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Dear Friends

October already, the season of harvest, of mellow fruitfulness, nice weather, of Harvest Festivals celebrated in beautifully decorated churches, and the annual opportunity to sing the traditional hymns in a beautifully decorated church. All reminders, if any were needed, of the abundance and generosity of God's creation. It's a busy season too as we all try to cram in the last outdoor activities of the year before the clocks change and evenings become long and dark .

Many of you may have noticed by now the delay in returning phone calls and less quick replies to emails sometimes, which is because I'm taking some informal 'pupernity leave'. Having recently decided that I couldn't live without another dog in my life after the loss of my much loved Phoebe, I went and got an English Pointer puppy called Lilly who is now 14 weeks old, and life as I knew it may never be the same again!

Now I love autumn in all its glory, so I don't often expect to find myself shocked by what God can do in this amazing world we call home. But on a recent morning, after Lilly reveille at 4.45am, I found myself still in my PJs sitting in the garden at 7am surrounded by a flock of swallows dipping in my fish pond, and then trying to perch on the newly erected string barrier around the water (a vain attempt to keep the pup out of it!!)

Well all young things test their boundaries, and oh boy is she testing mine. She is however beautiful, clever, brave, delightful, funny and very naughty, and even now in these first couple of weeks it seems right that she should have arrived in the autumn of 2012, in the autumn of my life, to serve as a reminder, were any needed, of the abundance, generosity and variety of God's creation.

If emails take longer to be answered, or you always get the answerphone, bear with me while I get her recall trained and persuade her to keep all four feet on the ground – you may well smile, but even at this young age there is nothing at all in my house that she can't reach or doesn't want to put in her mouth!

I hope you are all enjoying an equally amazing autumn in whatever way you choose to celebrate, and don't forget to attend one of the Harvest Festivals - we all have so much to give thanks for.

With love, in Christ

Deirdre

Church Matters



Discussion Group

The Discussion Group on Wednesday 5th September tackled the idea of Jesus as the "Son of Man". It led to a lively and wide-ranging discussion.

There will be no meeting in October. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 7**th **November**.

Harvest Festival and Lunch

Please come and join us on **Sunday 14th October for our Harvest Festival and lunch.** As usual we are marking God's blessing and generosity to us by collecting gifts of tinned or packet food to send to the Ormiston Family Centre. Please bring any offerings and also any flowers or fruit/vegetables for decorating to the church on Saturday 13th or leave them in the church beforehand.

You do not have to come to the service to attend the lunch (cottage pie and peas followed by puddings), so feel free to come to the Village Hall at about 12 noon as the lunch is a good community "get together" occasion. Details on page 4.

Confirmation

There will be a confirmation service for our deanery on **Sunday 7th October** at 6.30 pm in Brandeston taken by Bishop Jeremy Walsh. There are candidates from several benefices and I am sure they would value our support.

Bible Study

The Bible study group will meet on **Tuesday 16th October** at Hacheston Village Hall (see separate notice).

Dates for your Diary

Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Day actually falls on a Sunday — 11th November, of course! Our service will be at 10 am.

Jane Woodbury-Eggins



The Benefice Bible Study

In October the monthly Benefice Bible Study will meet at Hacheston Village Hall on Tuesday 16th October at 7.30pm. We aim to finish by 9.00 pm.

We plan to look at two of the shorter books of the Bible; Ruth in the Old Testament and Philippians in the New Testament. You might like to have a look at these before we meet, to see what you think of them, but if you do not have time to do so it doesn't matter. Do please bring your own Bible – it doesn't matter which translation it is!

These evenings are entirely open and free. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. Everyone and anyone who wishes to come is invited and will be warmly welcomed. The aim of the evening is for each of us to discover more about the Bible, so that we understand more when we read it either by ourselves or when we hear passages read in Church. A cup of coffee or tea is a welcome feature of the evening.

Robin Alderson

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Flowers	Cleaning
6 Oct	Inge Brown	Emma Gibbon
13 Oct	HARVEST All arrangers and all cleaners, please.	
20 Oct	Dot Blane	Dot Blane
27 Oct	Dot Blane	Dot Blane
3 Nov	Jane Woodbury-Eggins	Jane Woodbury-Eggins

Harvest Festival

Sunday 14th October
at 11.00 am
followed by lunch
in the Village Hall
(approximately 12 noon)
ALL WELCOME



Please bring gifts to the church on Saturday 13th (or on the Sunday) for the Ormiston Family Centre in Ipswich, which does so much fine work with needy and struggling families. Gifts should be in the form of tinned or packet food.

Also if you have flowers, greenery or fruit/ vegetables which could be used to decorate the church, they would be gratefully received on the Saturday morning when we will be decorating the church.

FASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Highlights of the Council Meeting on 11th September 2012

Minutes amendment - The Council unanimously supported the inclusion of the following in relation to item 3.1 of the minutes from the Council meeting held on 11th July 2012. "Cllr Owen reported that Land Registry have no record of covenants restricting the sale of the 'WRVS' properties in the village".

County Councillor's Report - Cllr Bellfield has arranged for SCC Highways to look at the pavement and kerb outside the Village Hall at the request of the Village Hall Management Committee. Suffolk's Libraries IPS are now running the library service. Cllr Boon informed the meeting that library volunteers at Wickham Market were unable to use the computer system and so offered a reduced service to the library user. SCC is encouraging business opportunities in Suffolk. EDF Energy are continuing in their plan to build 'Sizewell C'. SCC is on track to meet its projected budget savings.

District Councillor's Report - SCDC are consulting on a scheme to reduce Council Tax benefits.

See http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/benefits/

<u>counciltaxsupport/</u>. The Local Development Framework Examinations Hearings are continuing-please see SCDC website for details. Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd's contract has been renewed for 10 years.

Police Report - There have been 2 crimes in the village (burglary and bicycle theft) since the last meeting. Counterfeit £20 and £50 notes are being passed round the area.

Go With The Flow Youth Bus - Following a presentation from the Project Manager of the bus and comments collated by the clerk from parents of children who attended the free taster sessions, the Council decided to try to find funding from outside the village in order for the bus to come to Easton regularly.

Clerk's Report - The Council have accepted the donation from Greensleeves Homes Trust. The Clerk has attended 3 training Courses/meetings and circulated notes about these meetings to the Council. The Clerk asked for a village residents' email distribution list, villagers will need to 'opt in' if they wish to be included. The Council will walk around the parish prior to the next meeting to inspect Parish Council assets and the village in general.

Finance - Financial Statement was agreed.

Code of Conduct - The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Suffolk Code of Conduct.

Planning Matters - Planning permission and listed building consent has been granted for Middle Stump. Tree Works Notifications have been received for the churchyard and behind Easton House on the kennels land. The Council has supported the erection of a replacement detached garage at 4 Pound Cottages.

Cemetery - A tree surgeon has removed a damaged branch from an ash tree in the cemetery. The northern ditch landowner is deciding how best to deal with the flooding of the bowls green after heavy rain.

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The Council have decided to estimate how long it will take for the remaining plots in the cemetery to be taken and whether the residents feel that buying more land is an appropriate use of Parish Council funds. All residents will be contacted with more details in due course.

Highways - There will be further assessments of vehicle speed in the village in the future. The Parish Council will contact SCC again to see what, if any, safety measures can be put on/near Pound Corner. Landowners will be contacted to ask them to ensure that hedges are kept trimmed so as not to obscure road signs.

Business Questionnaire - The Council discussed comments added by those businesses who completed a questionnaire and decided: 1) To ask the Parish Magazine Editor to consider the inclusion of adverts in the magazine and 2) To remain in contact with the Village Hall Management Committee about any developments regarding the pavement outside the Village Hall.

Training - 3 Councillors and the Clerk will attend training sessions in the near future. **Correspondence** – BDO LLP will be the external auditor for the next 5 years. The 2011/2012 Annual Return has returned from the external Auditor with no further comment.

If anyone wishes to see reports and correspondence referred to above please contact the Clerk.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be on 13th November at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.

If you wish to make any comments or ask any questions relating to Council matters, please contact the Clerk on 07789 538430 or pc@easton.suffolk.gov.uk



Easton Belles WI



Cup Cake Icing Demonstration on Tuesday 23rd October 2012 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. It promises to be a fun evening.

New members welcome and if you join in October you get three months free!

Come along and help us develop the Easton Belles into a fun and inspiring WI.

Anne Parkinson

EASTON & LETHERINGHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS



Just a couple of things to mention this month.

Firstly, we have organised what promises to be a very special evening at the hall on **Friday November 2**nd.

A Suffolk Comedy & Music Evening - starring Stephen Bayfield & The Broadside Boys (recently seen on TV!). Food is included in the ticket price and there will also be a pay-bar serving beers, wines and soft drinks. Tickets are available to purchase online right now on our web site or from: Margie Ransome 746818, David Stagg 746054 and Mark Kenny 747572. There are only 12 tables of 6 available, and at the time of writing half of these have already been sold.

Secondly, we have a **Tai Chi taster session on Tuesday 9**th **October at 1.30-2.30 for £6**. If this proves popular we could run a regular slot to replace the yoga. If you are interested in the taster session please contact Ali Crawford on 01394 411717

lan Palfreyman Village Hall Management Committee

www.elvillagehall.com

EASTON 100 CLUB

September Winner

Michael Coney (No. 13)

Prize £33

Organised and run by the Village Hall Management Committee

There are still some numbers available for the remainder of the year at a cost of only £1 a month. Contact Dave Stagg on 746054 or visit www.elvillagehall.com/members-&-numbers.html for available numbers.

Suffolk Comedy & Music Evening!



starring Stephen Bayfield 4 The Broadside Boys!

on Friday 2nd November 2012 7.15pm until late!

FOOD INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE

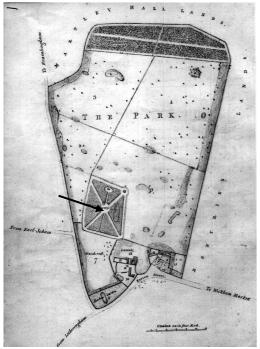
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Cockfighting in the Wilderness, Easton



The map (circa 1790) shows the extent of the Park Estate owned by William, 5th Earl of Rochford (1754-1830) and shows an area known as the Wilderness (arrowed). At its centre is the circular area known as the Cockpit. Here villagers and others would gather to gamble on the outcome of a fight between two cock birds, who would have sharp steel blades attached to each leg to stab, gouge and maim their opponent until one, or sometimes both were killed. Invariably, even if it had won, the victor would later die perhaps blinded by his injuries.



Cruelty to Animals Act

In 1835, having come under pressure from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Parliament passed legislation that banned both bear baiting and cockfighting.

However, the Act did not become effective in Scotland until 1895, the year that coincided with the death of Easton resident and owner of the Wilderness, William the 12th Duke of Hamilton, the Premier Peer of Scotland.

Although illegal in England, it is believed that the Duke, with his well known passion for gambling, allowed the barbarous activity to continue in the Wilderness concealed amongst the well tended trees and shrubs of the six acre site.

Today the RSPCA reports that cockfighting still takes place in secretive surroundings but thankfully has declined in England in recent years.





The Wilderness Summerhouse, near the Cockpit ring, where "noble gamblers", indifferent to the suffering of the cocks, took their ease.

Note:

Today, throughout the world, this cruelty continues to shame all those who take part in it. The RSPCA is deserving of our support in promoting the welfare of animals.

PF2012

15th October Village Hall 7.30pm

Ann Boleyn, "Queen of a Thousand Days"

The speaker is David Seward, a member of Monewden History Society, who works as a professional researcher into family history. You will hear the whole story of Ann Bullen (her birth name), her early life in England (she had strong links with Norfolk and Suffolk) and her time in France which eventually led to her marriage to King Henry V111 and her sad death.

£6 donation includes a drink and canapés.

Forthcoming Mardle:
19th November
The Preraphaelite Brotherhood

For further information, contact Roger Keene on 748337 or email rogerkeene@suffolkonline.net

Faston CP School

'A creative learning family in a wonderful setting'

Head teacher: Mrs C. Singleton BEd Hons. MA Tel: 01728 746387 Fax: 01728 747557

Email: admin@easton.suffolk.sch.uk
Website: www.eastonprimary.org.uk



Extracts from newsletters 4.9.12 and 21.9.12

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school. It is lovely to see all the children, staff and parents after such a long time away.. A very warm welcome to all our new parents, pupils and staff who join us this academic year.

Mrs Thornton will be teaching class 3 for the duration of Mrs Nicholson's maternity leave and Mr Van Gameren will be with us until Christmas when we hope to have appointed a new member of staff to take the class indefinitely.

Once again we have had building work over the summer and the storage areas in the hall have now been removed thus extending the available space, and the kitchen has been redesigned and all the equipment replaced. Please feel free to come and have a look at our 'new look hall.'

It has been brought to my attention that there is some confusion about the recent staff changes throughout the school so I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the situation.

As many of you will know Mrs Hunt left the school at the end of July and she gave the correct period of notice (approximately half a term.) Due to the contractual arrangements for teachers it was not possible for the school to have a permanent replacement in school from September unless they were out of work at the time the post was advertised. The successful candidate would have been able to start after the October half term or, more likely, in January. Interviews for the position vacated by Mrs Hunt were held in early July but it was felt by the interview panel that the candidates did not meet the high expectations of the school. The school is currently advertising the position again with a view that the successful applicant will start in January.

Mrs Nicholson was due to commence her maternity leave on 1st October, and to ensure as much continuity as possible; her temporary replacement was brought in from 1st September to work with her and the children. Mr Van Gameren has taken over the class fully, although earlier than expected due to health concerns regarding Mrs Nicholson, and will work with them until January when the new member of staff will take them for the rest of the academic year. Class 3 have Mrs Thornton presently and for the period of maternity leave that Mrs Nicholson has the right to decide.

I understand that there have been many new faces in the school, especially with two acting heads in the last two years due to my own maternity leave, but I would like to stress that these changes are beyond the school's control. It is in everyone's interests that these changes minimise disruption for the pupils as much as possible and it is with this in mind that decisions have been made.

I hope that this helps in clarifying the situation but if there are any concerns please make an appointment directly with me or through the school office on my return from the Derbyshire school trip.

Cheryl Singleton

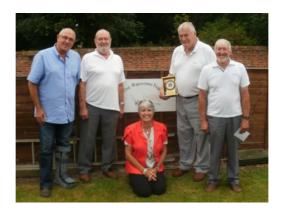
SPORTING EASTON

Bowls Club

The Bowls season came to a conclusion with a successful Ransome Trophy day when all enjoyed a good game of bowls. Sixteen teams of 3 took part in a hard fought competition. This was complemented by a BBQ lunch, fantastic tea provided by the ladies and two raffles. The final winners were an Easton team consisting of Cliff Green, Keith Wilson and Dave Schofield. They can be seen in the photo below with the tournament sponsors, Margie and Graham Ransome.

The final of the Presidents Cup, a club knockout competition, was also played and the successful winner was David Schofield.

All that remains now is to put the green "to bed" and we look forward to next season. Don't forget, if you would like to try your hand at bowls, please contact Mike Cattermole on 01473 614845.



Easton Classic Golf Tournament

The ninth Easton classic Golf tournament took place on Thursday 13th September with 44 players enjoying 18 holes plus a putting competition and lunch. The weather was excellent and everyone enjoyed the day – there were some memorable shots during the course of the competition which will be remembered for some time.

The event was well supported by cricketers, villagers and other guests and £778 was raised for the Cricket Club.

Next year will be the 10th anniversary of the Easton Classic and it is hoped to get a full 18 teams for this. Information will be published as soon as a date is set.

Many thanks to all those who played and gave their support to Easton Cricket Club.

Neighbourhood Watch

GOOD NEWS

Man arrested following burglary - Hacheston

A 46-year-old man has been arrested following a burglary in Ash Road, Hacheston between 11am and 4.30pm on Tuesday 11 September. The 46-year-old from Ipswich was arrested on the evening of Thursday 13 September and taken into custody where he was interviewed in connection with the burglary in which various items of jewellery were stolen. He has now been bailed pending further enquiries.

Keep your vehicles locked!

Three men have been arrested on suspicion of burglary and theft from motor vehicles overnight following a series of incidents that happened in Saxmundham last month. Golf clubs, wine, cash, a satellite navigation system, sunglasses and CDs were among the items stolen from three vehicles. All of the vehicles had been left insecure.

We all know we live in one of the safest parts of the country, but clearly thieves are beginning to capitalise on this with an increase in theft and burglaries from insecure property and vehicles.

Scams—Don't become a victim

Police are urging residents to be alert for more scams including one involving the Gumtree website and another where residents are asked to hand over money to claim back PPI. A 79-year-old Lowestoft man was asked to get Ukash vouchers and then call back to give the codes. Police were alerted after the money had been paid. Nothing has been sent back to the 79-year-old and he has since received further calls requesting more cash.

Officers have also received a number of calls about a fraud which involves victims spotting an advert on the Gumtree website for an item up for sale at a bargain price. The values are comparatively low and rarely go above £150. The victim makes contact using the email supplied on the advert or via text messages with the mobile on the advert. Calls to the mobiles are never answered. The victim then receives an email allegedly from either Parcel Force or Royal Mail stating that the item will be released for delivery on receipt of an Ukash or Paysafe voucher. However once the victim has replied with the voucher reference the item does not materialise and no further contact is possible with the seller.



John Owen

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Public Participation in Council Meetings

Following a recent training day the Clerk learnt about various updated recommended practices. One of which was about the protocols for public participation in Council Meetings, a summary of how the 'Public Forum' will be conducted from the next Parish Council Meeting is below. (A full copy of the relevant document is available on the Parish Council website — www.easton.onesuffolk.net and the village notice board).

Participation in the public forum

The Parish Council meeting is not a public meeting, it is a meeting conducted in public. As the Council is committed to community engagement, members of the public are warmly invited to attend the meetings and contribute within the public forum. Please respect that interjections during council business are not permitted and that if you disrupt business in any way you may be asked to leave.

- ♦ The agenda will indicate when public participation will take place (Agenda Item 'Public Forum')
- ♦ The Public Forum will last for 15 minutes This time may be increased (or decreased) at the Chairman's discretion.
- Questions and comments should address business on the agenda, otherwise the matter will, in most cases, be carried forward to the next meeting.
- ♦ Verbal questions/comments must not exceed 3 minutes in length.
- Only one question/comment on a topic to be received from each person, supplementary questions/comments are at the Chairman's discretion.
- ♦ No question shall be repeated within a 6 month period.
- If you do not wish to take part in the public forum, or if your problem is complex, information may be provided to the Council prior to the meeting (at least 7 clear days) using the Clerk's contact details.

Reports in the public forum

The Council will provide an opportunity for the Police, District and Borough Councillors to provide reports to the meeting and an opportunity to ask them questions will be given, at the Council's discretion.



HIVE ENERGY'S PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A 25MW SOLAR POWER STATION IN HACHESTON

The full planning application can be found online via the District Council's current planning applications website. It is a very long document and there is a paper copy at the District Council Offices.

Brief Details from the Application

The proposed site is 51.29 ha (127 acres) and is set back 100-200m from Easton Lane. It is surrounded by a 2.4m (7'10") galvanised dark coloured close mesh security fence with CCTV cameras. Hive Energy has yet to decide which type of solar panels - crystalline silicon or thin film (thin film has a "shorter track record"). They cannot confirm the exact number of panels but approx. 100,000 is quoted in their Transport Statement. The total height of the panels is either 3m (9'10") or 2.2m (7'3") as the documents are not consistent. They will face south towards Easton Lane at an angle of 25 degrees. The strings of panels will be mounted on 8,000 support frames and the foundations for these will be pile driven into the ground. There will be 9 transformers on site, which will be housed in buildings 2.5m(8'3") high, 1.9m wide and 1.5m deep. Hive Energy anticipates that the construction period will last 4 months and traffic will involve 200 HGV deliveries together with additional cars and vans for the workers. Site access is opposite Garnetts Gardens on the B1116.

The Land

The site is owned by Notcutts Ltd and would be leased to Hive Energy for 25 years. The application's Agricultural Assessment identifies the land quality as a mixture of Grades 2 and 3. This is what the District Council Local Plan calls "the best and most versatile land" and states that "an important aim of the Local Plan is to minimize its loss to development". The site is located within the Ore River Valley Special Landscape Area, which the Local Plan protects from development. The Local Plan also states that the countryside should be protected "for its own sake". In addition, Suffolk Landscape Assessment lists the land as "Ancient Estate Claylands", with key characteristics described as "farming country" with "a controlled and balanced landscape" which is "almost entirely arable except for pasture in river valleys."

The <u>deadline</u> for submitting individual comments to SCDC Planning Department is <u>31st October</u>.

This can be done by e-mailing <u>d.c.admin@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk</u> or writing to SCDC, Melton Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1AU, quoting the reference number C12/1899.

The relevant information that the Planning Committee will consider is contained in the leaflet "Have your say on Planning Applications" available from the District Council online or from their Offices. It is emphasised that the Planning Development Control Committee will only consider strict planning issues. Examples given are "Planning policy, eg the Local and Structure Plans, other local planning policy, Government guidance, case law, previous decisions of the Council" and "impact on visual or residential amenity".

The next scheduled Meeting for Easton Parish Council is shown at the end of this magazine. If you have comments, you can send them to the Parish Council via the Clerk. Cllr Bob Snell (https://doi.org/10.1016/job.snell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) is the Easton representative on the District Council.

Should you wish to oppose the application and want further information, please e-mail: nohachestonsolar@hotmail.co.uk

We understand there will be a public meeting to discuss this on Monday 8th October in Easton Village Hall. Please see opposite page for details.

Planning Meeting of Easton Parish Council

There will be a planning meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 8th October at 7pm in the Village Hall.** The following planning applications will be discussed (and any more received by the Clerk before the meeting).

- Construction of a Solar Park on land north of Easton Lane, Hacheston (C12/1899). All the relevant documents can be found here http://www.suffolkcoahstal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/devcontrol/applications/solarparkhacheston/.
- Erection of extension to existing annexe including change of use to new dwelling at Downton Cottage, The Street, Easton (C12/1997). The Clerk has a copy of the relevant documents, they can also be found here
 http://apps3.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/DCDataV2/AcolNetCGI.gov?
 ACTION=UNWRAP&RIPNAME=Root.PgeDocs&TheSystemkey=103787

Residents' Email Distribution List

More and more the Clerk is receiving emails rather than posters/flyers from charities and events organisers that may be of interest to residents of Easton. The Clerk would like to be able to readily distribute this information to you. At the last Council meeting it was decided that the Clerk could set up an email distribution list with certain conditions.:-

- Residents would be able to opt 'in' and 'out' at their discretion.
- Residents' email addresses will not be visible on communications sent by this method.
- It will not be possible for an individual to email all the others on the distribution list by using the 'reply all' function on their email system.

If you would like to be included in this list please send an email to the Clerk giving your name.

Esther Brown.

Clerk to Easton Parish Council.

Vine Cottage, Debach, Suffolk, IP13 6BY.

Tel: 07789 538430

Email: pc@easton.suffolk.gov.uk

WICKHAM MARKET MEDICAL CENTRE AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Flu Campaign

We will shortly be starting our Annual Flu Campaign. Appointments will become available at both Wickham Market and Rendlesham surgeries in October. As before, the flu vaccination is available for patients over 65 and patients who suffer from chronic illnesses eg CHD, Asthma, Diabetes etc.

Job Share

From 1st September 2012 Dr Paul Kaiser has taken up responsibilities as a Board Member for the Clinical Commissioning Group which means he has had to reduce his hours in Surgery. He will no longer work in Surgery on a Thursday but Dr Sarah Trigg will be seeing his patients on that day. This should have no impact on any patients but if you have any problems please contact the Surgery.

Surgery Website

Our website address is www.wickhammarketmc.co.uk There is lots of useful information on there, we are able to offer a facility to order repeat medication and make appointments to see a doctor. However if you require an appointment for a nurse please ring our receptionists who will be happy to help you.

Front of House

As you will have seen we have made some changes to our front of house with a new reception area. We are very pleased with the results and feedback from the patients.

Automatic doors will be installed shortly. Whilst this is taking place it may be necessary to use the side entrance to the Surgery. This will be well signposted. Please bear with us during this work.

Staff Changes

We are sad to announce that Barbara Calvery decided to retire in July; she has been a member of the reception team for 2 years. We wish her a very happy retirement; she will be missed by all in the Surgery.

Patient Survey

We will be carrying out a patient survey through the autumn and winter months. We appreciate patients giving their time to complete surveys as they are a valuable source of information for the partners to ensure that the practice is meeting the needs of its patients

Research Group

We have decided to take part in the Primary Care Research Network. This means that the Practice will be involved in high quality medical research, which is an excellent way to improve the health and the wellbeing of the nation.

Patients may be asked to take part in a trial or fill in a questionnaire. This will be completely confidential and please feel assured that no confidential information would be used in any way. If you have any concerns please speak with your GP.

Malcolm Salter Patient Group

The representative for Easton on the Patient Group is:

Jane Pollock 01728 747343

Email: jvpollock@mypostoffice.co.uk

Surgery tel no: 747101

SHOEBOX APPEAL

I know, we can't possibly think about Christmas yet - yes you can!!!! The annual Family Shoebox Appeal is underway with Link Romania. It is 21 years since the charity started supporting the very poorest families in Romania and now the generosity extends to Moldova, Albania, Bulgaria and Ukraine.

It's really easy to help these people and can be very rewarding. We know for certain that the boxes get to those who really need them as our local area collectors, Brian and Alison Nobbs of Wickham Market, have been out with the lorries and donkey carts to deliver them personally.



We ask people to fill a shoebox for a family - not just a child. Our list contains items for all family members and includes items such a shower gel/shampoo, family games, stationery items, gifts for mum and dad as well as sweets, soft toys, hats, scarves etc.

The <u>Family Shoeboxes</u> of gifts are given to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity. Some live in appalling conditions, often living in just one or two rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive.

When you consider the number of 'buy one get one free' offers in the shops, it doesn't have to be expensive to fill your box.

When your box is full please fill in a Contents List (leaflets available from me), check that there is something for all family members, check there is nothing on the Customs banned list, wrap the entire box in decorative paper. Then complete and sign the Gift Aid Form (if you are a UK tax payer) and attach the form to the box with £2 to help with the cost of fuel.

Finally, please ensure your boxes are delivered to me at Ivy Cottage (next to the White Horse pub) by Monday 29th October so I can get them to Wickham Market in time for collection that week.

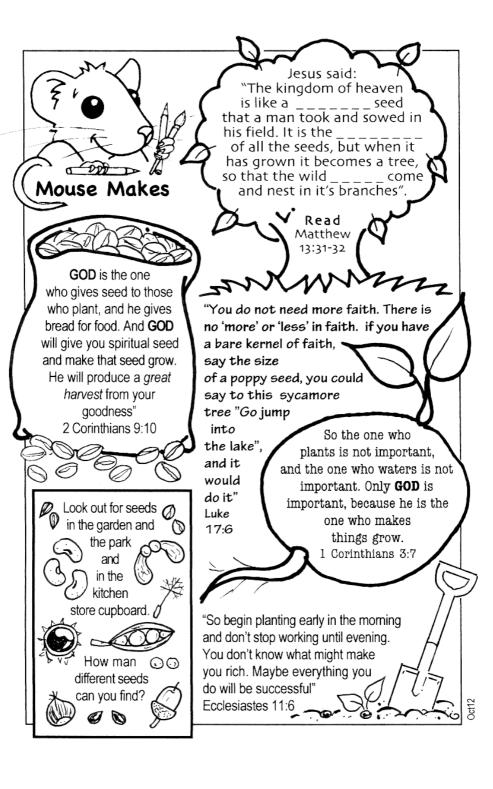
Your help would be greatly appreciated by me, the charity and most of all by those who receive the parcels.

Many thanks. Carol Davis

Children's Society Charity Boxes

Would anyone with one of these boxes please arrange to deliver them to me as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Karen Boulton, Glevering House



CONTACT DETAILS OF COUNCILLORS THAT SERVE EASTON

Parish Councillors:

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(Also SCDC Reresentative)

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A copy of the latest signed minutes of the Parish Council can be read on the back of the village noticeboard.

Easton Events

Oct

8th Planning Meeting of EPC in Village Hall at 7 pm

9th Tai Chi Trial lesson 1.30 pm Village Hall

14th Harvest Festival Lunch 12 noon Village Hall

15th Mardle 7.30 pm Village Hall "Ann Bolevn"

23rd Easton Belles WI Meeting, 7.30 pm Village Hall

27th Farmers Market 9.30—1 pm Farm Park

31st Halloween Spooky Night 5—8 pm Farm Park

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

My email address is :clareowen2002@yahoo.co.uk or handwritten pieces to me at 5 Harriers Walk, Easton IP13 0HA.

For Village Hall Bookings contact Jenny McEvoy on 747366



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www.easton.onesuffolk.net www.brandeston.net www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk



We are a long established Pre-School set in the heart of Easton village. We are situated in Easton Village Hall in a newly refurbished building serving the many surrounding towns and villages. Our Pre-School has the added benefit of a large open plan space allowing siblings of different ages to play and learn together.

Many of our parents choose Easton Pre-School because we offer a more relaxed and 'homely' approach to children's learning and encourage parents and carers to be part of the Easton Pre-School family.

We provide children with a rich variety of play activities, which enable them to take the lead in their learning. Our strong staff and parent partnership help to guide the children along this important path to prepare them for their next steps in life.

If you feel you would like to learn more about us or would like to arrange a visit please call Easton Pre-School on: 01728 746935.