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# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON

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Dear Friends,

Every October for the last twenty years I have gone, with other clergy from the Diocese, to a Retreat in a Benedictine Abbey outside Bruges in Belgium. From Monday to Friday we spend time in silence, joining the monks in their worship, and just resting in prayer and contemplation.

As I write this, the Retreat is just two days away and as with every Autumn, the call of the Abbey is felt in the turning colour of the leaves and the drawing in of the daylight hours.

Coupled to that, this time of the year always points towards November, the month of Remembrance.

Last Autumn I travelled to another part of Belgium, the now restored town of Ypres. There, at the Menin Gate, we gathered at dusk for the last post. Every evening at exactly 8.00 pm the Last Post is sounded, as it has been every evening since 1928 (apart from the four years that Ypres was occupied by the Germans between 20<sup>th</sup> May 1940 and 6<sup>th</sup> September 1944).

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers killed near Ypres, whose graves remain unknown to this day. Today, engraved on stone panels in the large Hall of Memory at the Menin Gate, are the names of 54,896 soldiers who died but whose bodies have never been identified and found.

I have been reflecting on the links between Autumn with its melancholy beauty, the silence of Retreat in the Abbey, and the intensely moving ceremony of the Last Post at the Menin Gate.

All speak to me of a longing for the coming of God's Kingdom, with its message of peace, forgiveness, and healing.

May that coming of God's Kingdom be our heartfelt prayer in this month of November.

God bless you,

Harry Edwards

# Church Matters .....



## Discussion Group

The next Discussion Group will be on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** at Little Barn, Northgates, Monewden at 10.30 am. The topic this month is **the book of Jonah**.

New members are welcome. This is an informal discussion group which starts with a cup of tea or coffee.

## Remembrance Sunday

This year we shall mark Remembrance on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at **10 am**. The service in church will finish in time for you to visit the Sunday Café over in the Village Hall if you want to.

As usual, there will also be a short Act of Remembrance at the war memorial inside the church at **11 am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Benefice Service for December

The benefice service of Holy Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> December will be at Easton church at 10 am.

## Dates for Your Diary

### New Rural Dean

Loes Deanery's new rural Dean, Revd Dr Stephen Brian, will be licensed by the Archdeacon, Ian Morgan, at the evening service at Dallinghoo on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm. All welcome.

### PCC Meeting

There will be a PCC meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Easton House.

### Christmas Bazaar

This year our traditional Bazaar will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 11 am until 2 pm. (See separate page for details.)

### Carol Service

The Carol and Gift Service will be on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm. We are hoping Robin will be returning to take that service.

*Jane Woodbury-Eggins*



The Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich  
Treasuring Christianity in Suffolk

Later this month a “Treasures Guidebook” is being printed to mark the Centenary of the Diocese when celebrations begin next March to encourage pilgrims to visit the treasures and our parish churches.

This quality book will make an excellent present and stocking filler! Because the Diocese have received generous outside sponsorship, They are able to sell the book for £5; normal retail price would be in the region of £15/20.

Our church will be able to retain £2 per book for the church funds from the £5 to be paid.

Please contact Clare Owen, PCC Secretary on 745015 to reserve a copy. Or email her on [clareowen@aol.com](mailto:clareowen@aol.com). Please confirm your interest by 30th November.

Thank you.

*Ministry Team*

## **FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA**

	Flowers	Cleaning
1st Nov	Dot Blane	Dot Blane
9th Nov	Dot Blane (Remembrance)	Dot Blane
16th Nov	Jane Pollock	Jane Pollock
23rd Nov	Jane Pollock	Jane Pollock
30th Nov	Jane Woodbury-Eggs	Jane Woodbury-Eggs
7th Dec	Jane Woodbury-Eggs	Jane Woodbury-Eggs

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EASTON**

**is hosting**

# **Sunday Cafe**



**Easton Village Hall**

**Sunday 10th November**

**open 10.00 - 11.30 am**

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

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

**Bacon rolls now on the menu!**

Craft activities to amuse  
the children

## **Robin's Leaving Service and Lunch**

On Sunday 6th October, the bells rang out and Brandeston church was full both of people and love for Robin's retirement service. The service started with Robin singing a solo to us of a song based on St Francis' Canticle of the Sun which his mother used to sing to him when he was small. Robin preached on St Francis and the influence of this particular saint on his life and ministry. At the end of the service the choir sang "May the Lord bless you and keep you" to Robin – and there was hardly a dry eye in the church!

The service was followed by a "bring and share" lunch at which Robin and D were presented with gifts from the three parishes, including a framed print of the three churches by Sue Scott. The villagers of Brandeston and Easton had clubbed together to buy a garden bench for Robin and D to sit on when they have more leisure time (?) and there were vouchers and a cheque and also a trug of flowers for D.

*Jane Woodbury-Eggins*



# **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

**VILLAGE HALL**

**11 AM - 2 PM**



**GRAND PRIZE DRAW**

**LOTS OF STALLS**

**SOUP AND ROLLS, TEA AND**

**COFFEE, MINCE PIES**

**MAKE A DATE IN YOUR DIARY TO  
JOIN US!**

In aid of All Saints' Church

# EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7:15 pm in the Village Hall.**

The agenda for the next meeting will contain the following two items which the Council are keen to have residents' views on.

**Hopkins and Moore Development** adjacent to Easton Primary School. Easton Parish Council are keen to hear/read residents' views on the proposed development as outlined at the recent exhibition in the Village Hall. Council will be asked by the Planning Dept at SCDC whether they support or object to the development and why. Council can only reflect the views of the residents of Easton if they are told what they are.

## **Highways Safety**

This is often discussed by Council and letters written to SCC Highways Dept. Council are keen to hear/read what safety measures residents feel will benefit the community, and where.

Near the beginning of every meeting there is the opportunity for residents to speak (up to 3 minutes max.) to Council about any matter. If the matter is not on the agenda for the meeting it will be discussed at a later date.

To aid understanding/discussion, letters, emails or comments may be sent to the Clerk up to 1 week before the meeting so that they may be circulated to Councillors with the agenda.

Please send any correspondence to: Mrs Esther Brown  
Vine Cottage,  
Debach,  
Suffolk,  
IP13 6BY  
email: [pc@easton.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@easton.suffolk.gov.uk)  
Tel: 07789 538430.

The Council and I look forward to seeing you on the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Esther Brown,  
Clerk to Easton Parish Council.



# Easton CP School

[www.eastonprimary.org.uk](http://www.eastonprimary.org.uk)

[admin@easton.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@easton.suffolk.sch.uk)

01728 746387



## **William Barnes**

The whole school community was shocked and deeply upset by the news of William's injuries after being hit by a car near his home in the village. Our thoughts are with him and his family. The children have made cards for William and we are holding a collection for him at school. William left the school in July but was a frequent visitor as he would often pop over on his bike or scooter to say hello when he got home from high school each day. We look forward to visiting him soon.

## **MacMillan Coffee morning**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the coffee morning – we raised approximately £140 in total for this very worthwhile cause. The children decorated cakes for the occasion and were served in our temporary café by some very polite and efficient year six pupils!

## **Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas Fair is coming up and we would welcome members of the local community to come and give us a visit. It is due to take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2:00pm. There are still some places for stall holders – if you are interested please contact the school office on 01728 746387.

**Cheryl Singleton**  
**Headteacher**

# **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**



## **Dumping of Garden Waste**

We have recently had a case of garden waste being dumped adjacent to the Five Bridges footpath both on the Easton and Letheringham side of the River Deben. There is a misconception that because garden waste is a natural material it is not classed as fly tipping. This is incorrect; dumping any material is classed as fly tipping and is subject to fines and, in extreme cases, imprisonment. Suffolk Coastal District Council ask that in the event of fly tipping being witnessed details are sent to them either by e-mail at [scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or telephone 01394 444000. Hopefully we will not need to repeat this information in the future.

## **Power Cuts**

You may have noticed that the lights went off! As they were off for more than 48 hours, users are entitled to compensation. UK Power Network has put the following on their website.

“Our priority is to restore supplies but UK Power Networks is doubling the normal storm payment (£27) which customers are entitled to in circumstances like this. Customers who were without power continuously for 48 hours will be entitled to claim a payment of £54 (and increases by £27 for every additional 12 hours). Although customers usually need to contact us to claim this payment we are going to contact all those eligible and will start writing to them on Monday (Nov 4). Alternatively, people who think they are eligible to receive a payment should write to us stating the dates and times between which they were continuously off supply via: Customer Relations (Storm Payment), Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP3 8AA.”

If you are not contacted in the next four weeks I would suggest writing to them at the address above or ringing 0800 028 4587.

## **Disappearing Dog Bin**

A number of people have pointed out that the dog bin at the start of the Five Bridges footpath has disappeared. The bin, as you may know, was fixed to the footpath sign that fell down. Suffolk County removed the sign, putting the bin on the ground, and it has since gone missing. In discussion with Suffolk Coastal, they have a policy that any loose bins are taken away for hygiene reasons. They are trying to track it down in their depot. The bin belongs to Suffolk Coastal and will be replaced once a new post has been installed.

## Security

There have been two incidents in a local village where residents have securely locked their doors but left the key in the lock. Thieves have tapped out the glass pane and reached through and unlocked the door. Please remove the key when locking any door and put it in a safe place out of sight of anyone looking through the window or letterbox.

*John Owen*

## Village View



Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday 12th November  
7.15 pm Village Hall

Mobile Library  
Wednesday 27th  
November  
12.20—12.35 Village Hall

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

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

Easton Belles WI AGM  
Tuesday 26th November  
7.30 pm Village Hall

Go with the Flow Youth Bus  
Tuesdays 5th and 19th November  
6-8.30 pm

Easton Pre-School  
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays  
9.15-11.45 am and 12.30—3.00 pm  
(Lunch Clubs 11.45—12.30 pm)  
Thursdays  
9.15—11.45 am  
Gentle Intro to PS for 18+ months

Toddler Group  
Every Tuesday Village Hall  
9.45—11.45 am

## **REPORT ON THE HACHESTON PUBLIC INQUIRY concerning Hive Energy's Solar Planning Appeal**

**Site Visits** - The Inquiry closed on 1<sup>st</sup> October with a final Site Visit by the Planning Inspector, Paul Jackson, accompanied by representatives from Hive Energy, SCDC and No Hacheston Solar. During the course of the Inquiry the Inspector walked all the relevant public footpaths, visited the Listed Buildings, saw the County Wildlife Site off Easton Lane and viewed the Parham Airfield solar development.

**The Inquiry** - The information presented at the Inquiry and the cross-examinations of the Expert Witnesses were intense at times. The process gave the Council and No Hacheston Solar the opportunity to put their cases strongly to the Planning Inspector. The Council concentrated solely on the effects on landscape and Listed buildings and their settings. No Hacheston Solar was able to add its own views on these two issues as well as cover impacts on the rural economy, food production, wildlife, drainage and noise from the inverters. Its barrister, Richard Turney, was invaluable throughout the proceedings and his statements are summarised within his detailed Closing Submission. Copies of this are available by emailing the address below.

During the course of the Inquiry, the Inspector insisted on Hive Energy's legal representative providing more information about the management responsibilities of the proposal. On the last day, it became clear that Hive Energy would not be responsible for developing the site. It emerged that an option agreement had already been set up in January 2013 between Notcutts and a private limited company called Daylighting Energy, registered in Middlesex in 2012. This company is closely linked to the Indian Energy Company, Moser Baer, which Hive Energy stated in the past was its financial backer. In addition to this, it also emerged that the type of inverters and fencing were still uncertain, as was the siting of the inverter cabinets and pole mounted security cameras. We can only hope that the Inspector will feel that no amount of detailed Planning Conditions could mitigate against the impacts that the development would have on the local environment.

**Local Support** - The Inquiry was well attended by local residents, particularly on the Thursday, with some people present throughout. On the last day, the Inspector thanked the members of the public for their interest and patience during the proceedings. Since the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government and the Energy & Climate Change Minister have both emphasised the importance of the voice of local communities being heard in planning matters, it is hoped that the Inspector will bear this in mind when coming to his conclusion. However, we are not expecting to hear the result of his deliberations until the end of the year or possibly later.

Finally, thanks again to all who have contributed letters and donations during the 18 month period between the start of the consultation process and the Public Inquiry. We do not yet know the final legal expenses. However, thanks to further donations, the shortfall (caused by extending the Inquiry to 4 days) is likely to be far less than we envisaged at one stage – probably under £1,000, which is an amazing achievement.

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**Jill Temperton**



## **EASTON BELLES**



### **OPEN MEETING - aka BELLES & BEAUS!**

Thank you for coming to our open meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and from the lovely comments made - everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Our speaker, Patricia Hodgkins, a volunteer from the National Trust Talk Service, entertained us with a fascinating talk and slides on Flatford, the life of John Constable and his paintings.

A delicious buffet followed and a raffle drawn.

This month (Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>) is our AGM when we appoint the officers and committee for next year and the business side of the meeting will be followed with a wine tasting session by Carol Rook! *Our meetings seem to be taking on a theme - hic!*

Please put this date in your diaries - we would love to see you - Easton Village Hall - 7.30pm.

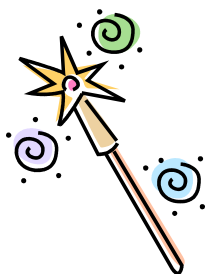
**Janet Prentice**

# LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

**"An EVENING of MUSIC, MAGIC and COMEDY"**

I make no apology for reminding you once more about our next big event. You are invited to join Peter Holloway and friends for an evening of merriment on Monday 18th November in Easton Village Hall. Refreshments will be available.

Those of you who know Peter will have some idea what to expect although there will be surprises too; those who do not are in for a real treat! This promises to be a jolly occasion, and a time for friends and neighbours to get together in the run-up to Christmas. I guarantee you will not be disappointed if you come along ..... of course, your support on occasions such as this enables us to fund further projects at St. Mary's for which we are most grateful.



**An evening of  
MUSIC, MAGIC, & COMEDY  
at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall  
with the redoubtable and well-known, one and only  
Peter Holloway  
Monday 18th November Doors open 7pm  
Admission £5  
(All proceeds to St Mary's, Letheringham)**

Numbers are limited so if you wish to reserve your seat please contact Polly on 747449.

*Marion Brown*

## **A Heartfelt Thank You**

**Sharon and Peter Barnes would like to thank everyone in the village for their support and concern for William following the accident.**

***I am sure I speak for the whole village in wishing William a speedy return to full health. Ed.***

# A new voice for communities in Suffolk

Healthwatch Suffolk is local voices influencing and shaping local health and social care services. It finds out what you think about your services and then uses those views to shape and improve them because the best services are built around the needs and experiences of the people that use them. It will also provide information and signposting to help you navigate the health and social care system and understand what to do when things go wrong.

As a powerful and independent consumer champion, Healthwatch Suffolk has the strength of the law and the national influence of Healthwatch England behind it. The people who run and pay for health and care services must respond to its concerns explaining what action they will take, or why they are not taking action.

## How can you be involved?

You can become a member for free and receive the newsletter. Most importantly however you can tell Healthwatch Suffolk about your experiences of health and social care services so that it can challenge them or encourage continued good service. It is independent which means you can have confidence and be honest when sharing your views. You do not have to be a member to comment.

Healthwatch Suffolk has been given the role to listen and the power to significantly influence change within the health and social care system. It gets your voice heard where it matters; where decisions are made. To find out more and have your say now you can contact the team on 01449 703949, follow Healthwatch Suffolk on Twitter (@hwsuffolk), visit [www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk) or send an email to [info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk).

You can also send Healthwatch Suffolk your views by Freepost (no stamp required). Simply write the following address onto your envelope and post it.

Freepost RTEC-ZGLG-GYLE  
Healthwatch Suffolk  
12&13 Norfolk House  
Williamsport Way  
Needham Market  
Suffolk  
IP6 8RW

**healthwatch**  
Suffolk



## **WE'LL BLOW ME DOWN! EASTON ONCE AGAIN HIT BY STRONG WINDS**

Unless you had left the village for some reason, perhaps for half term holiday, you cannot have escaped some misery attached to the so called St Jude's Day storm on the morning of Monday 28th October. (By the way, St Jude is the patron saint of Lost Causes!!)

The damage was widespread across East Anglia, as we all know, but our village seemed to fair badly compared with many others in the area. Well established trees were blown to the ground, some taking power lines with them, walls collapsed and apparently even a greenhouse roof had disappeared without trace! The Cricket Club sustained some damage with the score box demolished (see pic), picket fencing down, as well as a tree. The Farm Park lost two willows which in turn brought down power lines.



The Five Bridges walk, so popular with dog owners, became impassable because of debris from branches, and a young swan was blown off course and became trapped in a disused tennis court (see Carol's article opposite).

All of which meant that most of us had no power until late in the afternoon of Wednesday 30th October.

However, as always these catastrophes bring out the best in people and also throw up some amusing stories along the way. Derek Martin told me : "A tree in the front garden of Little Willows blew across the road taking a power line down with it and leaving electrical cables dangling dangerously over the road. Nigel Wright was immediately on the case with his chain-saw and with assistance from a few of us, we managed to get rid of the tree from the road coning off an area to provide a single lane whilst the cables were dealt with. Several of us tried to contact UK



Power Network to warn of the danger of the broken cables but without success, so until they could be made safe, we rallied and made warning signs alerting traffic and pedestrians of the dangers.”

Without any means of cooking, many people in the village resorted to the Fish and Chip shop “Flaming Fryer” in Wickham. A good time was had by all I gather with a somewhat festive spirit despite having to wait fifty minutes to be served! And apparently someone came all the way from the Thorpeness Hotel (they had lost power) and asked for “fifty portions of fish and chips”!! Needless to say, they were disappointed, the proprietor pointing to the long queue of people waiting behind!

Ed.

### ANY SWAN FOR TENNIS?

The storm brought in an usual visitor to a tennis court in Easton. Blown in by the wind a juvenile swan found himself dumped in the middle of a disused tennis court behind The White Horse. Looking dazed and confused the poor creature didn't have the space to take off and go on his way. A Rook came along to rescue his relative!! The RSPCA were called, checked the bird, wrapped him up and took him off to Woodbridge to release him back into a safe environment.



## Wellie Boots for November

**P**lease to remember the Fifth of November, Gunpowder, Treason and Plot. No doubt many of you have been building up a bonfire for the kids over the past few weeks with garden refuse, old tree branches and other combustible material and if so, just before the great day, why not move the whole caboodle a few yards? At this time of year many of our garden creatures are earnestly thinking about going into hibernation and may already be safely installed in your pile of refuse. Many an innocent hedgehog, snake, dormouse, toad and frog gets barbecued at this time of year, not to mention great-crested newts which are now prominent throughout the village.

But talking of garden refuse reminds me – we seem to have had an outbreak of dumping, especially along the Five Bridges footpath, which is most inconsiderate to say the least and quite unnecessary. We all have a fortnightly collection of garden refuse from our properties and if you temporarily have an excess, just store it in a corner of the garden until the next time and keep our village tidy. Please!! Sadly, the Village Green clean-up last month was very disappointing although you can at least see where the two of us have been. Let's hope the spring offensive will be more successful!!

Now of course is the ideal time to be planting tulip bulbs, as the cooler soil helps to avoid the fungal disease "tulip fire". Plump, firm bulbs should be planted in containers or in a sunny spot approximately 2-3 times their own depth and double their width apart. Use them to fill in gaps in beds and borders in formal gardens, or in pots and containers. In borders, batches of 10-25 between existing perennials can make an amazing impact, but remember that tulips like good drainage so if your ground is heavy, ideally plant them on a thin layer of grit to prevent rotting. And to get that naturally-planted look, if you have a large bed, scatter the bulbs around willy-nilly and plant them where they land. The same goes for any spring bulbs you have over, such as narcissi, crocuses and elegant alliums. Maybe a little late for these but I find they are very forgiving, and whatever you do, plant up those amaryllis bulbs straight away, water, keep close to a radiator if possible and keep your fingers crossed that they will flower in time for Christmas. The same goes for any other prepared bulbs you are hoping to force into Christmas flowering.



Heavy frosts could well be on the agenda this month so start to move your tender plants inside, making sure you have a supply of fleece or bubble wrap at hand for emergencies. Meanwhile, I know fully well that you have all planted up your urns and pots with a double layer of (probably) tulips topped with winter-flowering pansies or similar, but do remember that these can become waterlogged if left on the ground so raise them where possible on feet, tiles or bricks. I always find that although feet may be more elegant, they are less steady and I have lost many an expensive urn or pot by being tipped over in gusty, stormy weather. *[Editor's note: Michael wrote this before St Jude's Day storm ransacked the village – tempting providence maybe?!!]*

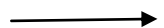
And there is still just time to divide substantial perennials such as daylilies, Michaelmas daisies and golden rod. Cut down to about 4", dig them up and divide carefully. Any other perennials I would leave now until the spring when they start to shoot from the base, especially peonies and grasses, which dislike being split in cold weather.

Dahlias?? Well, my own Achilles Heel, I have to admit, as year after year I get problem after problem. This year it was capsid bugs, which I strongly suspect originated from a recently planted pear tree at the edge of the dahlia bed. All the pear foliage became shrivelled early on, and the fruits became distorted and completely failed, spreading later to many of the adjacent dahlias. Although the latter seemed to eventually grow through the problem, the quality and quantity of the flowers has been severely affected. So drastic action is now called for, and if there is no improvement next year I have to bite the bullet and admit there will be no place in our garden for dahlias any longer. So, first the pear tree will have to be uprooted and burnt. Then, after the first couple of severe frosts have turned the foliage black, the dahlias will be cut down to about 4" and, in this particular case, burnt to stop any infection from spreading. Then they will have to be lifted and labelled as it is amazing how easy it is to forget which is which. Be careful not to damage the tubers as you dig around them, remove all the soil and store for a couple of weeks in a dry, cool place upside down to allow any moisture in the stems to drain out. When completely dry, puff sulphur on any damaged surfaces and bury them in peat-free compost so the top of the tuber is just above the compost level. Then keep them somewhere frost free over the winter, cross your fingers and hope for the best, inspecting regularly to make sure those pesky, four-legged furry critters aren't having midnight feasts at your expense.



Other jobs to do before winter sets in? Well, how about washing, cleaning and oiling where necessary all those lovely garden tools and implements that have served us so faithfully all year long? A little TLC will always go a long way and after that last grass-cut of the year, don't forget to get that lawnmower overhauled and serviced now. Come the spring everyone will be clamouring for attention at once and smug little you will be away to a flying start. Then you could clean off the bird-station and feeders and renew all the feeds, fat-balls, etc regularly

throughout the winter to encourage winter visitors. Which reminds me, it's just about time for the annual invasion of redwings to occur. We have a largish thorn tree in our "secret" garden which at this time of year is an absolute mass of ripening coral berries. Every year, without fail, around two hundred or more migrating redwings from Scandinavia will suddenly descend on this in a heaving, twittering mass. About an hour or so later, the now well-fed flock will suddenly leave as quickly as they arrived, well prepared for the next stage of their long journey. We feel quite privileged to have been part of it, but why this particular tree we know not. However, we felt quite cheated the year we missed their annual visitation due to a hospital appointment. No, Delilah dear, I had the hospital appointment, not the redwings. Carry on like this and I'll have to arrange for you to emigrate with them as well.



Meanwhile, if you have beds that lie bare during the winter, why not dig in as much organic matter as you can find to replace the goodness taken from it during the year. Or, if this too much like hard work, just mulch the beds and leave the rest to the elements and the worms. Works almost as well!

But please remember heavy frosts are just around the corner, so save yourselves untold irritation and expense by draining and lagging standpipes, outdoor taps and water pumps (I always like to remove and store away the latter in a dry place for safety.) Finally, as a last act of defiance to keep winter at bay, don't forget to kick the kiddies' summer football into the middle of the pond until the spring. This serves to ensure it shouldn't fully freeze over and means any noxious gases from decaying vegetation can escape and not harm any fish or other amphibians present.

So sort out those winter woollies and wellies and get raking up those fallen leaves that are preventing light and air getting to your plants and are providing a heaven on earth for slugs, snails and an unwholesome array of fungal diseases. However, don't waste these tumbled treasures – give them a year and they will have decomposed into fabulously rich leaf mould (see last month's edition for tried and tested method).

## **Wellie Boots**



***Have fun with fireworks but take care!***

## EASTON & LETHERINGHAM VILLAGE HALL



We are pleased to announce this month that we have a new committee member. Jean Blackwood-Pugh has joined us as Bookings Secretary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jenny McEvoy for carrying out this role for the last four years. Jenny remains on the committee and continues to carry out the role of Custodian looking after the maintenance and improvements of the hall.

**On Saturday December 7th from 11 am to 1.30 pm we will be holding a Mince Pies and Mulled Wine morning.** This is an opportunity for residents and users to get together before Christmas for a festive morning as well as renew your 100 Club numbers for 2014. All the Committee look forward to seeing you there.

Ian Palfreyman  
Village Hall Management Committee

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### EASTON 100 CLUB

October winner—Bruce Kerr  
(No. 78 )

Winning £44.50

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## *Pub stuff*

*from Allister Catchpole*

A while since I have written I know, but a busy summer took over and to be honest I am not sure where the time has gone. It seems like only yesterday we were preparing the garden for the sunny weather and as I write this I am looking at the fires that are now lit! I suppose time flies when you're having fun.

Another great Hells Kitchen night was had on 10th October. For those of you that are unaware, we take enthusiastic amateur cooks and suck the life from them with a full day's prep and restaurant service (basically what we do every week) for around 80 diners. This time it was the turn of Paddy Bishop, Allan Green and Rachel Summers. With the cameras on once again it gave every diner the opportunity to see behind the scenes and their meals being prepared. So a massive thank you to all of the supporting patrons, hard working staff and the wonderful Triangle Nursery and Paddy and Scott's Coffee for supporting the event.

I've given you a couple of recipes that work well together from that night that have now made it onto the menu.

*Enjoy!*



# Potted rabbit

## Ingredients

1 rabbit  
8 slices streaky bacon  
2 carrots  
2 onions  
250ml dry sherry  
Bunch of thyme, rosemary, oregano, marjoram  
(whatever you have)  
5 cloves  
6 allspice berries or ground allspice  
Lemon juice  
Mace  
Cayenne pepper  
Salt and pepper  
Clarified butter



## Method

Prepare and joint rabbit; if not already done.  
Place 4 slices of bacon in the base of a heavy-bottomed pan.  
Arrange rabbit pieces on top.  
Sprinkle over roughly chopped vegetables and herbs .  
Add cloves, allspice and final 4 slices of bacon.  
Pour over sherry and top up with water to just reach the top of the vegetables.  
Simmer for around 90 minutes (gently) or until the rabbit flesh separates easily from bones.  
Strain the stock and reserve, discard vegetables and leave meat to cool.  
Carefully remove flesh from bones and shred finely into a bowl.  
Grind up bacon using pestle and mortar into fine paste; add to meat (Magimix pulse).  
Add lemon juice, mace, cayenne pepper; stir well.  
Add a few tablespoons of the stock plus a few of clarified butter; repeat until desired consistency achieved.  
Keep tasting it at this point, adding seasoning and more lemon juice, mace and cayenne if required.  
Press into pots and pour over a little clarified butter to form a seal.  
Chill in fridge.  
Serve with toast and extras.

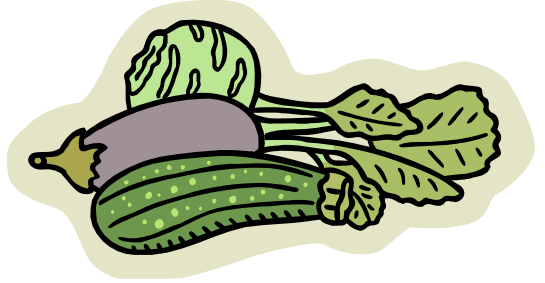
# Pickled Courgettes

## Ingredients

500g courgettes  
3 shallots, finely chopped  
2 tbsp non-iodised salt

## For the pickling liquid

500ml cider vinegar  
140g golden caster sugar  
1 tsp mustard powder  
1 tsp mustard seeds  
1 tsp celery seeds  
½ dried chilli, crumbled  
1 tsp ground turmeric



## Method

Thinly slice the courgettes using a sharp knife, mandolin or slicing blade on a food processor. Put in a bowl with the shallots and sprinkle over the salt. Cover with ice-cold water, stir to dissolve the salt and leave for 1 hr. Drain the courgettes thoroughly and pat dry using kitchen paper or tea towels. If they stay too wet, the water will dilute the pickling solution.

Meanwhile, put the pickling ingredients into a pan and bring to a simmer. Bubble for 3 mins, making sure the sugar has dissolved, then leave to cool until warm but not hot. Add the courgettes and stir.

Scoop the mixture into 2 x 500ml sterilised jars. Seal and leave for a few days in the fridge. Kept chilled, these will keep for a couple of months





# ART AND CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS

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## **Saturday, 23 November 2013 at Walberswick Reed Beds**

Drawing and wire sculpture with Margaret Wyllie & Jennifer Hall

A morning exploring the area of reed beds, drawing and recording the landscape, flora, birds and historical traces.

Afternoon, after discussion of sketches and the relationship between the natural habitat and historic workings - choose one element or combination from sketches and make a sculpture with annealed steel wire.

No previous experience required.



## **Remember a loved one at St Elizabeth Hospice's Light up a Life event**

A series of special remembrance events will be held in East Suffolk and South Norfolk for people wanting to remember a loved one in the lead up to Christmas.

St Elizabeth Hospice is holding six Light up a Life events to bring together anyone, not just those touched by Hospice care, who wish to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones at this poignant time of year.

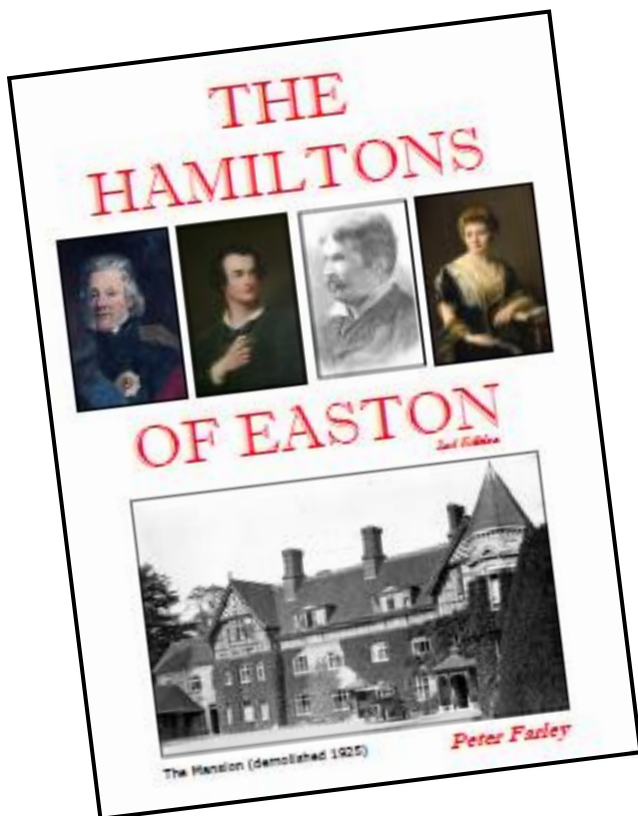
Each event includes Christmas carols, music and readings as well as a time for reflection. The Revd Jo Perry, chaplain at St Elizabeth Hospice, said: "Christmas is a time for giving and sharing, a moment for enjoying being with your family members and loved ones. But it is also a time for reflecting on the lives of loved ones we have lost, remembering these special people and the cherished memories that we hold dear to our heart.

"St Elizabeth Hospice's Light up a Life events are open to everyone and give us an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate the lives of those we love and remember those who are no longer with us."

Light up a Life Events are free to attend, no ticket is needed, just turn up on the day. Your nearest Light up a Life event is being held on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 4pm, at St Michael's Church, Framlingham.**

This year people are invited to personalise a Special Memories Card to bring along to the event. You can pick up a form along with a special memories card from St Elizabeth Hospice shops and all St Elizabeth Hospice sites, or call 01473 723600. You can also make a dedication to your loved one on our virtual Light up a Life Christmas Tree by visiting [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/lightupalife](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/lightupalife)

**Makes a great  
Christmas  
present!**



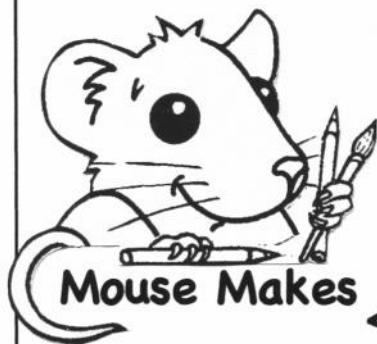
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Sundays before  
Christmas and read  
about God's **promise**,

God's **message**.

God's **gift** and  
God's **good news**.

On Christmas Day colour  
in the flame at the top of  
the candle, cut the  
candle out and hang  
from the tree.

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E	N	E	W	S	V	Y
P	T	O	H	U	E	E
G	O	O	D	S	O	I

Can you find these words?

ADVENT•PEACE•JOY  
HOPE•LOVE•GOOD•NEWS  
JESUS•BIRTH•SAVIOUR



★ ADVENT ★

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**A copy of the latest signed  
minutes of the Parish Council can  
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noticeboard.**

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

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

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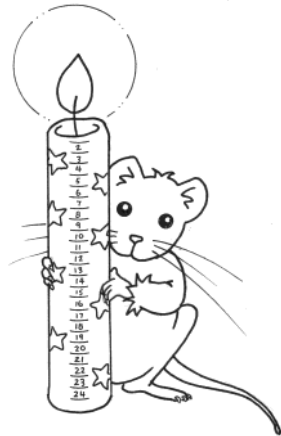
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