

Easton Parish Magazine



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON

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Dear Friends

Am I the only person to feel that this year is moving like greased lightning, and it's March already. The Church enters the season of Lent, all flowers are removed, and the colour of the frontals is purple for a penitential season. This is because Lent is the time when Christians imitate Jesus' experiences in the desert, a time when he was stripped of the most simple of life's necessities, and had nothing left but to come face to face with God.

Some people give up things for Lent treating it like a period of abstinence from things that comfort us, like chocolate and even alcohol which is maybe good for our pockets and makes us appreciate them the more when we have them again. And it's a humbling experience to realise and not take for granted how very very fortunate we are, and how much we have, even so much that we can give up things for forty days, while elsewhere in the world people are going hungry. For example in Kagera (a Diocese in Tanzania that St Edmundsbury's & Ipswich have been helping to support for many many years), the crops that people grow on small plots of land - often all they have to support and feed their families - have failed due to the lack of rain, and near drought conditions exist.

So if you were thinking you might give up something for Lent, might I suggest you join me this year in 'doing' something, instead of 'not doing' something. I am not going to buy any wine during Lent, though the more observant reader will notice I haven't said I won't drink any!! But it is my intention to try for a 'dry', wine free Lent this year, and then donate the amount of money I would have spent on buying it to the Kagera Appeal. You can read more about this appeal and how you can join in by following this link: kagera@cofesuffolk.org. Kagera is such a poor Diocese that we seem almost wealthy by comparison, so any donation you make will be of immense help to them.

We will be taking a second collection at our United Service in Parham on March 5th so please look out for the special baskets if you are there and perhaps give a donation as a mark of support for our brothers and sisters in Africa. As Lent is about sacrifice, maybe a financial sacrifice to Tanzania is something you might like to consider this year, but whatever it is that we do for Lent it is all about preparing ourselves mentally and spiritually for the joys and bounty of Easter.

With love in Christ
Deirdre



Church Matters

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday (1st March) our Bishops Martin and Mike will be holding a service at 9 am on Dunwich beach with the imposition of ashes. This is at the start of their walking pilgrimage from Dunwich to Bury St Edmunds during Lent.

In the evening there is an Ash Wednesday service at St Mary's Debenham at 7.30 pm.

Benefice Services

The benefice service on 5th March will be at Parham at 10 am when Bishop Martin will lead the service. He will be walking from Framlingham to Earl Soham after lunch (as part of his pilgrimage - see above) and has said he would enjoy some company along the way. There will be more information at the service as well as the possibility of transport back to Framlingham.

On 2nd April the benefice service will be at Brandeston at 10 am.

Lent Lunches

This year's weekly Lent lunches/courses begin on 6th March at 12.30 pm at Marlesford Community Centre - see separate item.

Mothering Sunday

The communion service on 26th March at 11 am will include the distribution of posies and activities for the COSMIC club.

PCC Meeting

There will be a PCC meeting on 16th March (7.30 pm) at Almond Tree Cottage.



Discussion Group

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March at Ash Grove, Framlingham when we shall each be bringing a short text or picture for meditation. The meeting will start with coffee/tea at 10.30 am. New members are always welcome

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**Thursday 6th April
7.30 pm in
All Saints' Church**

If you are on the Church Electoral Roll, or just an interested member of the church community, please join us at the annual meeting.

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Flowers	Cleaning
4th Mar	No flowers—Lent	Jane Woodbury-Eggins
11th Mar	No flowers—Lent	Jane Woodbury-Eggins
18th Mar	No flowers—Lent	Imogen Hayward
25th Mar	Paul Batley	Imogen Hayward
1st April	No flowers—Lent	Dot Blane

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON

Sunday Café



**Sunday 19th March
10-11.30 am
Village Hall**

Don't forget the date!

**Come and chat with friends and make
new ones.**

Everyone welcome.

**Lots of homemade goodies
to enjoy.**

LENT 2017

LENTEN FAMINE LUNCHES

'Praying with the Saints'

A weekly lunch, address and conversations
with Benedict, Teresa of Avila, Cuthbert, Julian of Norwich,
Our Lord and his disciples

Marlesford Community Hall

12.30—2 pm

Mondays 6th 13th 20th 27th March and 3rd April

Homemade Soup and bread
(with donations to the Kagera Appeal)
followed by conversations on the following themes

Week 1 Hospitality & Welcome (Benedict)

Week 2 Faith & Action (Teresa of Avila)

Week 3 Mission (Cuthbert)

Week 4 Divine Love (Julian of Norwich)

Week 5 Prayer from the heart (Jesus & his Disciples)

***'The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad
the desert shall rejoice and blossom'
(Isaiah 35:1)***

Everyone is welcome to one session or all of them
to eat, talk, or just listen.



HIDDEN GARDENS OF EASTON Advance Notice



**SUNDAY 2nd JULY 2017
11.00 am — 5.00 pm**

**Would you be prepared to share your
garden with members of the public?**

If you've opened your garden in the past or would like to join in for the first time, we would love to hear from you. It's a fun and relaxed day and people just love to look at other folks' gardens.

For further information or to book your garden
please contact Carol Rook on
746162 or email carolrook2012@gmail.com

In aid of All Saints' Church

EASTON & LETHERINGHAM VILLAGE HALL



We have been working hard at trying to attract new interest and user groups to the hall following the departure of the Pre-school. Last month you would have received a questionnaire from Fit Villages /Suffolk Sport asking for your requirements, we do hope you took the time to complete and return it. The results give us the opportunity to access funding, instructors and experts to trial activities at the hall with the view of them continuing as regular activities. Once the consultation has ended we will let you know the outcome through the Parish Magazine.

KEEP DANCING!

We had a taster session for a 'Dance Class for the Mature' called No Road Map run by Sandra Redsell in February. We are pleased to say that a fortnightly session will start on Wednesday 1st March 2.00pm – 3.00pm. If you missed the taster session and wanted to pop along to see what it's about all are welcome. See the separate advert for more details.

START PAINTING....

We also have a local artist Colin Ayers from Framlingham who has set up monthly all day Watercolour workshops. The first one is on 29th March from 10.30am – 4pm. This is open to all artists including beginners. See the separate advert for more details and how to book.

QUIZ NIGHT

The next event at the hall will be our spring **Quiz Night** held on **Saturday 11th March**. These are always very popular evening and we can only accommodate 12 tables of 6, so book early to avoid disappointment. See separate advert for ticket details.

The Spring Quiz Night is the first of our 2017 social nights and we are looking forward to seeing you in the hall again for a fun evening. These events now have more significance to us in-terms of fundraising due to the fall in user income expected this year, so we do really appreciate your support.

We will be announcing more events in the near future.

Ian Palfreyman

Spring

**Ploughman's
Supper included**

QUIZ NIGHT

Easton & Letheringham Village Hall

Saturday 11th March

Doors Open 7.00pm - Starts 7.30pm

£8 Ticket - Tables of 6

Maximum of 12 teams

Contact David Stagg 746054

Book early to avoid disappointment

Licensed Bar Only – Fundraising Event
No bring your own please

Proceeds to Village Hall Funds

“No Road Map” **Dance Class for the** **Mature**



Wednesday 1st March 2017
2:00 – 3:00pm

EASTON VILLAGE HALL

The Street, Easton IP13 0EF

Rate £7 per class

Regular Classes will run on alternate Wednesdays.

Dates for March: 1st & 15th

Strictly Dancing in the Kitchen!

No experience required

For more details see www.noroadmap.org.uk
or contact Sandra 01502 478544

The name ‘No Road Map’ sums up the early classes in that we knew where we wanted to go – to be able to dance with confidence - but had little idea of how to get there! Some years later and we have a system of steps and moves that are challenging but, with practice, doable and so that we can all enjoy the art of dance. Appropriate exercises and warm-ups at the start of the class instill physical and mental confidence and control. We dance to a variety of music - classical, modern, jazz, and pop - in ways that may be improvised or taught.

Watercolour Workshop

Learn Watercolour Landscape painting
with Colin Ayers at

Easton Village Hall, The Street, Easton, IP13 0EF
accessible entrance and toilet facilities

Draw and paint along with me in stages, creating a
complete painting.



These new themed one day workshops will run
monthly, starting on Wednesday 29th March 2017
from 10.30am until 4.00pm

Cost: £25 for a day's workshop; bring your own
materials.

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided through the day;
bring your own lunch or lunch and refreshments can
be obtained at The White Horse Inn, which is close by.

To book a place or for further enquiries, please
contact me on [07528515214](tel:07528515214)

or

info@colinayersart.co.uk

www.colinayersart.co.uk

Society for all artists associate professional

Village View in March



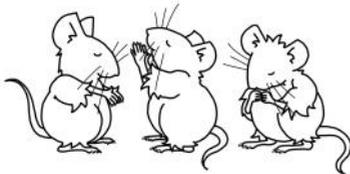
Quiz Night
Saturday 11th March
7 for 7.30 pm
Village Hall

Mobile Library
Wednesday 15th March
12.20—12.40 pm
Village Hall

Sunday Café
19th March
10-11.30 am
Village Hall

Easton Belles WI
Tuesday 28th March
7.30 pm
Village Hall

Watercolour Workshop
Wednesday 29th March
10.30—4.00 pm
Village Hall



Yoga Flow
Tuesdays
9.30 - 10.45 am
Village Hall
Contact Kat Hesse on 638604
for more information.

No Road Map—Dance Class
for the Mature
Wednesdays 1st and 15th
2—3 pm Village Hall
£7 per class

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

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

Easton Pre-School
The Hamilton Room at
Easton Farm Park
Mondays, Wednesdays or
Fridays 9.15am—3pm
Thursday mornings
9am-11.30am

EASTON BELLES



At our March meeting on Tuesday 28th, 7.30pm in the village hall, we welcome our speaker Claudia Myatt who is a marine artist.

We continue to take membership for the year but if you would like to come to a meeting, to see if our group is of interest to you, we make no charge for the first visit.

Enquiries to Janet Prentice - 01728 746808

EASTON Community Speed Watch Group needs you!

Easton Community Speed Watch Group has been running for over 18 months. We've noted that the volume of traffic through Easton has increased over that time.

How can you help? By signing up as a volunteer we can remain actively involved in road safety in Easton through our regular presence. The more volunteers we have the less frequent the commitment.

How does it work? We operate in groups of 2-3 volunteers for 30-45 minutes per session, on a 4-5 week rota – the exact dates and times are decided by volunteers. Sessions can be carried out any day of the week so you can work around your other commitments. We take down vehicle details to pass to the Safer Neighbourhood Team for action. We are not permitted to operate in the dark or when the weather is poor, so you don't need to be concerned about getting cold or wet! We are fully insured and full training is given.

If you can find 30 minutes per month to help to keep Easton's roads safe or you know someone who you think would be interested in volunteering please get in touch.

What are the benefits of Speed Watch Groups?

- Fewer fatalities and serious injury collisions.
- Increase in road safety awareness by and for all road users.
- Enhancing the role of community members as volunteers.
- Raised awareness of anti-social road use.

Please contact: Easton CSW Co-ordinator – Jenny McEvoy.

Email: jenny.unicus@btinternet.com. Telephone 747366.

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Avian Influenza update – Suffolk

Further to the recent magazine article on Avian Flu, the UK's Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer has announced an initial 10km Temporary Control Zone around a poultry premises near Redgrave, Suffolk. The Zone consists of a 3km Zone A and 10km Zone B. The controls in these zones are equivalent to those which would apply in the 3km Protection Zone and the 10km Surveillance Zone around a confirmed case. Defra have published guidance: <<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#movement-controls-and-licences>>. You can use their interactive map: <<http://www.gisdiseasemap.defra.gov.uk/intmaps/avian/map.jsp>> to check if you are affected by restrictions around the premises.

Suffolk Trading Standards are providing regular updates via their social media channels, Twitter <<https://twitter.com/SuffolkTS>> and Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/SuffolkTradingStandards/>>, as well as to all their Consumer Champions via email (find out how to sign up here: <<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/JoinTheFight>>).

Read the latest advice and information on avian flu in the UK: <<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-bird-flu-in-winter-2016-to-2017>>, including actions to reduce the risk of the disease spreading, advice for anyone who keeps poultry or captive birds and details of previous cases.

If you keep poultry you are required to take action to reduce the risk of avian flu spreading. All poultry keepers – whether commercial farmers or those with a small backyard flock – are currently required by law to house poultry or otherwise keep them separate from wild birds. This is because a Prevention Zone <<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#prevention-zone>> is currently in force across the UK. This applies until 28 February 2017.

For advice and guidance on what to do if you keep poultry or to report suspicion of disease in animals, call the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301 or read the detailed guidance on avian influenza <<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>> .

Members of the public should report dead wild birds - such as swans, geese, ducks, gulls or birds of prey - to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77. Defra will then collect some of these birds and test them to help us understand how the disease is distributed geographically and in different types of bird.

Public Health England advises the risk to public health from the virus is very low and the Food Standards Agency is clear that bird flu does not pose a food safety risk for UK consumers.

This article is a shortened version of the full notice received from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, but if you would like to see the full version, it can be obtained by contacting Bill Dicks, the Parish Clerk, at clerk.eastonsuffolk@virginmedia.com.

Highlights of Easton Parish Council (PC) meeting on 28th November 2016

Finance. Councillors agreed the 2017-18 budget and agreed to maintain the precept at £7000.

PC Grants. PC discussed financial requirements and agreed a process. The important principles are: grants must be available to all; funding for grants is not part of PC current expenditure but is allocated from the capital reserve; and the availability of grants is not guaranteed – having received a grant in the past is not a guarantee that one will be received in the future.

Village Christmas Tree. PC decided to support by way of a donation of up to £120.

Grass and hedge cutting contract. Performance had continued to deteriorate and contract not well-specified. PC decided to specify and tender for a new contractor service.

Potential Projects. PC noted that the parish might receive funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). A District Council Information Sheet sets out what this can be spent on.

Tackling speeding. PC considered ‘pinch fencing’ but it is expensive so decided to await CIL funds before progressing. PC concluded Speed Indicator Displays (SIDs) were needed, to be provided and managed by County Council contractor TVAS.

PC Noticeboard. PC decided to procure a new lockable board as the current one was too crowded and using the back of it meant PC items were unlikely to be seen.

Planning. The Chair had forwarded to District Council the agreed response for naming the Hopkins Homes development and sent a letter of qualified support to the District Council about the re-submitted planning application for Home Farm Playground resurfacing. PC decided to fund this but needed more information and costings.

Car park lighting. PC agreed current provision was too much for its setting. To be discussed further.

Cemetery. PC again concerned how untidy the cemetery was. Current maintenance contract was not working so PC decided to include cemetery in procurement of the new village grass, etc. service.

Website. PC agreed that Mr Smith continues as Webmaster for the village website and that a link be provided to the new PC website for which the Clerk will be the Webmaster. PC will fund both sites for one year, after which position to be reviewed.

Bill Dicks, Clerk



Easton Primary School

Half term came round very quickly, perhaps because we've been having so much fun!

Pirate Class have begun new topics including the first flight and train journeys in History. They have carried out experiments in science to link with a topic on materials. Pirate Class have also taken part in their own celebrations for Chinese New Year, including Chinese food eaten with chopsticks. Some of us went hungry and need a little more practice! Year 1 have also taken part in an academy organised gymnastic competition and were thrilled to come home with a trophy presented for the group who worked hardest to achieve a good standard.

Aztec Class started the term off with an Ancient Egyptian day. Staff and children came to school suitably dressed as ancient Egyptians! They all looked great and had made a good effort. Then throughout the day they participated in activities and tasted a variety of foods of the time. On the last day of term they went to Ipswich Museum as their educational visit for this term. They had a fantastic, well organised day and children were allowed to handle some ancient artefacts!

Unicorn Class have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum producing some outstanding pieces of work. This was shared in their class assembly watched by the school and families. It is lovely to have parents in with us to share the good work the children do and then there is always time after the class assembly to get a closer look at their work.

During the last week of this half term Pirate and Aztec Classes were delighted to have a visit from the dental nurse. During this visit the children found out the correct way to clean their teeth and foods to avoid, except as part of a meal, in order to keep their teeth healthy. They asked some really good questions and it was a very informative visit.

And finally, some of the staff went to see the Kettleburgh Players panto, Beauty and the Beast, which as usual was very entertaining! Quite a few of our past and present pupils were in the panto and we were very proud of them. Well done to you all!

Mrs D Payne
Early years/KS1 teacher



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



This message is from Suffolk Trading Standards

We have been advised by Essex Trading Standards that they have received three reports of roofers calling at homes, claiming to be from Trading Standards.

The callers are claiming that a roofer who recently carried out work is being investigated. The caller claims that they can carry out a survey of the resident's roof and that they will be able to claim compensation as part of the investigation. They are then asking the resident for sums of around £2,000.

Trading Standards Officers are highly unlikely to visit a consumer's home unless they have already been asked to by the consumer or a trusted friend or relative. Trading Standards Officers will NEVER ask a resident for money.

There are certain precautions that can be taken to guard against doorstep callers:

- Fit and use a door security chain when you open the door.
- Check the identification of a caller by ringing their employer. Use the telephone number from your telephone book and not one they might supply.
- Do not let anyone carry out work on your house until you get a second opinion and never agree to callers who say "we are only in the area today".
- Never keep large sums of money in the house and keep purses out of sight, not near the door.

For further information or advice on consumer issues or rogue traders please use the following contacts:

Phone: 0345 4040 506
Email: trading.standards@suffolk.gov.uk



A new campaign funded by the banking industry to help you take a moment before acting. Tips include:

- Never disclose security details, such as your PIN or full banking password.
- Don't assume an email, text or phone call is authentic.
- Don't be rushed – a genuine organisation won't mind waiting.
- Listen to your instincts – you know if something doesn't feel right.
- Stay in control – don't panic and make a decision you'll regret.

John Owen



Annual Egg Dump Challenge

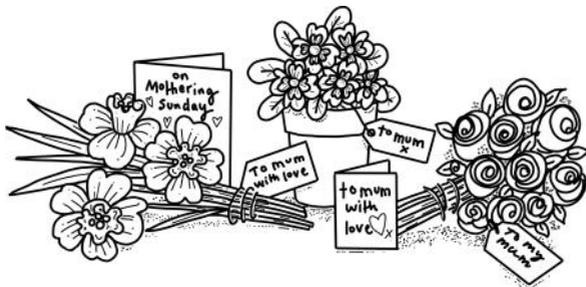
Friday 14th April at Easton Village Hall
In aid of St Elizabeth Hospice
£5 Entry
Food and Bar available
Contact David Stagg on 746054 for tickets
Don't miss it!

43,928 SHOEBOXES !

A big thank you to all who were involved in helping to make a total of 43,928 Shoeboxes sent out through Link to Hope to Eastern Europe at Christmas time.

Your time, energy and money helped to bring smiles and happiness to many families and elderly people.

Lynne Townsend



Benefice Bits ...

**Parham Church Spring Coffee Morning
Sunday 4th March**

10 am till 12 noon in Parham Village Hall

Stalls, including cakes, plants, books, white elephant,
as well as a draw, tombola, games and a chance to win
£20 on the Lottery game.

Coffee, teas and refreshments will be available all
morning.

Entry is free.

Everyone welcome

Marlesford Community Café
Every Thursday 10 to 12 noon
in the Community Centre



... and also ...

SPRING CONCERT 'ENCORE'

30th March at 7.30 pm St Michaels Framlingham

Works by Vaughan-Williams, Saint Saens,
Rachmaninov and others

Chris Allen : Clarinet Geoff Lavery : Piano

Tickets include a glass of wine and nibbles.

£10 (students £6) from Fram Stationers or on the door.

All proceeds to Suffolk Wildlife Trust.



EASTON PRE-SCHOOL
www.eastonpreschool.org.uk
eastonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk
01728 746935

Easton Pre-School has places for children age 16 months to 4 years. Newly re-located to Easton Farm Park with highly experienced, caring staff. Extra activities around the farm and dance sessions, currently at no extra cost. Flexible hours (extended hours being introduced shortly) Government funding available for some 2 year olds and all 3 and 4 year olds.

'Children make good progress in readiness for school in this welcoming and stimulating environment'.

OFSTED July 2015



CAMILLA PARKER KNOLL



Donate your furniture to help local hospice care

St Elizabeth Hospice is urgently appealing for donations of furniture to sell in its shops across east Suffolk.

The charity has a van and team of drivers who will pick up good quality items from your home, Monday to Saturday.

Donations of sofas, tables, chairs, wardrobes and cabinets are all welcome and will be sold in the hospice's shops on Holywells Road, Ipswich, and Bury Street, Stowmarket as well as their dedicated furniture shop on Foxhall Road, Ipswich.

Mark Berry, St Elizabeth Hospice's Foxhall Road shop manager, said: "If you are redecorating or having a sort out, please think of donating any furniture you don't want any more to the hospice. You may have furniture that no longer fits with your colour scheme or you might just fancy a change.

"Our shops allow goods to be reused and recycled and the funds raised enable St Elizabeth Hospice to continue to provide vital care and support for more than 2,000 local people every year."

If you would like to donate furniture, do not drop it off at the shop, please call 0845 259 0319 or 01473 213049 and your furniture will be collected from your home.

St Elizabeth Hospice is an independent charity which provides vital services free of charge to patients living with progressive illnesses, and their families and carers across east Suffolk.

St Elizabeth Hospice costs millions of pounds a year to run, and relies on fundraising events, donations and the income generated from its shops to meet the majority of these costs.

More on the History of the Hamilton Family
by
Brian Boon
(Easton was under their tenure for 92 years)

The Four Iron Steamships
Of
William Alexander Lewis Stephen Douglas-Hamilton, KT
12th Duke of Hamilton, 9th Duke of Brandon,
2nd Duke of Châtelleraut

Continuing the account of the lives of the two passenger paddle steamers and the two personal luxury yachts that he had built by Blackwood & Gordon of Port Glasgow.

Part 2 – Heather Bell



*Heather Bell at Brodick, Isle of Arran in the early 1870s**
(Note only one mast)

The Heather Bell was built by Blackwood & Gordon on the Clyde and launched on 1st May 1871. She was 207.7 feet long, with a 21ft beam and made of iron. A side paddle, steam, 2 cylinder single diagonal 150 hp engine. She was more luxurious than *Lady Mary*.

The Paddle Steamer Picture Gallery reports that this little iron hulled steamer built for The Duke of Hamilton's Commissioners was fast, but uneconomical owing to her heavy coal consumption, and she was sold in 1876 for use on the South Coast. In 1886 during a heavy foggy spell, *The Heather Bell* almost wrecked herself off the Isle of Wight rounding the Needles when, misjudging her position, she was only saved from hitting the Needles by crew of a small fishing boat shouting a warning to her.

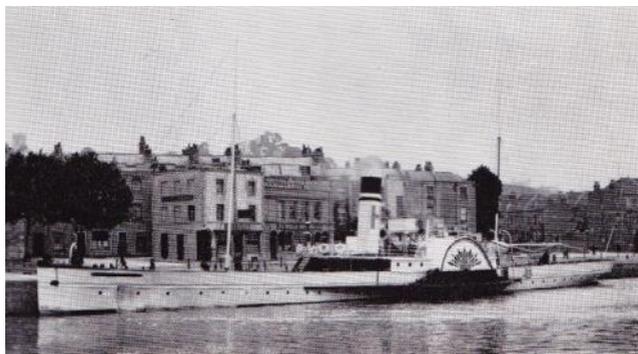
Her fated return to the Clyde in 1900.

She was brought back to the Clyde by South Coast Steamers in 1900 who intended to use her on the Glasgow, Dunoon, Rothsay and Largs service. However, the Dunoon authorities, in order to prevent steamers using the Dunoon Pier on Sundays, had secured the pier entrance gates which had large spikes on top.

Her arrival at Dunoon on Sunday 15th July 1900 was watched by a large crowd who waited from noon until about 2.00pm. One crew member jumped ashore, followed by three or four youths jumping off the paddle box. One or two passengers crossed the gangway and the steamer left, leaving them to climb the spiked wall whilst being watched by policemen who did not interfere. The crowd sympathised with the passengers.

She returned on Sunday 22nd July, when about five thousand lined the Esplanade to be rewarded by the sight of the comic and the dangerous. Thirteen passengers attempted to tackle the spikes, five succeeded, one tore his clothing, another injured his hand and two elderly ladies were taken off the slipway by a passing sailboat. Again, the police just watched. The last man, with large drum and timpani, visiting to play in a concert, left his instruments under the veranda and was helped over the wall.

The Heather Bell left the river on August 2nd 1900. She was seized in September 1900 due to unpaid mortgage payments and was finally scrapped in 1902 and broken up.



*The Heather Bell 1901-1902 at Bristol **
(Note two masts)

Note: * Ian MacLeod, Clyde Steamers Magazine No 48, 2012

Note: ** John York - West Country Passenger Steamers, by Graham Farr

Next Month:

Part 3 — The first luxury steamship *Thistle*.

Brian Boon

Wellie Boots for March

We all know the popular March sayings such as “Beware the Ides of March” (especially if your name is Caesar), “March comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb”, “March winds, April showers, bring forth May flowers”, etc. As it can often be very stormy and boisterous at times, people naturally assume it has been named after Mars, the Roman God of War. But my mother always taught us that Mars was also the God of Fertility and as March heralds the advent of Spring (20th March), we always preferred this version. And shortly afterwards the clocks leap forward an hour on the 26th. So then we really know that Spring has arrived at last (whatever happened to Winter this year?).

So how about a few simple gardening tips and tricks to start us all off?

- ⇒ To prevent the line on your string trimmer from jamming or breaking, treat with a spray vegetable oil before installing it into the trimmer.
- ⇒ To have garden twine handy when you need it, just stick a ball of it into a smallish clay flowerpot, pull the end of the twine through the drainage hole and set the pot upside down. Do this and you'll never go looking for twine again.
- ⇒ Clay pots make great cloches for protecting young plants from sudden overnight frosts and freezes.
- ⇒ The next time you boil or steam, don't pour the water down the sink. Use it to water potted patio plants etc and you'll be amazed at how the plants respond to this 'vegetable soup'.
- ⇒ Use left-over coffee grounds and tea leaves to acidify the soil of acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias, even blueberries. A light sprinkling of about one-quarter of an inch applied once a month will keep the ph of the soil on the acidic side.
- ⇒ Use camomile tea to control damping off fungus, which often suddenly attacks young seedlings. Just add a spot of tea to the soil around the base of the seedlings once a week or us as a foliar spray.
- ⇒ The quickest way to dry herbs—just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and close the doors. Your herbs will be quickly dried to perfection. What's more, your car will smell great.



- ⇒ Don't like wearing gloves while working in the garden? Draw your fingernails firmly across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the underside of your nails so dirt can't collect under them. Then, when you've finished in the garden, use a nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparklingly clean.
- ⇒ Got aphids? You can control them with a strong blast of water from the hose or a soapy water spray. Otherwise you could wrap wide strips of sticky tape around your hand, sticky side out, and pat the leaves of the infested plants. Concentrate on the underside of leaves because that is where you'll find most of them hide.



If you're anything like me, you'll have umpteen pots around the garden containing plants that seemed a good idea at the time but have never quite made it to the flowering beds. Most I'm sure will have succumbed to the winter frosts, but if they show any sign of life during March, then it's into intensive they go. Complete change of compost, looking for vine weevils as we go, then careful watering and feeding with gentle warmth. Vine weevils are those pesky little creamy-white curled grubs that deposit their eggs in old compost then proceed to destroy the entire root system, hence the need to change all the compost when found.

Talking of pots, if you're thinking of growing those huge tree lilies, start them off for a few weeks in smallish individual pots, then for a fantastic display plant about two of them into very large pots or urns. You should get some flowers the first year, but in the second or third year the results should prove to be spectacular, so I'm told.

Happy planting ... and digging ... and hoeing ... and weeding ... and pruning ... and watering ... and spraying, and Oh dear, I'm completely exhausted already by the very thought of it!



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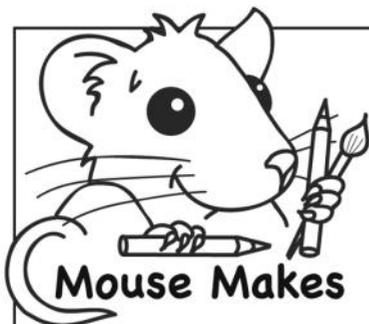
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SHROVE TUESDAY

During **Lent** some Christians eat simple food or go without food for a while like Jesus did. Pancakes are often made to use up all the fresh eggs and milk on Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent.



ASH WEDNESDAY

The first day of **Lent** is called **Ash Wednesday**, it is a day for saying **sorry** to God for any wrong things you have **said** or **thought** or **done** and to ask for God's help to live in the right way.

In bible times people would cover themselves with ashes as a sign of repentance. In some churches today on Ash Wednesday the minister will draw a cross shape on our foreheads with ash.



WHAT IS LENT?

When Jesus was 30 years old he was baptised by John in the River Jordan. Before Jesus began to preach and teach and heal he went out into the wilderness alone.

For 40 days he did not eat but spent time praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.



Remembering those days Jesus spent in the wilderness, the Christian Church set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time to pray, read the bible and learn more about God.

This time is called **LENT**



While Jesus was out in the wilderness he was tempted by the Devil **three** times.

Look up the bible verses to see how Jesus replied.



- 1 The devil said, "If you are God's Son order this stone to turn to bread."

Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 4** and **Deuteronomy 8: 3**

- 2 The devil said, "I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 7** and **Deuteronomy 6: 13**

- 3 The devil said, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the Scriptures say God will take care of you."

Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 12** and **Deuteronomy 6: 1**



Dear Lord,
Please forgive me for

.....
Amen

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