

# EASTON VILLAGE NEWS



The cricket season will soon be here

**March 2023**

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

## **Editor's Introduction**

Well—firstly thanks for your positive feedback following the first issue of EVN last month. It's good to know that so many of you like the new format and found it an interesting read.

March sees us at the start of spring and I am sure we all look forward to longer days and the warmth of the sun as it grows in strength. Let's just hope there isn't a Beast from the East lurking in the wings! (And I'm not talking about Putin!)

Our focus feature is on Easton Cricket Club this month. With new leadership and a few challenges ahead, it is interesting to read about plans for the Club moving forward. If you can, please try and support their fundraising efforts to effect a few costly repairs in the club house.

Mike Prentice also writes about his fascinating hobby trapping moths. His nickname 'The Moth Man' seems highly appropriate!

Bev Pickeringshaw also kicks off our Pets' Corner feature with an often hilarious description of her four rescue hens and their antics.

All this and more besides! Please, though, can I make a plea for your ideas about content and if you could become a regular contributor (eg gardening feature?) that would be great.

Clare

# Easton Neighbourhood Plan



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Neighbourhood Plan drop in event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. It was lovely seeing so many people. Thank you too, to those who are using the online option for responses. The consultation period lasts until March 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a Planning Policy for Easton, which if voted for, East Suffolk Council will use when deciding on planning applications. It's a policy which, whilst it has to accept the housing numbers from East Suffolk Council, is able to state where they should be sited and how they should look

The months ahead will be filled with all the formalities required by the process, Easton's Draft NP will take on relevant changes and modifications resulting from the consideration of responses from the public consultation that is taking place, then an authority's consultation, external examination, referendum, and if the majority vote is of support, East Suffolk Council adopt the Easton Neighbourhood Plan.

It's expected that the referendum vote for those that live in Easton will be later this year.

There is a copy of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and the supporting documents with response forms in the church porch, the Parish Council website <https://easton.suffolk.cloud/neighbourhood-plan/> neighbourhood plan page has all the documents and online response forms. The online response forms go directly to our NP planning consultant, who inputs all the responses from online and hard copy and sends on to East Suffolk Council.

Sue Piggott, Chair, Easton Parish Council



# It's Election Year

## Parish Council Elections – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Scheduled elections are held every four years and the next set of scheduled elections will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Current councillors hold their seat unless they resign or otherwise vacate their seat within their term.

Parish Councillors hold their seats for four years, nominations are put forward each election year by those who wish to hold an elected seat on the Parish Council for the next four year period.

For anyone wishing to stand for election and become a Parish Councillor, all details can be found on the East Suffolk website. The publication of notice of election will be on Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> and nomination papers can be submitted up to 4pm Tuesday April 4th



[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/elections/how-do-i-become-a-councillor/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/elections/how-do-i-become-a-councillor/)

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Easton Parish Council Clerk - [parishclerk@eastonpc.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@eastonpc.org.uk)

# What's On in March



## Village Hall

### **Mondays:**

**Yoga** with Ellie 9.30—11 am

Pre-booking

E: [eleanorpenlo@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorpenlo@gmail.com)

### **Tuesdays:**

**50+ Keep Fit Class** 10-11 am

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

Contact Clare Hassler on

01728 621247/07769 716761

for more information

**Pilates for Riders** with Dawn

7—8 pm

Pre-booking

E: [dfkcoaching@hotmail.com](mailto:dfkcoaching@hotmail.com)

### **Wednesdays:**

**Pilates** with Kelly

Advanced 9.15 am

Beginners/Intermediate 10.30 am

Pre-booking

E: [pilateswithkelly@hotmail.com](mailto:pilateswithkelly@hotmail.com)

### **Table Tennis**

6:30pm £5 per session

Contact John on 746644

### **Thursdays:**

**Rabble Chorus**

8pm

E: [Kirsty@rabblechorus.co.uk](mailto:Kirsty@rabblechorus.co.uk)

### **Fridays:**

**Yoga** with Ellie 9.30—11 am

Pre-booking

E: [eleanorpenlo@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorpenlo@gmail.com)

### **Sunday Café**

#### **Mother's Day**

19th March

Village Hall

10—11.30 am

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Tuesday 28th March

7 pm Easton Church

**Mobile Library at Easton Primary School 12.25 to 12.45**

**Wednesday 8th March**

## **Easton Cricket Club**



### **A message from the new Chairman**

I have recently taken over as Chairman of the cricket club and so wanted to introduce myself and our Junior Chairman and Easton resident, Angus Pearson, to share our vision for the future.

In my opinion, and one of the reasons I was so keen to take on the Chairman's role, is that I genuinely believe Easton Cricket Club is uniquely positioned to become one of the premier cricket clubs in the region over the course of the next five years.

With one of the most picturesque grounds around, a large catchment area at both junior and senior levels, a 1st XI recently promoted to Division 1 of the Two Counties Cricket Championship, there is an extremely solid base and vibrant energy about the club to harness and build upon.

I see no reason why Easton CC cannot be competing for Cup and Division Titles across all age-groups, and for the seniors knocking on the door of Lord's in the Village Cup Final in the years to come!

Unknown to many, Easton has a rich history with Sir Pelham Warner (Captain of England in 1903-04 and MCC President), Bernard Bosanquet (Middlesex and inventor of the googly) both having represented the club in its formative years. In the last 10 years alone Easton has played a role in the early careers of three first class cricketers, the last of which, Freddie Heldreich, has recently been signed for Northants. Celebrating this history and the colourful legacy of past players and characters is important and I would like to make this more visible in the clubhouse.

The 1st XI is undoubtedly important to the success and profile of the club but I am also proud of our Ladies Team and we have a thriving Junior section that continues to go from strength to strength. Whether our young players have aspirations of professional cricket, representative county cricket or just want to enjoy the game with their school friends, we are keen for players of all abilities to feel welcome and have a home at Easton.

Building on the recent rise in popularity of the women's game we also see an opportunity to increase the number of girls playing cricket at the club and so this will be a priority moving forward, ensuring a pipeline of talent for our Ladies Team.

Last but not least, I would like to build a club that is as sustainable and successful off the field as on it and will be seeking support to ensure we set a high standard for energy efficiency in the clubhouse and surrounding grounds.

Easton Cricket Club has the potential to not only be the best club in the area but also a social hub for the Easton community, so whether you'd be interested in playing for one of our teams, or simply happy to enjoy a drink from the bar, watching the cricket in beautiful surroundings, we would love to see you.

Jamie Harper (Easton CC Chairman)



## Interested in playing for Easton CC?

Whether an experienced player or completely new to the game we would love to hear from you.

For enquiries about either ladies or mens teams please contact our **Club Captain, Will Foskett**: [willfoskett1994@outlook.com](mailto:willfoskett1994@outlook.com) or call him: 07920 449660.

We are particularly keen to encourage children to join the juniors' section at Easton CC, especially girls of all ages and boys from years 3 and 4. For further information please contact our **Juniors Membership secretary, Carol Parry**: [easton1906@gmail.com](mailto:easton1906@gmail.com)



## Easton Cricket Club needs your help



As you may have heard or read in the press, we had rather a disaster in the clubhouse over the Christmas period with a serious leak resulting in significant damage to the changing rooms and surrounding areas. Our claim with the insurance company has been denied, due to an exclusion clause in the policy, and so we are left with a very large renovation bill and 11 weeks until the start of the season.

We are clearly up against it but we have secured a builder that can start on Feb 20th and with your support I am confident we can get back on track and our season started on time.

There is no denying this will be a challenge but the clubhouse was in need of an upgrade and so we are trying to take the positive from this unfortunate situation. I have created the Crowdfunding page below.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/easton-cc-clubhouse>

There are two simple ways you can help us reach our target:

\* Make a Pledge \* Spread the word to friends and family \*

If you have any questions or concerns related to this fundraising campaign please direct them to the newly created e-mail address below:

[eastonrefurb@gmail.com](mailto:eastonrefurb@gmail.com)

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Jamie Harper

### **BREAKING NEWS**

**Sport England have pledged £6800 but Easton CC needs to raise at least £4250 ourselves AND receive 100 unique supporters.**

**PLEASE PLEDGE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN AFFORD—EVERY LITTLE HELPS! AND PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD**

## Mike 'The Moth Man'

*In a new feature, we explore unusual or interesting hobbies enjoyed by our neighbours. To start the ball rolling, I talked to Mike Prentice about his love of trapping and identifying moths.*

What made you take up studying moths?

After many knee operations, I had to give up playing golf, so early in 2018 I took up being an amateur lepidopterist.

Where and how do you capture the moths?

I trap in my own garden and also, with the kind permission of Martley Hall, on the edge of the wooded area to the rear of where I live. I have special light traps which I put out at dusk. Since I began, I have caught over 150,000 moths.



Is this a seasonal hobby?

Moths can be found at all times of the year—different species in different months. The most prolific months however are June, July and August.

Once you've collected the moths, what happens next?

I bring them into our summer house, often at dawn, where I identify and photograph them if necessary, and then release them - away from where they were caught which reduces the chance of re-capture.

What do you do with the information?

In 2019 I became a member of the Suffolk Moth Group who currently have 238 members! Since then all moths caught have been recorded online and are part of the Suffolk data base, this data eventually becoming part of the national records.

There are over 1800 different species of moth that occur naturally in the UK. Some of these species have never been recorded in Suffolk. Currently I have identified and recorded 858 different species.

Tell us a bit more about moths.

There are two classifications of moth—macro and micro, ie large and small, the smallest can be only 3 mm in length. The life cycle of a moth is relatively short, living long enough to breed. Some even hibernate. Some moths can travel many miles in a night. Beetles, wasps, hornets, bats and of course birds all predate moths.

Any highlights in your collecting experience?

In 2021 I recorded a micro moth that was last recorded in Suffolk in 1933. In 2022 the southerly autumn winds brought in Crimson Speckled moths (pictured) from Europe.



Any moths which occur in Easton that we can keep a look out for?

Hawk Moths, Underwings and Tiger Moths (see over)..

Do your grandchildren get involved?

My granddaughter Freya (pictured below) is very interested and she now has her own traps. Her powers of identification are excellent. Between us we set up two traps at her primary school one evening so that the pupils could see what was flying around the school and playing field at night.





Blue Underwing

**All trapped in Easton!**



Emperor



Elephant Hawk Moth



Cream Spot Tiger



Eyed Hawk Moth



Garden Tiger

**Do you have an interesting hobby to tell us about?**



## DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

### **2023-01-30 Ukraine Reflection**

As I write these words on a crisp January day, with the festivities seeming far behind, I'm aware the first anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine approaches, by the time you read these lines this sombre date will have just passed. Like many of you I have been reflecting on the impact this has had across our country and particularly here in Suffolk.

The tragic loss of life in Ukraine is deeply saddening and many people have been forced to flee their homes. The UK response to the crisis has been commendable, not least of all here in Suffolk where, as ever, I've been heartened by the response of our local communities.

I've seen first-hand, the compassion for Ukrainian refugees from residents across Suffolk and it is humbling to witness the way the Ukrainian families have settled into life here, with children attending schools and parents finding work. How difficult attempting a normal life in a foreign country must be, whilst worrying about loved ones forced to stay behind.

As a regular visitor to our local schools, during a recent visit I was delighted to meet with a young Ukrainian student who my parliamentary team and I assisted in settling here. The student is now thriving within the school, and I was impressed to learn how easily they had settled into school and Suffolk life, supported by staff and fellow pupils.

Perhaps the biggest impact the conflict has had for many in the UK and around the world is on the cost of living. We still find ourselves in the midst of a challenging winter as we count the cost of Putin's energy war. However, despite this, we welcome the news that in recent weeks, gas prices have thankfully stabilised and started to fall. This will help in reducing the impact of the war on the UK's inflation and cost of living for everyone.

In addition to the impact on energy supplies and prices, Putin also appears to be weaponising food supplies. Both Russia and Ukraine are among the biggest exporters of fertiliser and a further consequence of the conflict has been a reduction in supplies of fertiliser to the UK. This has increased the cost of growing food and resulting in increased prices in the shops.

We all remain concerned about what the future holds for Ukraine and hope for a resolution soon, in the meantime our continued support for the UK Government's position in standing shoulder to shoulder with Ukraine is right. I shall do everything I can to ensure the needs of Suffolk's residents and businesses are heard in Westminster during these challenging times.



## **Easton Pets' Corner**

### **My Chuckadears**

by  
Bev Pickeringshaw

As a young girl I always had chickens, in fact growing up in the north it was the done thing. Chickens, ducks, geese and of course pigeons and a dog.

As time progressed, my yearning to be surrounded by animals again has grown, but life gets in the way and I never thought I would have the time and energy to do it. But last year an opportunity came to adopt my chickens and I have never looked back!

I have four Chucks, Cressida Chick, Kora, Agatha and Wendy. We adopted them in September last year, from the British Hen Welfare Trust. The site is here in Woodbridge. The welfare trust had prepared me that they would not have all of their feathers and they had never been outdoors. However it was still a shock to see them looking so bare. That said, from the get go, they have been bundles of joy. Curious, feisty and never afraid.

They soon settled into Yolk Hall. They love their perch and use wine barrels for nesting boxes. We had eggs from Day One.

I was concerned about introducing them to the dogs. Bear is a Husky/Sharpei cross and Emrys a Saluki - hardly bird friendly. I needn't have worried. Bear now identifies as a chicken and Emrys has decided they are not for her and gives them a wide berth.

I love having the chucks, yes they are messy and I don't think the garden will ever be the same but the joy they bring as they get up to their adventures and the fact that, outside of bird lockdown, everywhere you go in the garden you have a friend, takes me back to those happy childhood memories.

I know there are many people in the village who have chickens too. I love connecting with them and when they share their stories it is clear that the chicks are bringing them as much joy as my Fab Four do for me. If you are thinking about adopting chickens, the British Hen Welfare trust are excellent. You can find them on line, just search BHWT and it will take you to their site.



## Some Chick Pics



Tell us about your pets/animals.

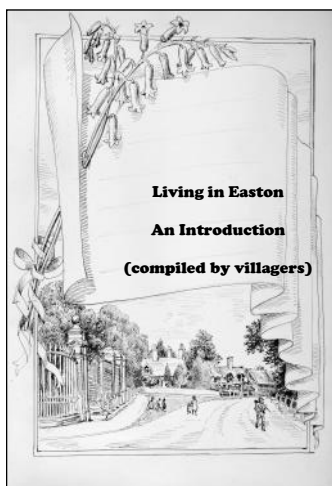
## Social Bridge Evenings

Are there any couples or pairs of friends who would be interested in meeting up for a series of Social Bridge Evenings?



Beginners or Novices would be really welcome as tuition can be as entertaining as the end result! The emphasis would be very much on the "social" as good conversation and a glass or three of decent wine would be essential components of the evenings.

If you are interested, please contact Simon at Serpents Kiss 01728 747876. He'd love to hear from you.



## New to the Village?

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

Brian Boon, Orchards, School Lane

T: 745057

E: [bsb64293@gmail.com](mailto:bsb64293@gmail.com)





## It's that time of year!

(Advice from John Owen)

As we approach the end of the tax year the scammers are at it once again, pretending to be from HMRC. Below is a brief summary from The Consumer Association of how they are trying to steal our money.

### **Letters**

Scammers have been sending letters saying you are in debt and owe money to HMRC, using the typical scam tactic of scaring you into action.

These letters also use HMRC's recognisable logo and reference the official government website, but include a scam phone number - and they're banking on you calling it.

Once they have you on the phone, you're likely to be asked for your bank details and duped into making a payment to them.

### **Phone Calls**

HMRC has warned of scam calls doing the rounds, including one that features an automated message telling you that HMRC is taking you to court and instructing you to 'press 1' to speak to a caseworker.

If you stay on to speak to someone, scammers on the other end of the call will most likely eventually ask for your bank information.

### **Email**

These emails use HMRC branding to appear genuine - fraudsters can also spoof email addresses, making it difficult to tell if it's a scam.

They'll usually include links to phoney websites where scammers will be aiming to get your personal and financial information.

### **QR Codes**

Watch out for scam QR codes. While the tax office does use QR codes to help you complete payments on your mobile - this will appear when you log into your personal tax account on a computer - if you receive a QR code supposedly from HMRC via text or email, it's a scam.

## **Microsoft impersonation scam**

Scammers are impersonating Microsoft in dodgy emails telling recipients they must update their Hotmail password. If you click the link in the email, you'll ultimately be asked to enter your email address and password on a website that uses fake Hotmail branding. And if you enter your details, you'll be giving scammers access to your emails.

## **PayPal 'money request' email scam**

Scammers are exploiting PayPal's 'request money' feature to scare customers into calling dodgy phone numbers and giving away their personal data.

This scam involves fraudsters sending fake emails requesting payments for high-value items, or posing as HMRC to demand 'overdue' tax payments. If you call the number in the email, you'll be ringing a scammer phishing for your personal information.

## **WhatsApp**

With WhatsApp protecting your personal messages with end-to-end encryption, it is becoming more and more popular as a means of communication. It is also becoming more and more popular with fraudsters.

Advice from the Consumer Association:

"If you receive an unexpected WhatsApp message, treat it with caution. Never click on any links in unsolicited WhatsApp messages. You can report the message by selecting it in your conversation list and tapping 'report'. To report the sender on WhatsApp, open up the chat, tap on the sender's contact details and select 'Block and Report'."

And finally — a bit of fun with a serious underlying safety message ... take the safety quiz put together by RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) on the next couple of pages. —————→

# How safe is your home?



Try this fun quiz and see how you score!

Do you have smoke alarms on each floor? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you check your smoke alarms regularly? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you use a thermostatically controlled deep fat fryer or oven chips?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you wipe up floor spills straight away? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are your stairs free from clutter? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are all rugs and carpets secured down? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have ample handrails on the stairs and in the bathroom?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you wear suitable sturdy footwear? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is your hall and stairway well lit? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have your chimney swept or your gas appliance serviced regularly?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you taking the correct amount of medication? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you use a stepladder rather than climbing onto a chair to reach items?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you store everyday things in easy to reach places?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Thanks for trying the home safety quiz.

## **Scores:**

If you answered yes to 12 or more then congratulations you are doing well and you are less likely to have an accident. Keep up the good work but still take lots of care. 😊

If you answered yes to 10 - 12 then you are doing well but take another look at your home and see how you can improve. 😊

If you answered yes to less than 10 then **WATCH OUT!!** Look at your home and see what improvements can be made. Ask a family member or friend to help with any changes needed. 😞

### **Some home safety tips:**

- Fit and check smoke alarms on each floor
- Service gas appliances annually
- Use an electric deep fat fryer or better still oven chips – they are safer and healthier
- Secure down rugs and carpets
- Keep halls and stairs well lit

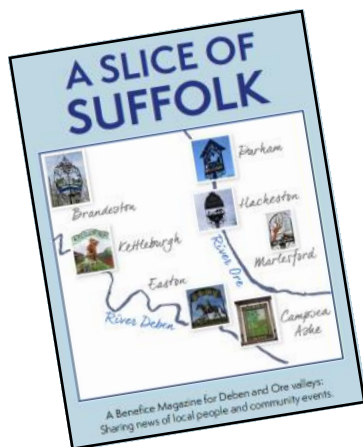
- If you are taking a lot of medication check you are taking correctly
- Don't climb on chairs – use a stepladder
- Make sure your footwear is strong and sensible
- Tidy up clutter from stairs

The fire service can help with fitting smoke alarms or giving fire safety advice.

**Don't delay – act today!**

Supported by RoSPA and the Wales Home Safety Council

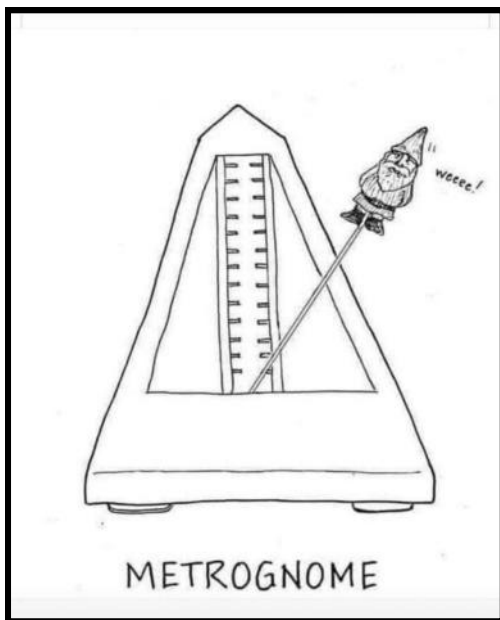
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With all you need to know about  
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on in the other villages.



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

**[janebaldwin325@gmail.com](mailto:janebaldwin325@gmail.com)**

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



# All Saints Church



## Services in Easton

There will be Morning Prayer on 12th March and Holy Communion on 26th March. Both services are at 11.00 am. The Benefice service on 5th March is at Brandeston at 10.00 am when Revd Robin Alderson will take the service.

## Mothering Sunday

We shall be celebrating Mothering Sunday as a Benefice in Hacheston Village Hall at 10.30 am on 19th March with a service, activities and refreshments. All welcome, especially families!

## Discussion Group

The Discussion Group meets again on 1st March, when we shall be pooling our knowledge about St David (well, it is St David's Day!). We shall be meeting this month at Little Barn, Northgates, Monewden, at 10.30 am. New members are always welcome. (If you need a lift, please phone 01728 746667.)

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

On 28th March the annual meeting of the church will be held in Easton church at 7 pm. This will present the annual report and accounts, which will also be on display in the church porch from 18th March.

## Services on Zoom

There will be no Zoom service on 19th March as it clashes with the Mothering Sunday service.

Jane Woodbury-Eggins



# *Sunday Café*



**Mothers' Day  
Sunday 19th March  
10—11.30 am  
Village Hall**

**Come and celebrate with, or remember your mum on this special day. Join us for the usual delicious home made goodies, bacon rolls (bacon from Revetts and rolls from The Bakehouse), croissants and our exciting 'specials' board, many locally sourced. Read the newspapers, chat to friends, and make new ones in a lovely relaxed atmosphere.**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**WE STILL NEED YOU!**

We need more bakers to help provide the goodies each month. If you could make something occasionally, please call Bev on 07500 978469.

Sunday Café is sponsored by All Saints Church



**EASTON**

**MAY FAIR**



*Save the date!*

*Saturday 13th May*

*2 till 4 pm Village Green*

**WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE**

*Could you spare an hour or two to help :*

*Set up? \* Run a stall? \* Clear up after?*

*Have you got a gazebo we could borrow?*

*Could you bake a cake or traybake?*

*Contact Emma on 746866 or Nancy on 564398*

*emmajgibbon123@gmail.com or*

*nmapearson@gmail.com*

**THANK YOU!**

*(In aid of All Saints Church)*



# A Sense of Place and Time

What gives you a sense of Easton? Is it the rural setting? The history? The wonders of nature that surround us? The people? Kicking this one off are some special points of nature and stunning photos of dawn over Easton. We have a mystery contributor called Acetosella. How intriguing!

Please send me your photos and/or thoughts ...

## Harbingers of Spring

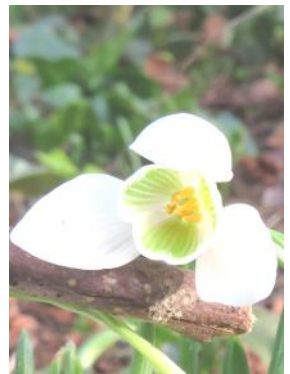


The Rookery by the bridge by the kennels - strictly speaking just in Letheringham as over the river.

It has been there at least thirty years and is very much a harbinger of spring with the dulcet cawing of the rooks and clattering nest building signalling lengthening if not always warmer days.



Snowdrops - *Galanthus nivalis* - are a welcome sign that the days are lengthening and that winter is passing into spring. Thought to have been introduced in Tudor times, snowdrops are now widely naturalised in parks, woodlands and gardens. The presence of stable and long established parks and gardens,



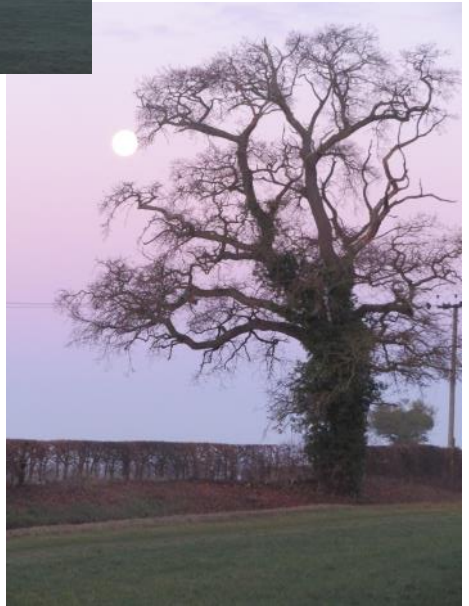
of which Easton has many, allows sizeable populations of snowdrop to develop. En-masse snowdrops are quite a spectacle, but it is worth taking a moment to gently lift a flower to look inside.

“Acetosella” Feb 2023



**Some stunning photos of dawn  
over Easton in January/  
February**

**(Thanks to Susan Stone for these.)**



**COFFEE BREAK— SUDOKU**  
(Answers overleaf)

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# Answer

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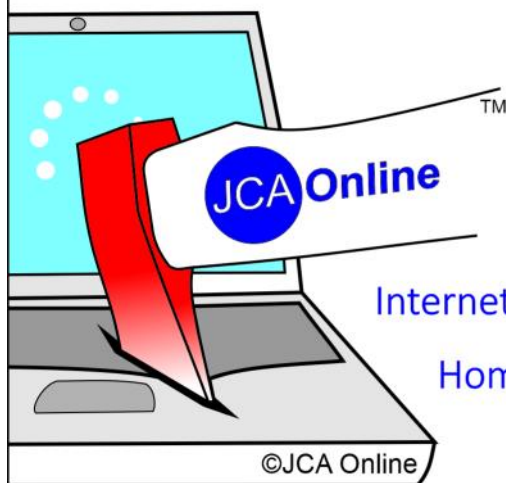
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