

# Easton Parish Magazine



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# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON

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## ***From your Assistant Priest***

### **Dear Friends**

The season the Church called Lent is upon us, and generally it can often feel a rather austere time of year, the weather is still awful, the days dark. In our Churches it is a penitential season, so no flowers and the liturgical colour is purple. But it is at the same time, a time of 'journeying', onward to spring, towards warmth and light and holidays; all the good things of life. In the calendar of the Church it's a journey of 40 days towards the cross of Good Friday, and then the joy of the resurrection and Easter. A long weekend, a bank holiday, spring flowers, young lambs, and chocolate!!

But the month of March and Lent permits us a celebration too, when on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent we have Mothering Sunday, a respite from the austerity of Lent. In times past it was traditionally a day when daughters who worked in domestic service were given a day off to visit their mothers. Today it's a day when children give small gifts, cards and posies of flowers to their mothers, and apparently sometimes mums even get breakfast in bed!! But personally I can think of no worse thing than toast crumbs in bed and a scrambled egg saucepan in the kitchen to clean later on!!!

A prayer for our own Mothers

Loving God, we thank you for mothers –  
for all they mean or have meant,  
for the love they have shown and the care they have given.

We thank you for the qualities of mothers –  
their patience, kindness, concern and understanding.  
For mothers, and motherhood, for children and families  
we bring you our grateful thanks.

**With love in Christ**

**Deirdre**



# *Church Matters .....*

## *Discussion Group*

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.30am at Ash Grove, Framlingham when Charity Quinn is leading our group on the topic of “Real life experiences of the Holy Spirit”.

## *Ash Wednesday—5<sup>th</sup> March*

The Deanery service this year will be at Earl Soham church at 6.30pm. This is the traditional service including deposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them.

## *Lent Group 2014*

The Lent Group meetings will be on Tuesday evenings. See separate notice on page 5.

## *Confirmation*

If you are considering confirmation, please see the notice on page 6 in the magazine. The service is at Hacheston on 20<sup>th</sup> July with Bishop David.

## *Mothering Sunday*

This year Brandeston are hosting this traditional service at 10am on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Do come and join us!

## *Date for your Diary*

### May Fair

Put the date in your diary now! This year the May Fair will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May.



## New Treasurer

We are delighted that Nick Boulton has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer to the PCC following Patrick Lowin's decision to retire. We record here our love and heartfelt thanks to Patrick for more than six years as our Treasurer, despite occupying the same role in three others PCCs!

*Jane Woodbury-Eggins*



"It's worth getting to church an hour early to grab a pew by the electric socket."

### **FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA**

	Flowers	Cleaning
1st March	Jane Woodbury-Eggins	Jane Woodbury-Eggins
8th March	Jane Woodbury-Eggins	Jane Woodbury-Eggins
15th March	Lent—No Flowers	Emma Gibbon
22nd March	Lent—No Flowers	Emma Gibbon
29th March	Lent—No Flowers	Jean Kendall
5th April	Lent—No Flowers	Jean Kendall

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EASTON**

**is hosting**

# **Sunday Cafe**



**Easton Village Hall**

**Sunday 16th March**

**open 10.00 - 11.30 am**

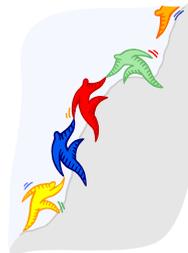
**If you haven't visited the café yet, why  
not give it a try this month!!**

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

**Bacon rolls now on the menu!**

Toys and drawing/colouring to amuse the children

## LENT COURSE 2014



This year's Lent course, for everyone from the seven parishes, starts on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm**. It is called 'A Journey to the Cross' and is based on art work produced by the Benedictine Sisters of Turvey Abbey.

We will be looking at two or three pieces of their art in each session, all of which are accompanied by prayerful meditations on each of the images, plus scripture readings and music. Think of Stations of the Cross, only we will be sitting in front of a TV or other means of projection!

I have booked the **meeting room at Hacheston Village Hall for 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

**The Revd Deirdre West  
Tel: 688340**



# CONFIRMATIONS 2014

There is normally only one opportunity a year when, following a short course of preparation, Confirmation can occur. **This year the service will be held in Hacheston All Saints Church on 20<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm, when Bishop David will be confirming members from all the churches in our Deanery.**

So, if you are a young person, or even someone not so young (there is no upper age limit!), or maybe you are someone who just needs the opportunity to consider whether now is the right time for you to make this conscious affirmation of faith. If you fall into any of these categories, especially if you customarily attend Communion services, and would like to participate more fully, or come to Church occasionally and would like to understand more, please do consider joining the 2014 Confirmation group.

Confirmation is a 'rite of passage', which ratifies and confirms the promises made on your behalf by your parents and Godparents if you were baptised as an infant, and, even if you were never baptised and wish to be a full communicant member of your local Church, this too can happen as part of the same service.

So would you like to join this small group, or do you have young people who might? The preparation consists of three or four informal, friendly discussions and they will start after Easter. Please do feel free to contact me for more information or to 'sign up'.

**The Rev. Deirdre West**

**Tel: 688340**

# What and Who are Lay Elders?



**Ours are: John Bradfield, Linda Cadman, Graeme Hall and Jane Slade from the Campsea Ashe Benefice, and Mary Baker, Jackie Clark, Jane Woodbury-Eggs, Carol Rook and Valerie Upson from the Brandeston with Easton Benefice.**

Lay Elder is a form of ministry particular to Suffolk and it is a means of providing flexible, assessable ministry widely throughout parishes. It is also an essential part of ministry while we are without an Incumbent. It is a licensed ministry approved by the Bishop, and through it, a wide diverse variety of baptised and confirmed members of the Church are able to offer their gifts, skills and experience to their local parish. Currently there are over 500 in the Diocese and we are fortunate to have these ten individuals working in our parishes.

Their function is to assist the Clergy, for instance informing them when someone in the parish is ill, or is need of pastoral care. They may, when asked, help with pastoral visiting, some may lead Morning and Evening Prayer, or Compline, while others may assist with the administration of Holy Communion, and reading the Bible in services. An Elder may also lead services like Songs of Praise, or Family and All Age Worship from time to time.

This may seem like a rather huge job description, but not all Elders will in fact be called to do all of it. They are 'called' to use their specific areas of calling, and expertise, and this is done by bringing into their ministry their unique, diverse backgrounds and experience to support ministry, to serve as a member of the ministry team, serving God in their community.

## **The Revd Deirdre West**

**Carol says:** I have been working with children in Easton church for 10 years, and now run the COSMIC Club with the help of a young mum. I also take family services every other month, and help with Communion by administering the chalice. I became an Elder two years ago, and I feel strongly that we must encourage young people into church as they represent the future.

**Jane writes:** I was commissioned in 2005 and have enjoyed the challenges of being a Lay Elder (and now Churchwarden too). I alternate taking the Family Service with Carol and have also taken Remembrance Services in Easton. I am also Secretary of the Deanery Synod and a member of Diocesan Synod, so I am often busy. My role in Easton is liturgical rather than pastoral, but that does not mean I am not concerned for the welfare of people in Easton, whether they are regular churchgoers or not.

**Valerie from Kettleburgh adds:** I was commissioned in 1997, about 18 months after becoming Churchwarden, and the dual roles have kept me busy. My remit was to be a liturgical elder rather than doing pastoral work. I enjoy leading Choral Evensong, and find that being a member of the choir is a great asset.

**Jackie from Kettleburgh says:** I have been an Elder for nine years and I plan and lead a family service on alternate months. I also help with Holy Communion and administer the chalice and take my turn in leading prayers, etc. I find working with other Elders is immensely encouraging and affirming.

**Mary and Eileen are the Lay Elders in Brandeston** and are prime movers in the work with children as well as their other duties. Eileen is well known for her prayer ministry.

**Jane from Parham says:** I like working with children and young people, and I think ministry with families is important to the survival of our parish life and for renewal as congregations get older.



## EASTON BELLES

### BIRDS 4 BIRDS!



There were no ruffled feathers at our February meeting as members and guests enjoyed an interesting talk with slides, from the RSPB. Many birds were identified and examples and ideas given on how to encourage wildlife into our gardens with the right planting and habitat areas.

The topic for our March meeting will be Nordic Walking and its health benefits. So, get your 'boots' on and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm - Easton Village Hall.

Janet Prentice

# EASTON & LETHERINGHAM VILLAGE HALL



Following the closure of the toddler group at New Year, we had been looking for an opportunity to fill the Tuesday morning slot. A successful trial session of a 'Pilates-Yoga' group was run on 11<sup>th</sup> February and we now currently have enough interested members to run this regularly on Tuesdays mornings 9.30-10.45. This health and well being session is open to men and women of all ages and abilities and provides a local opportunity to keep bodies supple and flexible. No previous experience of yoga or pilates is necessary and please, just come along and see if it works for you.

Following last month's announcement of the kitchen project, we would like to say thank you to all of you who have given positive feedback about what we are doing. One resident who wishes to remain anonymous has kindly given us a donation towards the project in support of all the hard work we have been doing. We intend to put the money towards re-stocking new cooking equipment, crockery and glassware. Very many thanks to you (you know who you are!).

*Ian Palfreyman*  
Village Hall Management Committee

[www.elvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.elvillagehall.co.uk)



## **EASTON 100 CLUB**

**January winner—Phil Shaw (No. 91)**  
**February winner—Clare Owen (No. 54)**  
**Winning £27.50 each**

Organised and run by the Village Hall Management Committee

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## EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Notes from the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014

The meeting was called to discuss three planning applications—The Agents House, Easton Grange and the proposed Hopkins and Moore development at Bentries Farm.

The Agents House planning application was unanimously approved, the Easton Grange application to stay open for 30 days a year until 2.00 am was discussed (licensed service of alcohol remaining at 12.00 am limit) and Council recommended a 12 month trial of 15 days a year until 1.00 am.

Regarding the Bentries Farm development, there was strong representation from the public. Over 30 members of the public attended the meeting and in the public forum, several residents raised concerns. It was reported that SCDC had received 28 letters of objection and 3 letters in support.

After much discussion, Council voted 5 to 1 against the development. They also recommended conditions for SCDC to impose on Hopkins and Moore if they decide to approve the application (reducing the size of the development to 6-8 dwellings; additional car parking at the school, including resolutions regarding management of the car park and safety of children; leaving space for the school to expand if it needs to; reassurance regarding no further housing development; provision of a safe footpath into the village; householders on the development to pay into a maintenance contract to ensure drainage system is maintained to avoid flooding existing properties at a lower level).

The next **Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th March at 7.15pm in the Village Hall** (following the EASTon! Public Meeting at 6.30 pm to discuss speeding issues in the village).

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) . The Clerk works 4 hours a week during Monday – Thursday.

Campaign

**E.A.S.T.**  **n!**

**Easton Against Speeding Traffic**

# Public Meeting

## 4<sup>th</sup> March

**6.30 – 7.15pm Village Hall**

Public meeting to discuss speeding.

An opportunity to hear the ideas Suffolk County Council Highways have on addressing the speeding in the village and how Suffolk police are approaching the issue.

This is a public meeting and all are welcome it will include an opportunity for anyone to ask questions of any of our guests.

The meeting will be directly followed at 7.15pm by an Easton Parish Council meeting, where councillors will be able to discuss formally what they have heard. There will be a brief gap in-between to allow anybody not wishing to stay for the council meeting to leave.

***Have your say!***

### **Contact us**

You can contact us on t.01728 747366, m.07775 652820 e. [ian.unicus@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.unicus@btinternet.com)

## Wellie Boots for March

**a**s the soothsayer said to Julius Caesar, “Beware the Ides of March”. But if she was around today she would undoubtedly have warned David Cameron “Beware the Winds and Tides of February”, as this freak and unexpected phenomenon struck around and into our islands, causing colossal and widespread damage everywhere. Fortunately for us, being a few miles inland, in Easton we escaped relatively unscathed, with a few trees downed and the odd tile displaced. So perhaps we should spare a few thoughts for those elsewhere throughout the country who are still unable to return to their homes which are still waist-high in mud, water and, in some cases, sewage. Just how would you feel in similar circumstances? The sort of things from which nightmares are made!



But back to Easton and to what can only be described as spring-like weather, although the heavy rainfall, mercifully mainly overnight, has transformed many of our gardens into quagmires. The only work at the moment has to be done mainly from the paths and hard-standing and rules out work on grass or garden, as venturing on either could cause untold damage. However, by the time you read this it will probably be safe, as it is draining away and drying out slowly as I write—but do remember to keep that first cut high as possible.

March is a very funny time of year. Funny peculiar that is, not funny ha-ha. So far, comparatively speaking, we have had a very mild winter, with only a couple of mild frosts. As my Mum used to say, “We’ll suffer for it later”, and invariably she was right. Very nasty unexpected frosts can pop up any time into April so if you have any plants covered or mulched over for winter, be very careful if you’re tempted to remove it prematurely. Just move carefully to one side so that it can be returned rapidly should a frost warning be announced.



As there is great activity wherever you look in the garden, now is a fantastic opportunity to identify and eradicate all those perennial weeds that have eluded you during the last year, digging up as much as you can and into the brown bin (never on the compost). Or with serious infestations such as ground elder, dig up as much as you can and then **VERY CAREFULLY** spray any new growth with a systemic such as

Round-Up as soon as it re-appears, taking great care not to allow it to touch other nearby plants. With annual weeds, unless you know exactly where all your bulbs and other dormant plants are situated, the best way is to do it by hand, but with a large garden it’s quite impossible. This week Delilah managed to slice up about 15 tulip bulbs she’d forgotten about, so as a consolation I took round a nice hydrangea cutting which filled the gap nicely. I do hope it’s not going to clash with her colour scheme as the label had fallen off, but I think it’s ‘Annabel’, a wonderful white in two years’ time, so I should be safe. Meanwhile, get prepared for the annual snail and slug invasion as susceptible plants such as hostas and other tender perennials are already showing signs of life, but try using organic pellets of ferric phosphate for this to avoid annihilating other wildlife around the garden.

Frogs and newts are already making their way back into the ponds, but fortunately, despite quite a lot of activity, no spawn as yet. Remember about three years ago when we had a very late, severe frost? It froze almost all the toad and frogspawn and has taken until now for the numbers to recover. Also in the pond, with all this mild weather around, I hope you haven't been tempted to feed the fish too early as their digestive systems slow down during winter, so now is the time to GENTLY introduce them to food again, little by little. And clear out any debris from the pond and excess vegetation as you go. If you have no clear spaces, you're not going to see those beautiful fish lounging around in the shallows.



Moving rapidly on to the greenhouse, I know it's already packed tight with all kinds of overwintering plants, bulbs and cuttings, but in a month or so most of them will need transferring outside and where will you be then? Utterly and totally bereft, so now is the time to get sowing and planting to get you busy again. But when I went on to the internet to find I had a choice of 150 hardy and half-hardy perennials plus several hundred annuals and grasses to choose from, I gave up. I know what I like and will be buying elsewhere anyway, so I'll be growing these and hoping to save a lot of money in the process, as even small plants can be quite expensive. And if it's successful maybe a few extra for the May Fair, though with my luck don't hold your breath!

Which reminds me, it's coming up to dahlia time again, and as this year I have once more left them in situ, it is really a case of having to hope for the best. But, if you've been keen and clever and lifted yours, now is the time to get out there to dig manure into the ground they are to be planted in next month. Then check over the tubers to make sure they are still hydrated. If they look tired and jaded, pot on and start off in a greenhouse or cold-frame and propagate from the first new growth. Cuttings are incredibly easy if taken when the shoots are just a few inches long, and with warmth they will be rooted and ready to be planted out when the ground is finally frost-free. Meanwhile, don't forget to re-pot overwintering pelargoniums and fuschias and gently increase the watering to promote new shoots. Also pot up begonias and lilies, and summer flowering bulbs such as gladioli.



And don't forget the birds! I know all your boxes have been cleaned out and repaired, but don't forget this is a busy, busy time of year and they need even more feeding. But NOT on the ground please. Little Tiddles is a lovely cuddly-wuddly sweet puddy-cat when snuggled up in his favourite armchair, but let him out on safari into next door's garden and an instant transformation takes place and a sleek, sly, stalking, killing machine erupts, to whom every pretty, chirping, singing bird means only one thing—LUNCH! Which, I'm afraid, is exactly what nature intends, distressing though it may be. So for bird safety, hanging feeders have to be the best buy of the month and simple ones are very cheap and easy to obtain. Also, a little help with nesting materials won't go amiss. When I was a kid, a walk around the fields at this time of year always meant a bunch of primroses or bluebells in one hand and a fistful of sheep's wool in the other, not to mention my pockets. And in return the house was always enveloped in birdsong throughout the year. Happy, happy days. But that was before their homes (hedges and old farm buildings) were uprooted or destroyed and pesticides wiped out most of their food supply. They need all the help we can give them.

But don't forget at the end of this month not only do we bound forward into spring, but as usual the clocks go forward an hour. And this year, guys, I hate to tell you, it coincides with Mothers' Day, so there's absolutely no excuse for forgetting it (again?). 'Er indoors will never forgive you (as if she ever does).

Finally, I'm afraid it's time for that six-monthly penance again—the **Village Green TLC session**. **Shall we say Saturday 15th at 10.00 am for a couple of hours?** I know it's the week before the village litter pick, but the Green is looking decidedly jaded and boggy, so if we leave it until April we really won't be able to see the plants because of the weeds. So please try to make the 15th—PLEASE.

Meanwhile, take it easy with those shoulders, hips and knees and work your way in gently.

Happy gardening.

**Wellie Boots**



## **Daredevils – skydive in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice**



Experience the adrenaline rush of a lifetime Tandem Skydiving for St Elizabeth Hospice. We are offering supporters the chance to jump from a plane, two miles above the ground, strapped to an instructor. You will freefall at speeds of up to 120mph before your parachute opens and you begin your tranquil descent to the ground.

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April there will be an exclusive St Elizabeth Hospice skydive from Beccles Airfield. Or if you can't make the above dates, you choose any day to suit you. Leanne Carhart, Events Fundraiser, said: "We are offering daredevil supporters the chance to experience the adrenaline rush of a lifetime, Tandem Skydiving for us. Supporters can jump on their own or as part of a group with friends and family, sharing this exciting experience, whilst raising money for the Hospice so we can continue to provide local Hospice care for local people."

St Elizabeth Hospice improves life for people living with a progressive illness in East Suffolk and South Norfolk. It costs £9.1million a year to run with almost three quarters of that coming from the local community.

To find out more about the Tandem Skydive or St Elizabeth Hospice's other challenges and events on offer, visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or call the fundraising team on 01473 723600 or email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**



### **Distraction Burglary**

You may have read in the local press or heard a report on Radio Suffolk of an elderly lady who had her bank card stolen by a distraction technique in Tesco's car park in Martlesham. Another lady fell victim to this same scam in Waitrose car park in Saxmundham recently which she reported to the police.

After putting her shopping in the boot of her car, a young man tapped on the car window. Being wary, she locked the car door but opened the window. He said there was a nail in her back tyre and urged her to get out and have a look. She hesitated but luckily grabbed her handbag before getting out of the car. It was still daylight and there were a number of people around. There WAS a nail in her back tyre but it was apparently not in very far. He asked if she wanted him to take out the nail which he did. As she drove off - a bit warily - her passenger door swung open. Someone had opened it. Luckily there was nothing to steal in the car apart from a very wet umbrella! The slim young man spoke with a foreign accent and had short dark wavy hair.

If you are shopping alone, please be vigilant.

### **Catalytic Converter Thefts**

With over 50 catalytic converter thefts reported to Suffolk police in the past four weeks, a senior detective is urging members of the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. During the period from 21 January 2014 to date there have been 54 reports of catalytic converter thefts from vehicles in the county. Members of the public are being asked to assist in becoming the 'eyes and ears' of local communities, making note of any suspicious vehicles and people in the area.

Temporary Detective Chief Inspector Caroline Millar from Suffolk Police's County Policing Command said: "The theft of catalytic converters is becoming an increasing problem both locally and nationally. With the price of scrap metal on the increase, catalytic converters are a valuable commodity which criminals are targeting and selling on.



"Members of our community safety team, together with local officers from Safer Neighbourhood Teams are helping to spread the word about this type of crime, offering advice and guidance to ensure people do not become victims of crime. Coupled with this catalytic converter marking sessions have also been set up around the county which can help identify it as a stolen item. However, I would urge people to become the eyes and ears in local communities to come forward if they notice any suspicious activity or if they have any information where the stolen catalytic converters are being sold on."

Rural patrols have been stepped up and owners of vehicles, particularly 4x4s and Mercedes Sprinter vans, which are more often targeted due to be being higher off the ground and more accessible, are asked to take the following precautions:

- Private vehicles should be kept in a well-secured garage where possible, and if no garage is available, in a well-lit, public area.
- Vehicles can be parked in such a way as to make access to the catalytic converter difficult, or parallel with another vehicle if you own one.
- Commercial vehicles should also be kept in a locked building or compound.
- Use alarms, lighting and CCTV to deter thieves.
- Remove items of value from your vehicle whilst unattended and keep it secure at all times.
- Mark your catalytic converter - etching the part and spraying with heat-resistant paint. Contact your local crime reduction officer on 101 for more information.

Police are keen to hear from anyone who has information about catalytic converter thefts.

If you believe a crime is in process you are asked to contact police immediately on 999 otherwise calls should be made to 101.

*John Owen*



## LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

A number of bags of dog faeces continue to turn up along roads and footpaths in Letheringham. It appears that whoever is responsible is clearing up after a dog but then depositing the bag of waste in the verge or hedge rather than taking it away and disposing of it properly. Some (usually black or pinky-orange) bags with contents are being put in the wheelie bin at the end of Four Bridges drive which is not a suitable option either.

We know the majority of dog walkers are very conscientious about clearing up after their dogs. We ask that everyone clears up and disposes of the waste in one of the dog litter bins or at their own home. Thank you.



Paul Clarke  
Clerk to Letheringham Parish Council

## Try Your Hand at Bowls

Easton Bowls Club invites those that wish to have a go at bowls to their 'Roll Up' on alternate Saturdays starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The only requirements are an inquisitiveness about bowls and footwear that is absolutely flat soled. Sorry — no footwear heels of any description. Woods and a helping hand are provided.



The 'Roll Ups' start at 2:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Turn up any time during the three hours for a go. The Green is at the top of Cemetery Lane and there is a clear sign on The Street '**Bowls Club**' pointing up the Lane.

If you have any questions or just require more information try **Charles Pollock on 01728 747343.**

## **DELAY IN DECISION ABOUT THE HACHESTON PUBLIC INQUIRY concerning Hive Energy's Solar Planning Appeal**

Just before Christmas, the Planning Inspectorate informed No Hacheston Solar that *“although the Appeal was to have been decided by an Inspector, the Secretary of State considers that he should determine it himself ... This means that instead of writing a decision, the Inspector will prepare a report and recommendation, which will be forwarded to the Secretary of State. The reason for this direction is because the Appeal involves a renewable energy development.”*

The Secretary of State concerned is the Rt Hon Eric Pickles, Department of Communities & Local Government. Shortly before the Public Inquiry last September, his Department introduced new Planning Practice Guidance in order to make sure that sufficient weight was given to local environmental considerations like landscape, heritage and local amenity. This Guidance makes it clear that the need for renewable energy does not automatically override environmental protection or the views of local communities. The strong local opposition to Hive Energy's application from residents, the four adjacent Parish Councils and District Councillors will therefore be given greater weight and should contribute more than before to the eventual outcome.

In October 2013, just after the Planning Inquiry, the Secretary of State made an official statement that for six months he wanted to give particular scrutiny to renewable energy Planning Appeals like the one in Hacheston. He felt he should consider the extent to which the new Practice Guidance on large ground mounted solar pv developments was meeting the Government's intentions. Therefore, on the advice of the No Hacheston Solar barrister (Richard Turney), a formal request was made to him that the Hacheston Appeal should be “recovered” for such consideration. We have now heard that the Secretary of State has decided that he will determine the Appeal, so the Planning Inspector's report and recommendation will be forwarded for consideration. **The deadline for a decision from the Secretary of State is on or before 27<sup>th</sup> May**, so we may be in for a long

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all those in Easton who wrote letters to both the District Council and the Planning Inspectorate, attended Public Meetings and sat in at the 4-day Public Inquiry in Hacheston. The donations by local residents have finally covered all the legal expenses incurred by No Hacheston Solar – a remarkable achievement for such a relatively small population. It is now hoped that this long campaign will be brought to a successful conclusion!

**Jill Temperton & Chrissie Darby**  
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## Village View



Road Safety Meeting  
6.30 pm Tuesday 4th March  
Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting  
7.15 pm Tuesday 4th March

NEW! Yoga-Pilates  
Tuesdays  
9.30 - 10.45 am  
Village Hall

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

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

Village Green tidy-up  
10 am Saturday 15th March

Village Litter Pick  
10 am Saturday 22nd March

Mobile Library  
Wednesday 19th March  
12.40—12.55 pm Village Hall

Easton Belles WI  
Tuesday 25th March  
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

# FROST FEST

At the benefice service at Kettleburgh in February, you would have seen the T-shirts and heard a little about Frost Fest. On 1st February Brandeston Village Hall was the venue for the first venture aimed at 10 -14 year olds of our benefice and surrounding villages, organised by a team of helpers, led by Mary Baker. We were hoping for frost, snow even - hence the title - but the event would have been more aptly named 'Mudlarks'!

Around 20 children were greeted at 4pm with a warming (outdoor) fire and hot chocolate. Some welcoming activities to get to know each other were followed by an activity linked to the theme of the afternoon - survival. In three teams, and with a multitude of cardboard boxes, parcel tape, and their imaginations, the task was to build a shelter into which they could all fit, and to think about a message that they could leave inside it, to be read by others that might take shelter there.

Jane Slade had set up an 'ice bar' and invited each group to test their senses by identifying a selection of fruit and vegetable drinks. They were then able to mix their own (non-alcoholic!) cocktails, garnished with fruit kebabs and coloured ice cubes. Even green frog ice monsters were involved.

As darkness fell, the shelters were abandoned for a while, and with the aid of torches, smaller groups ventured outside to attempt some Geo-caching. Their task was, with the aid of a map and co-ordinates, to find 8 locations where small boxes had been hidden, to deposit in each box one of their group's tokens (marbles, walnuts, holey stones or dice) and to collect 8 letters which could be re-arranged into a word relating to the afternoon.

Eileen Leach judged the shelters. Three quite different approaches: one with a long narrow tunnel as an entrance, a second where a hinged door provided the way in, and the third, using boxes as blocks, rather like an igloo. Two messages were produced and they both bear repetition here:

"The past is history; the future is a mystery; now is a gift,  
which is why it is called the present."

"Adventure is out there: you only have to find it."

Many thanks to all the other helpers involved - Alison Molyneux, Deirdre, Robin and D. There are plans for another event in the summer, so watch this space ... and if you are wondering about the T-shirts - Robin had great fun designing them with a wonderful Frost Fest logo. And the word was - glaciers.

# Easton Pre-School Latest!

**Calling all children aged 18 months—4 years**

Bring Mum and Dad or Grandma and Grandad for a visit  
to one of our sessions

on

**Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays**

between

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or on

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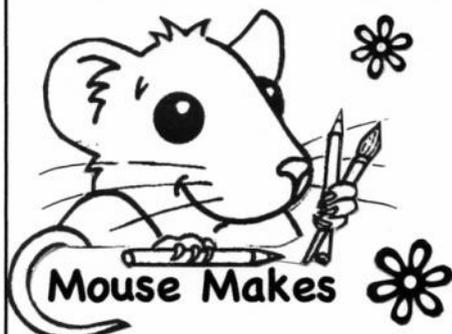
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The 4th Sunday in Lent  
is celebrated as

### **Mothering Sunday.**

Originally families would  
get together for a special  
service at the 'mother'  
church, often at the local  
cathedral.

Today Mothering Sunday  
is celebrated as a family  
day, a time to say '**thank  
you**' to our mothers and  
to all who look after us.

There are many wonderful Mothers  
in the Bible, look up the Bible verses  
and find out who they are....

- Matt 1:16    **M** \_ \_ \_
- Num 26:59    **O** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Luke 1:57-60    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **T** \_
- 1 Sam 1:20    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **H**
- Genesis 4:1    \_ \_ **E**
- Gen 25:21-26    **R** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Gen 21:1-2    **S** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



Thank you Mum  
for all you do,

For all your  
love and care,

For helping me  
as I grow up,

For all your  
loving prayers.

For teaching me  
about Jesus,  
Of how he loves  
me too.

Thank you Mum  
for loving me,

**I LOVE YOU!**

A bookmark gift for Mother's Day. Cut out the  
bookmark above, glue onto card and colour in.

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## **Do you have something to put in the magazine?**

Contributions to the next Parish Magazine should arrive by the 20th of the month before, either by email or by handwritten piece, please.

My email address is :-

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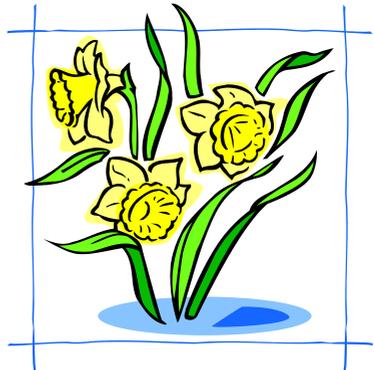
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