was educated at King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford and at St. John’s College, Durham. He was first ordained in 1972 and mainly worked in or near London before moving to this Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. He is a member of the Hymn Society and in his spare time is a keen gardener. In 14 years as Bishop of Dunwich, Clive has visited every part of the County and has acquired an intimate knowledge of many of the smaller communities. He is due to leave his post at Easter, retiring to Herefordshire, and in the Mardle he will share some fond memories.

£6 donation includes a drink and tasty nibbles.

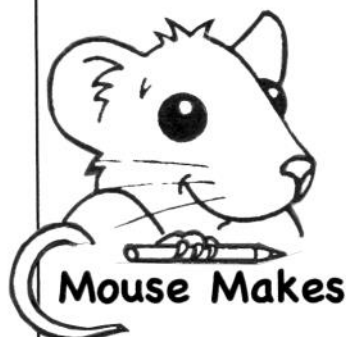
Forthcoming Mardles:

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| 8th April | - Hilary Hill (intrepid traveller) on
“The Galapagos Islands” |
| 20th May | - Chris Brennan (baker) on “Pump Street Bakery” |
| 10th June | - Colin Hopper (retired magician) on
“The History of Magic” |

Other Dates:

Friday 12th April—Quiz Night in Village Hall

Sunday 20th June—Annual Riverside Party



Mouse Makes

JESUS IS ALIVE!



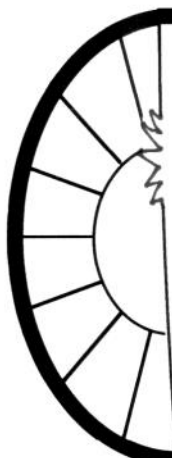
Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an **angel** of the Lord came down from **heaven**, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it....

"Don't be afraid" he said. *"I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is **risen** from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell the disciples that he has **risen** from the dead."*

See: Matthew 28 1-8

To make the Easter card:

Glue this page onto thin card then colour in. Carefully cut around the thick black line then zig-zag fold along the dotted lines.



HAPPY

EASTER



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

Easton Events

March

12th Parish Council meeting, V Hall at
7.15 pm

18th Mardle, V Hall, 7.30 pm

26th WI meeting, V Hall, 7.30 pm

Contributions to the next Parish Magazine
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either by email or by handwritten piece,
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