

# EASTON VILLAGE NEWS



Suffolk Punch horse Easton Ruby and her filly foal Easton Iris, born on 6th April at Easton Farm Park.

**May 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, it's a bumper issue this month! There is so much to enjoy going on in the village during May. Here's just a few of them.

The King's Coronation has a celebratory service in the church on Sunday 7th followed by afternoon tea at the Cricket Club on bank holiday Monday 8th.

The following Saturday, 13th, is our village May Fair—not to be missed and always a fun time for all ages!

Also, Easton Farm Park bring us up to date with what's happening there and you'll have seen on the front cover a photograph of the delightful new foal born last month.

There is a longer tribute to John Kerr who passed away in March. What a legacy he has left throughout Suffolk and in our village.

Colin Haysom gives us an insight into his fascinating hobby of photography—not a digital camera to be seen!

All this and more ...

Please don't forget I'd love to hear from you with any thoughts on other features for the magazine.

Clare

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## John Kerr 1939—2023

*We reported briefly last month the sad news of the death of John. As promised, a fuller tribute follows, much of which has been kindly supplied by Terry Carlin in Letheringham.*



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of John Kerr who was born in Letheringham and spent much of his life developing WM Kerr Farms from Office Farm.

John was born 1939, just a year after his parents had moved from Scotland to start a new life farming in Letheringham. His Father William (Willy) Kerr was for many years the Churchwarden at St Mary's Letheringham and John had supported the Church throughout his life.

John was a pupil at Framlingham College and subsequently Writtle Agricultural College. His first business venture, at the age of 21, was as a tenant farmer on 300 acres leased from the Glemham Estate, and from relatively small beginnings over the years he built WM Kerr Farms into a very successful and major agricultural enterprise.

John met Jill, his wife, at Young Farmers, and the couple married in 1967. As well as their four grown-up children, the couple have eight grandchildren.

He became a high-profile figure in Suffolk, with leading roles in agriculture, football, the Suffolk Show, the Lieutenancy, the judiciary and within the local community.

John was a stalwart of the Suffolk Show, starting as an assistant car park steward and fulfilling various roles before serving as Show Director for three years from 1982 to 1984.

From 1991 to 1995 John was Chairman of Ipswich Town FC and was delighted when Ipswich gained promotion to become one of the founding members of the new Premier League in 1992, whilst he was Chairman of the Club. The family commented:

“With the start of the Premier League, suddenly football had to be much more business-like, and that suited his good business brain. That was the Scot in him. He was definitely the right man at the right time.”

Of course, football is a rollercoaster, and there were some tough times too - like the 1994-95 season when Ipswich were relegated, including the record 9-0 defeat at Manchester United.

How did he deal with the pressure? Daughter Laura said: "When I asked him that, he said he would play the song American Pie in the car on the way home. Singing along to that helped him to de-stress."

The family remembers how much he relished the challenge. "He loved meeting people, and as club chairman he dealt with totally different people as they worked to set up the new league - which he found very exciting.

In 1995, Mr Kerr stood down from the chairmanship and David Sheepshanks took over. But he continued to be associated with the club and remained a passionate supporter for the rest of his life. He was pleased with the way the club is going under its American owners. His family remembers how he had wanted to take all of his eight grandchildren to Portman Road to watch a game, but sadly his failing health meant that it couldn't happen.

John was a Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk, and deputy to former Lord Lieutenant Lord Tollemache. He served as High Sheriff of Suffolk in 1995, was awarded the MBE for services to agriculture in 1986 and an honorary doctorate from Essex University in 2002.

His work in the local community was just as important to him as many of his high profile roles. He served as President of both Woodbridge and Framlingham Horse Shows, Chairman of Easton Parish Council, and President of the village bowls club. He had also been chairman of the Woodbridge magistrates bench, a governor at Woodbridge School, and chairman of the Deben Farm Club. Another element of work in the local community was Easton Farm Park which the family set up and has shown thousands of people - including countless children - how important agriculture and food production is.

The family have said: "We have been overwhelmed by the touching messages we've received, some from people we had no idea he had helped over the years."

# What's On in May



## 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**

21st May

Village Hall

10—11.30 am

### **Annual Parish**

#### **Meeting**

Monday 22nd May

Village Hall

7.30 pm

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

**Wednesdays 3rd and 31st**

# **EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **2023 Elections**

The local elections are on May 4th.

Easton Parish Council is uncontested with 5 standing for 7 seats.

The Polling Station is at the Village Hall to vote for the contested District Councillor positions,

The Notice of Poll details are on the next page and on the village noticeboard or East Suffolk Council [ESC] website.

Photo ID is now required for every voter, all details can be found on ESC website here's the link.

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/elections/voter-photo-id/>

## **Easton Parish Council Website -**

<https://easton.suffolk.cloud>

Information can be found on the website including Minutes, Finance, District and County Councillor Reports and more.

Sue Piggott, Chair

# STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED, NOTICE OF POLL & SITUATION OF POLLING STATIONS

East Suffolk Council

## Election of District Councillors to Framlingham District Ward

Notice is hereby given that:

1. A poll for the election of a District Councillor for Framlingham District Ward will be held on **Thursday, 4 May 2023** between the hours of **7am** and **10pm**.
2. The number of District Councillors to be elected is **2**.
3. The names, home addresses and descriptions of the candidates remaining validly nominated for election and the names of all persons signing the candidate's nomination paper are as follows:

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Subscribers Proposer (P) Seconder (S)
<b>COOK</b> Maurice Charles	Address in East Suffolk	The Conservative Party Candidate	Elspeth Jean Gilmour (P) Carol Poulter (S)
<b>FAULKNER</b> Tom	Address in East Suffolk	The Conservative Party Candidate	Jennifer K Faulkner (P) James Thomas Glenn Allen (S)
<b>GREY</b> Owen John	Address in East Suffolk	Liberal Democrat	Stephen Mark Mortimer (P) Jane Licence (S)
<b>LANGDON-MORRIS</b> Vince	Address in East Suffolk	The Green Party	Paul J Seggons (P) Benjamin Anderson (S)

PD	Station Number	Situation of Polling Station	Persons entitled to vote
SFRDE	S142	Dennington Village Hall, Framlingham Road, Dennington, IP13 8AD	1,000 to 442,000
SFREA	S143	Easton Village Hall, The Street, Easton, IP13 0EF	1,000 to 300,000
SFRLE	S143	Easton Village Hall, The Street, Easton, IP13 0EF	1,000 to 51,000
SFRES	S144	Earl Soham Village Hall, The Street (A1120), Earl Soham, IP13 7SY	1,000 to 348,000
SFRFB	S145	United Free Church, Well Close Square, Framlingham, IP13 9DX	1,000 to 1954,000
SFRFA	S146	Castle Community Rooms, Church Street, Framlingham, IP13 9BQ	1,000 to 1385,000
SFRGG	S147	Great Glemham Village Hall, Low Road, Great Glemham, IP17 2DH	1,000 to 180,000
SFRKE	S148	Kettleburgh Village Hall, The Street, Kettleburgh, IP13 7JZ	1,000 to 209,000
SFRPA	S149	Parham Village Hall, Main Road, Parham, IP13 9LZ	1,000 to 232,000
SFRRE	S150	Rendham Village Hall, Bridge Road, Rendham, IP17 2AZ	1,000 to 201,000
SFRSA	S151	Training Room, Foxearth Nursing Home, Little Green, IP13 9QY	1,000 to 299,000
SFRSW	S152	Sweffling Village Hall, The Street, Sweffling, IP17 2BN	1,000 to 162,000



**KING CHARLES III CORONATION  
AFTERNOON TEA PARTY AT EASTON  
CRICKET CLUB  
MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY FROM 2PM**



**HOSTED BY EASTON PARISH COUNCIL AND EASTON  
CRICKET CLUB**



**ALSO - HOMEMADE CAKE DRAW- TO WIN  
LIMITED EDITION ADNAMS CORONATION GIN**

**To help with numbers for tea catering Please R.S.V.P**

**[sue.e.piggott@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.e.piggott@btinternet.com)**

# **Easton Parish Council**

**is pleased to host**

## **Easton Annual Parish Meeting 2023**

**Monday 22nd May**

**at**

**Easton & Letheringham Village  
Hall – 7.30pm**

**Local groups and organisations  
are invited to give a short report  
of their past year**

**Please e.mail your report to the Chair**

**[sue.e.piggott@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.e.piggott@btinternet.com)**

**Everyone in the Parish is Welcome**

**We look forward to seeing you**

# Easton Farm Park

Spring is always a lovely time on the farm and we have been enjoying our Easter Spring Babies Carnival. The babies all duly arrived as we had hoped, so we were able to bottle feed both lambs and calves, cuddle the bunnies and we have plenty of piglets and kid goats for the children to enjoy. We have borrowed a lovely Shetland pony and her foal, and we are delighted that our newest arrival, Easton Iris, is a second foal for Ruby, one of our Suffolk Punch mares. The Suffolk Punch horse is an icon of Suffolk and a nod to the history of farming in the County. They are now an endangered species, so we are doubly pleased to have a filly foal, who will hopefully go on to breed her own foals in the future. Our animal team work hard to maintain our animal stocks and this year has been lovely to see so many children coming to enjoy getting up close and personal with the farm animals on-site.

The team on the farm are a real mix of generations, many of whom live in Easton and the surrounding parishes. Over the history of the Farm Park, we have tried to give lots of the young people of Easton their first work experience and I remember myself starting work in the kitchens as a table clearer and dishwasher operator. We have a long history with some local families, and we are now working with the third generation of Birts, with Frankie and Avril's granddaughter joining the Café team alongside Jas and Macey Denny.

Now is the time when the grass starts growing like crazy and we are able to get down to the Green Trail and tidy up the winter damage to the woods and the livestock fencing. This allows us to use the woods as an educational resource for our visitors and to create habitats and safe spaces for the local woodland and river residents. The river valley is a perfect environment for growing willow trees for the cricket bat trade, and we have some that are maturing on the farm as well as having just planted a new area towards Sanctuary Bridge. With the right care and management, some of the trees grown in our part of the valley will go on to hopefully win the Ashes and other major international cricket tournaments one day in the future! We have also created a partnership with some friends from Letheringham to recycle our fallen trees into

firewood for the campsite, and they are even making charcoal with the farm wood, so that we can continue our journey towards being a more sustainable business.

Planning is already underway for our Princesses and Superheroes May Half Term event plus our Summer Splash on the Farm, Halloween Half Term and not forgetting Father Christmas on the Farm. We love running our farm events, but equally have a great support of regular visitors throughout the year who enjoy the day to day farm activities that we run, including the pony rides, bug rides and relaxed farm fun. At the beginning of April, our weekend goat yoga sessions started up again in partnership with DMYoga. This is a fun and mildly bonkers way to enjoy some fresh air and animals with a bit of yoga thrown in if you fancy something slightly different!



Fi Siddall





Book now for our special summer events days  
with loads of extra fun activities

# ★ PIRATES ★ AND PRINCESSES

27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



# SUMMER SPLASH

21<sup>ST</sup> JULY – 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPT



For more details visit [eastonfarmpark.co.uk](http://eastonfarmpark.co.uk)

## Easton Bowls Club

By the time you read this we will have opened the green (weather permitting) and be into the first round of fixtures. We have a busy month in May as both the leagues and the cup games get underway.

### Home Fixtures for May:

01	Monday Pairs		10:00
04	Earl Soham	Friendly	6:30
07	Eric Peck Tournament		10:00
09	Leiston	League	7:00
11	Wickham Market	League	6:45
18	Wickham Market Triangle	Friendly	6:30
23	Laxfield	League	7:00
25	Otley	League	6:45
26	Peasenhall & Sibton Cup		6:30
29	Monday Pairs		10:00

Look out for our results in the next magazine.

Why not come and join us at one of our home games? You will be most welcome.



# Easton Cricket Club



## Home Fixtures May 2023

Saturday 6th (13.00)

2nd XI v Battsford & District 1st XI

Sunday 7th (13.00)

Womens 1st XI v Melton St Audrys T20 1st XI

Tuesday 9th (time unknown)

T20 v Bury St Edmunds T20

Saturday 13th (13.00)

1st XI v Halstead 1st XI

Sunday 14th (13.00)

Womens 1st XI v Woolpit 2nd XI

Saturday 20th (13.00)

2nd XI v Stowupland 1st XI

Saturday 27th (12.00)

1st XI v Kelvedon & Feering 1st XI

Spectators always welcome.

# May in the Garden

## Jobs for the ornamental garden

Plant out hardened off half-hardy annuals once the frosts are finished.



Sow a late crop of hardy annuals for cutting later in the season such as snapdragons, amaranthus and ammi.

Sow biennials such as foxgloves, forget me nots and wallflowers in a seed bed or undercover for flowering next year.

Feed spring bulbs with a high potash feed as the flowers fade to fill the bulb with energy for next season.

Give later flowering herbaceous perennials such as sedums the 'Chelsea Chop'. Prune about a third of the stems by a third and another third by two thirds. This delays flowering in those stems, and increases the overall flowering season.

Tie sweet peas into their supports as they reach for the skies, preventing wind damage and making for better blooms.

Cut back old growth on penstemons to healthy shoots lower down to promote strong flowering stems in the months to come.

Plant out dahlia and chrysanthemum into their final growing positions for late summer/early autumn colour.

Continue to stake tall perennials such as delphiniums and peonies before they need it. The supports will soon disappear under the lush summer foliage.



Support Plant Life's No Mow May Challenge - help British wildlife by locking away your lawn mower for this month. Changing your mowing habits in this way will let more wildflowers bloom in your garden and these flowers help provide a vital source of nectar to bees and other insects.

## **The Vegetable Garden**

Plant out or direct sow tender crops such as tomatoes, sweetcorn, french beans, courgettes and pumpkins.

Continue to earth up potatoes to stop the tubers turning green and poisonous.

Succession sow salad crops such as lettuces, rockets and radish a pinch at a time for continuous crops throughout the summer.

Cover soft fruit such as raspberries and strawberries with netting to protect from birds.

Protect carrots from carrot fly by covering with horticultural fleece or enviromesh.

Nikk Slowey





## DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

I was pleased I secured a debate in Parliament in March, praising the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust. Thanks to vastly improved leadership at the Trust, their CQC rating has risen from 'inadequate' to 'requires improvement'. My work as an NHS mental health doctor has enabled me to be an effective critical friend to the Trust, applying my expertise to support them locally and in Parliament.

I am pleased to see NSFT facing their challenges head-on. There's been significant change at Board level, which I believe has been vital in driving improvements in the quality of patient care.

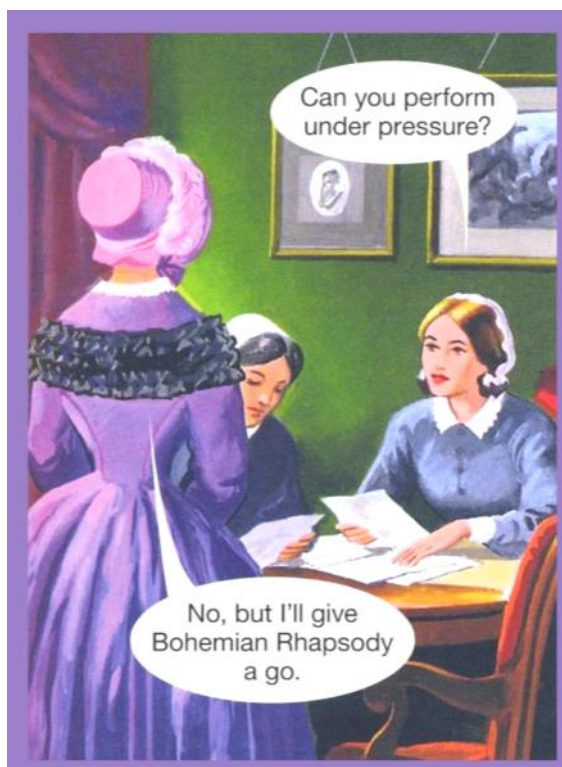
It is encouraging that the CQC recognised the strengthened leadership and care standards during a thorough examination of two core services: child and adolescent mental health wards and community-based mental health wards. On individual services, 60% of those inspected are now rated 'good', meaning that patients in Suffolk can expect much better quality and safety of care.

Historically there have been concerns around the number of hospital admissions but now that work has been undertaken to move towards community settings, people can be better cared for locally. The Trust is fostering better connections with other healthcare providers, ensuring better data monitoring. It's reassuring that a new Ward Visit Quality Assurance team is continually driving up standards. Efforts to develop training have also paid off, meaning that staff now feel valued and have more confidence in the care they can deliver and with new recruitment and retention schemes, the Trust is a more attractive place to work and stay.

Given the challenges faced previously by the Trust, I can understand why there were calls for the organisation to be broken up, but I did not feel this would have been the correct course of action and during the debate, I was reassured by the Minister's commitment that this will not now take place. This is testament to the progress that has been made by a very effective new board and leadership team.

Of course there remains more for the Trust to do, so I am also heartened by the Minister's confirmation that NHS England will continue to provide the existing level of support to the Trust and a further commitment that capital funding will remain available for mental health services. I will continue to press for further investment to complete the new campus at Hellesdon Hospital to secure three new wards to tackle over-reliance on out-of-area placements.

I have every confidence that teams within the Trust remain committed on their path to deliver outstanding patient care and are clear that they cannot now take their foot off the pedal. I welcome this ongoing commitment and I too will continue to support their ambitions to deliver the high quality services that Suffolk deserves.



**EASTON**

**MAY FAIR**



*Saturday 13th May  
2 till 4 pm Village Green  
Ipswich Community Wind Band  
Crowning of the May Queen  
Rabble Chorus*

*Contact Emma on 746866 or Nancy on 564398  
for more information or if you can help—see  
page 21 for more details.*

*emmajgibbon123@gmail.com or  
nmapearson@gmail.com*

**THANK YOU!**

*(In aid of All Saints Church)*

Bric A Brac

**Grand Draw**



**Punch and Judy**

**Tea Tent**

**Books**

**Bran Tub**

Guess the weight of  
the cake

Plants

Tombola

TOYS



Coconut Shy

**Homebakes**

**Human Fruit  
Machine**

**Splat the Rat**



**Ice Creams**

**Easton Primary  
School Art  
Exhibition**

Meet the  
Hounds





We are in URGENT need of more **gazebos**.

Can anyone please make a batch of 24 **scones** (can be made and frozen until the day of the Fair). We need 2 batches of 24.

Anyone able to **bake for the cake stall**—buns, cupcakes, biscuits please?

**Plants** for plant stall to be left in porch of church from Thursday 11th May, or brought direct to the stall on the day.

**Bottles (alcohol)** for the Tombola to Colin at Lawsons from Wednesday 10th May or on the day.

**Bric-a-brac, toys and books** to Jane at Bickley, Harriers Walk or Nancy at Glevering House from Wednesday 10th May.



Thank you!

## The River Deben through Easton

I expect you will all be aware of the current public alarm over the dire state of rivers in England. Unfortunately the Deben is no exception and many have noticed the water quality decline sharply in the last few years. I took a sample upstream of Easton recently, which was tested for e-coli bacteria. There were 22 colonies, the legal limit for bathing status is 9. The colony count is often higher yet again after the river leaves Easton which should give us all pause for thought. E-coli comes from both human and animal faeces, but at this high level the human contribution will be significant.

I also had this sample measured for nitrates and this came in at 50mg/litre. The natural background concentration is around 1mg, the level accepted in many countries as 'safe for aquatic life' is 10mg. Many of us feel horribly powerless in the face of this sort of news but there may be things to help improve the health of the river, either directly or indirectly. These are some things I believe could help:-

- ◆ Maintenance of home septic tanks and cesspits to avoid leaks, including foul drains.
- ◆ Avoiding pet flea treatments containing Fipronil or Imidacloprid, highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates.
- ◆ Farmers could monitor land drains for nitrate leaching and look at how to reduce.
- ◆ Fallen tree branches can create mini dams and wiggles that aerate water flow and create nursery pools.
- ◆ Invasive species such as Himalayan Balsam should be controlled along river banks.
- ◆ Keeping banks and rivers clear of litter.
- ◆ The use of pesticides/herbicides anywhere near river/stream course should be avoided.
- ◆ Avoid putting fats, oil, grease or wet wipes into the drains as they can cause blockages in the sewer network.
- ◆ Impact from roads, the run off contains harmful pollutants and goes straight into the river.

The Rivers Trust welcomes volunteers to become citizen scientists to help monitor the health of our rivers.

Kirsty Logan

# PHOTOGRAPHIC MUSINGS

By Colin Haysom

In this digital age, taking photos has never been simpler, with cameras (even phones) producing instant images. It is tempting to dismiss as irrelevant the techniques of the early pioneers of photography working when the pace of life was much slower and colour photography a distant dream. Nevertheless they are now enjoying a renaissance with a growing band of photographers who prefer a more personal, hands-on involvement re-discovering the astonishing beauty and atmosphere of the images they produce.

Probably the finest of these early techniques is the platinum/palladium print, long considered to be the epitome of the photographer's art. Though expensive to produce (each 1ml of platinum solution costing around £10), once experienced it is usually a revelation—to quote Alfred Stieglitz (one of the great practitioners) “the platinum print has an indescribable charm, suggesting atmosphere, though the negative printed on another medium may be entirely devoid of this valuable pictorial quality”. Prints made using this



process have a unique, almost 3D quality and display a broad and smooth range of rich tones from warm black to delicate white and are treasured by collectors and investors for their beauty and permanence—platinum and palladium are more stable than gold and images made with them, besides being exceptionally beautiful, will never fade or degrade, only disappearing if the paper they are printed on gives up many centuries hence.

Making a print is essentially fairly simple and does not require a darkroom, needing only the exclusion of daylight and having soft illumination from bulbs emitting no UV light. It starts with a negative made to the same size



as the image required. This used to be a laborious task but today is easily made by printing onto sheet film from digital files using an ink jet printer. Very high quality matte paper, specifically made for the purpose, is then hand coated with a mixture of platinum, palladium and ferric oxalate solutions and once dry the negative is placed in contact with it under pressure in a glass frame. After exposure to intense light from UV tubes in a light box (originally sunlight in the open was used), there comes the always magical moment when the latent image suddenly becomes visible in the tray of developer. Careful washing to remove all surplus chemicals follows, then drying and pressing to flatten the paper.

There are many reproductions of platinum/palladium prints in books and online, but none remotely convey the unique character of the original. Seeing an original is not easy as most are in the hands of collectors and museums, but modern practitioners are increasingly making them available. For anyone interested locally there is the opportunity to see some made by me on display at “Beyond the Image” photographer’s gallery, Thornham Walks IP23 8HH Fridays to Sundays in May .... and Thornham Walks has a good café!



# All Saints Church



On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am there will be a special service to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. We shall celebrate with readings and hymns and prayers for his reign.

The other service for the month is Holy Communion on 28<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am.

## May Fair

Preparations are well ahead for the May Fair on 13<sup>th</sup> May. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual event. We hope lots of people will get involved and come and enjoy all the fun of the fair. This is the church's principal fundraiser for the year and we are praying that the sun will shine for us!

## Sunday Cafe

The Cafe is on 21<sup>st</sup> May in the Village Hall as usual from 10.00 am until 11.30 am.

## Discussion Group

The Discussion Group meets again on 10<sup>th</sup> May, when we shall be discussing "what's in a name?" The meeting this month is at Ash Grove, New Road, Framlingham at 10.30 am. New members are always welcome.

## Services on Zoom

The Zoom service is on 14<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like to join this online service, please register with Bill Clark for the link ([bill78@btinternet.com](mailto:bill78@btinternet.com))

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

## RIP David Goldsmith 1956 - 2023

It was sad to see another funeral for the Hargreaves family in March. The service was held for David Michael Goldsmith, husband of Sarah and much loved member of the whole family. The service paid tribute to David's larger than life character, his down-to-earth philosophy, his sense of humour, his willingness to help anyone, his ability to fix things and his amusing traits.

In a full church, the family paid their tributes and expressed their deep love for him. We listened to some specially chosen music including Clare Weston singing Pie Jesu and Laudate Dominum. The tone was definitely of thanksgiving for his life, the person he was and the love he had for family and friends.

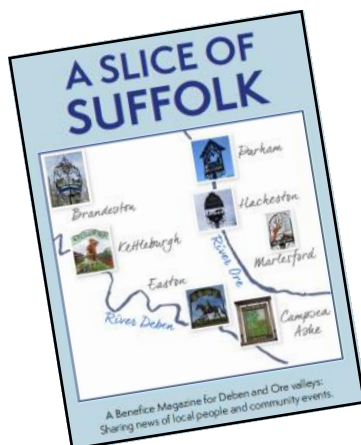
We send our blessings and sincere sympathies to Sarah and the whole family.

*A Slice of Suffolk  
The benefice magazine  
With all you need to know about  
church services and what's going 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.**

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



# *Sunday Café*

**Sunday 21st May  
10—11.30 am  
Village Hall**

**There's plenty to enjoy at our monthly café. There's lots of home made goodies, sweet and savoury, all made by our lovely volunteers. Or how about a bacon roll made with Revetts bacon? Our specials board might catch your eye too! All food can be bought to take away and at very good prices (we aim just to cover costs and any profit we do make is sent to charities or donated to the church).**

**Enjoy catching up with friends, meeting new ones, or reading the Sunday newspapers in our lovely village hall. We've got toys for the children and a covered seating area outside if you'd like to bring your dog along.**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



Sunday Café is sponsored by All Saints Church

# A Sense of Place and Time

## Spring in miniature



Early April is characterised by increasing light levels, but still sharp nights. Though the sun is strong enough to warm the ground, soil temperatures can still be cold so the full growth season is not quite underway.

Many hardy spring annuals and ephemerals take advantage of this time to 'up and flower' before the growth of larger plants closes the gap. Being small and fast growing enables these plants to inhabit often unnoticed niches such as on the edge parched verges or at the base of the crinkle -crackle wall. One such plant to look out for is **Common Whitlowgrass** (not a grass at all!) - *Erophila verna* - that can be seen along the pavements in Easton for just a few short weeks in spring. It is no more than a couple of centimetres high and is easily overlooked. Keep your eyes peeled.

**Dog's Mercury** - *Mecurialis perennis* - is an unassuming plant that is ubiquitous in ancient woodlands and old hedgerows. Tolerant of deep shade, it often forms continuous clonal carpets, spreading vegetatively by rhizomes.

In March and April, Dog's Mercury is visible along hedgerows and in woodlands throughout Easton.

Like many woodland plants, it flowers in the spring before the leaf canopy closes over - a burst of growth and flowering before the overhead woodland or hedge casts a deep shade. Male and female flowers are borne on separate plants, the male flowers being greenish/yellow strings and the female flowers being green spheres. Dog's Mercury is very toxic if eaten, being in the Euphorbia family. The prefix Dog in a plant name may suggest (rather unfairly for dogs!) that a plant is inferior, no good or of no use, often because it is not edible and/or poisonous.





## Neighbourhood Watch News for May

### **Scammers are buying up adverts on Google to trick Next, TK Maxx and Zara customers**

Beware of ads in search results, as they could lead to phishing websites. **Fraudsters are buying up adverts that appear at the top of search results when shoppers look up popular retailers on Google.**

In the past week, we've seen examples of dodgy ads when searching for Next, TK Maxx and Zara. When you click on one of these ads, you'll be taken to a 'rewards' website where you'll be promised a shopping voucher in exchange for completing a series of tasks. In reality, you'll just be handing over your personal details.

These ads appear at the top of the Google search results above the retailer's genuine website. They often state the retailer's URL, but when you click on the ad, you'll be taken to a completely different site.

Anyone can create an advert on Google - after it's been approved in line with Google's ad policies - meaning fraudsters can exploit the process to their advantage and buy ad space to trick you into visiting dodgy sites.

#### **How to avoid scam ads**

It can be difficult to tell which adverts are genuine and which ones aren't, so it's best to avoid clicking on ads you see at the top of search results. Ads on Google will always be labelled 'ad' or 'sponsored'. Scroll down to the search results below these ads to visit the retailer's genuine website.

## Postcode lottery scam letter

If you receive a letter claiming you've won thousands on the People's Postcode Lottery, it's important to take a moment to check you're not being targeted by a scammer.

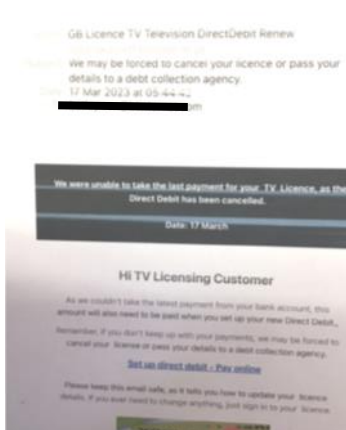
This scam letter includes the People's Postcode Lottery logo and branding. It claims that your postcode has been randomly selected from the electoral roll database and says your 'win' is part of a programme to award money from previously unclaimed prizes. It uses this story to justify why you don't need to be an existing player to win.

There are some giveaways that this is a scam. First, the letter is from a London-based address that isn't listed on the People's Postcode Lottery's website. Next, you're asked to contact a specific person at a made-up financial services company – we've seen examples including 'Coral & Reed Financial Services' and 'Ultimate Financial Services'. A quick search on Companies House reveals that these companies don't exist.

The letter asks you to call a number to claim your prize. This is the point at which the scammer will ask you to provide personal information, which will likely include your bank account details.

The People's Postcode Lottery confirmed the letter is not genuine. It said winning postcodes can be checked on its website, which is updated daily.

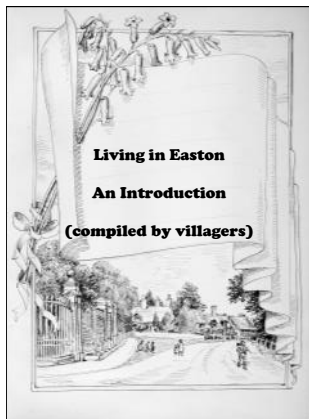
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## TV Licensing Scam

An Easton resident has recently received a threatening email about non-payment of direct debit. This may look official, but it's a scam.

**John Owen**



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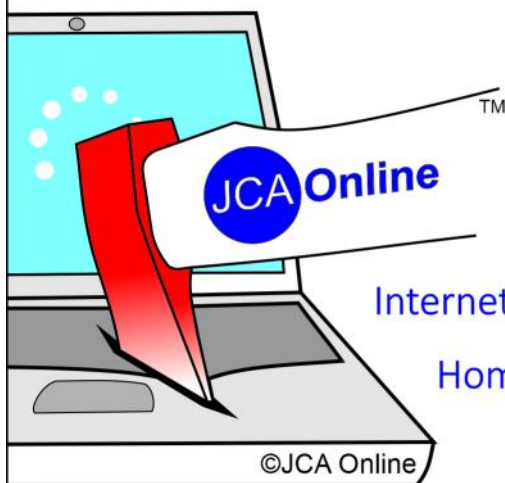
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