

Throughout the past year I have tried to attend as many Parish Council meetings as I can, and Highways issues have again taken up most of my time, with funding being the main reason for delays in finding solutions.

Last May, I was appointed to the Suffolk County Council Scrutiny Committee, which has meant a lot of extra work, particularly reading lengthy reports prior to the meetings. We have dealt with a number of controversial items, such as the Budget setting process, including the changes to the Citizen's Advice Bureaux Funding, Home to School Transport changes, and the relocation of the Suffolk Records Offices in The Hold on Ipswich Waterfront.

I was also appointed as a substitute member of the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel last May, which has involved quite a lot of training before I could take part in any of the meetings. Gang culture and the County Lines Drug problems have been major topics we have had to scrutinise.

I am still on the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Pension Board as an employer representative, and as Suffolk County Council Armed Forces Champion I have attended numerous meetings of the Armed Forces Community Covenant Board, and the East Anglian Army Reserve Force and Cadet Association. I was also very pleased to accompany the Suffolk County Council's new Chief Executive Officer, Nicola Beach, on a visit to RAF Honnington, and further visits are being planned for later this year to Wattisham Flying Station and Rock Barracks at Woodbridge.

During 2018, we commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the Signing of the Armistice, which ended the First World War. Since April 2017, I was pleased to serve on the Lord Lieutenant's Centenary Commemoration Committee, and helped organise 5 major events across the County. The first was a Naval Parade and Service which took place in Lowestoft on October 7th. Then on Sunday 4th November we held a Service at Bury Cathedral, called the Crimson Glory Service, where local school children participated with singing and poetry. This was followed by another service at Bury Cathedral on Wednesday 7th November, called the Eve of Peace Service, which was attended by representatives of all the Military and Civil Leaders in the County, as well as Veterans organisations and Charities, and relatives of WW1 casualties. The following day, Primary School children from across the County laid Poppy Crosses and Commemorative Plaques on all of the 1332 WW1 Commonwealth War Graves across the County. It was a major task, implemented by members

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of the Royal British Legion, Churches, Schools, Parish Councils and members of the public.

The final event was the Remembrance Day Services held across the County on Sunday 11th November, where record numbers of people turned out to mark this very significant event. As Chairman of Ipswich branch of The Royal British Legion I have been responsible for organising the Remembrance Day Service in Christchurch Park for the past 12 years, and it was estimated we had up to 10,000 people present in the park for the Service. I had given notice that I wished to retire as Chairman at the end of 2018, and I certainly went out on a high, as we had not previously experienced such a high turn out for the Remembrance Day Service. Following the Service I had to dash up to London, as I was very honoured to have been asked to represent Suffolk at the Service of Thanksgiving held in Westminster Abbey that evening, in the presence of the Royal Family.

During the past year I have been pleased to support local groups by funding various projects in Carlford Division. These have included traffic calming measures, and the provision of play equipment, and I hope they will all improve the lives of residents.

Presentation from All Saints' Church to Easton Parish Council Annual Meeting 2019

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council I thank you for asking the church to make a presentation to the Annual Meeting and also thank the many people who support All Saints Church in a variety of ways. Tonight gives me the opportunity to thank the PC for their hard work on behalf of the community.

All Saints Church exists as a group of people worshipping God and seeking to serve the whole village. We have a fantastic building which is open throughout the day for private prayer and provides a space for contemplation. We are also fortunate that many people want the church to be used for those all important life events of baptisms, weddings and funerals.

We hold regular services twice a month on the second and fourth Sunday. On remaining Sundays the churches of the benefice join together.

We have excellent links with Easton School. Pupils, staff and parents have used the church for special services on three occasions during the past year. Carol Rook has been in the school each month doing 'reflective story telling' based on Bible stories. This will continue after her departure with other elders from our benefice who have been trained in the practice.

Serving the community is important and the monthly Sunday café is offered to the village as a way of enhancing our ^{shared} ~~shared~~ community life. The parish magazine is a vital organ for communicating what is happening throughout the village and our thanks goes to Clare for her work as editor.

Our work with children on Sundays is important but we are in the process of reviewing how we do this due to the fall off in numbers. We will continue to do childrens work both in the Easton and throughout our seven churches. We are very grateful to Emma for her work in leading on this important work. As always we had a very successful COSMIC Nativity on Christmas Eve.

Last year marked the commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the ending of the Great War. The weekend of events throughout our seven parishes was very special and it was good to welcome many into the church for the Remembrance Service and ~~then~~ to participate ~~later~~ in the beacon lighting.

Whether people go to church on a regular basis or not, the building is for all people and I along with the church council am very grateful for the support that many people offer through helping with fundraising events. Despite the wet weather this years May Fair still raised over £1,200. Ongoing fundraising is essential to enable us to continue to ensure that the church building is available throughout the year. So, a big thank you to everyone involved.

Sadly, we note the death of John Newson our Bell Tower Captain who also did much practical work for the church. The bells were tolled on two occasions to celebrate his life. Also, Carol Rook our Treasurer and one of our elders will be moving. I'm very grateful to Carol for all her hard work over many years. Malcolm Plews has stepped up to the mark and has become our new treasurer.

When this report is made by one of the church wardens it is more difficult to say but I can publicly acknowledge the great support and work that the members of the parochial church council put in to ensuring that everything is done well, and that the church not only serves the village today but will continue to serve the village in the years to come.

Revd Canon Graham Hedger, priest in charge.

Report of Easton Bowls Club for Easton Parish Council
May 2019

Good Evening, Everybody. For those that don't know me, my name is Sue Edwards and I am the Secretary of Easton Bowls Club.

I have been asked to come tonight, because it is very difficult to find a night between April and September when there isn't a match on. In fact there is actually a cup game being played at the moment, so that means that Mike, the Treasurer and Cliff our Chairman are both playing. We only have 26 playing members and there are nearly 40 games with league and cup fixtures, 4 open tournaments and 6 Monday Pairs tournaments during the season. So the Groundsman and players are quite committed!

Although we are quite a small club, in the last 2 years we have enjoyed a measure of success. In 2017 we were runners up in the Woodbridge League and last year we actually won the Woodbridge League. We also play in the Fynn League. In 2017 we were leading the section for most of the season, but then just got pipped at the end. Last year we won our section, but lost in the play-off final to Leiston.

We also play in 6 different cup competitions. One of them, the Junior Cup we won our area – Area B and then went on to play in the County Finals. We are now the proud holders of the Junior Cup for the whole of Suffolk. In the other cups we got to 3 semi-finals, but unfortunately came second in all of those!

In the past 2 years we have lost a couple of long standing members who have passed away. They are both sadly missed, and what this means is that there is more pressure on the remaining members. Although Mike has moved out of the village as well, he remains committed and seems to always be at the bowls green doing something. If he is not watering the grass or adding fertiliser to make it grow – then he is cutting it because it is now too long to play on! He is always grateful to those people, who help him, and we always welcome new members – so if there is anybody here who would like to join?

We are most grateful for our sponsors that we have. Without their help Easton Bowls Club would struggle. This year we are very pleased to go out in new shirts and sweatshirts with the help of Easton Farm Park. (Thank you, Fiona and John Kerr our President.)

As things are not getting any cheaper it would be great if we could find a sponsor to help with the maintenance of the machinery, and with chemicals and fertiliser for the green, to keep the rinks at a good standard. This would allow us to keep our subscriptions at a low rate to encourage more members.

So this year our aim is to try to win the Woodbridge League again and also to win the Fynn League. At the same time we will do our best to win as many cups as we can.

Report from Easton Cricket Club- Season 2019

The 2018 was a season of change and mixed successes; of promotion and relegation; and a growing sense of determination to make our club the best that it can be. It was with sadness that we accepted the changes to our management committee. Jolyon Kimmerling has stepped down after 6 years as our Chairman. John Rook and Will Thomas have left the committee, after so many years of wonderful service to the club. Tom Bosher has also stepped down from the role of Club Captain as he looks forward to his move away from Suffolk in the coming year. They will all be sorely missed, but fortunately their hearts and commitment to Easton remain.

The approaching season has seen a renewed sense of desire to achieve. Our 1st XI is under the leadership of Wayne Mitchell, who is hoping that the 1st XI will bounce back from relegation last season and is looking to promotion this season. There are already positive signs, with a raft of new players arriving at the club. Winter Nets were well attended, and preseason commitment is excellent.

Jamie Harper continues as 2nd XI captain and aims to build on the promotion from last season and continue to help with the development of our junior players, introducing them to senior cricket.

The same can be said for the Sunday XI, now under the leadership of Glen Machan. They moved to the Hunts County League last season with the aim to find some more challenging cricket, having won the previous league title for the last two years in a row. The Sunday XI calls upon players from all teams; men's, ladies and juniors. In their first season of the Hunts County league, they convincingly gained promotion from division 5 to division 4. This season they aim to build on this success and want to continue to use this team as a development tool for our junior players, introducing them to senior cricket.

The Ladies side at Easton, under the continued leadership of Lizzie Shaw, had a mixed season with shortage of fixtures, but came second in the Indoor Cricket League that they use for training over the winter. They continue to play in the Two Counties 35 Over League, new teams have joined this year and this season promises to be competitive. The Ladies have 4 representatives in the Senior Suffolk Ladies side and girls who represent the U17 Suffolk team as well. The Ladies have a range of ages and abilities that play in the side, making sure that all enjoy playing their cricket at Easton.

The Junior sections continues to thrive with 60-80 juniors attending coaching session on Mondays and Wednesdays. We have also run the ECB All Stars cricket for the last two years, a scheme that introduces 5-7 year olds to cricket and we plan to run the sessions again this year. We have also enjoyed a number of selections to the County Cricket Squads at all age groups.

The grounds are looking stunning this year and are under the care of Jason Wright, who works hard to maintain a fabulous playing surface for all who play and we continue to plan for improvements and developments, to help ensure that Easton remains one of the best clubs in the region.

We are always careful to remember that the club, like many, is totally run by volunteers. Their hard work and the time that they give to this club, are what makes it so successful. In our opinion we have some of the best facilities and playing surface in East Suffolk and we would like to thank one volunteer in particular. John Rook and his wife Carol are leaving the club this season. He has been a part of the club for over 20 years and along with Fred Mitchell have made Easton the club that it is today. He has been involved with every aspect of the club possible and we are going to miss him terribly but would like to wish him all the best as moves to be closer to his family.

We would like to make the Parish Council and hopefully the residents of Easton that our doors and bar are always open on match days and that any one is welcome to come and join us. We do have a Social Membership that can be taken up at any time. One of our aims from our development plan for the next 5 years is to strengthen links with the local community.

The club enters the new season full of hope for good weather and lots of cricket and as Fred Mitchell once said we aim to 'play hard, play fair, but above all enjoy!'

Village Hall Management Committee – Summary Report for 2018/19

Jenny McEvoy, Chair

It's been another busy year for the hall in terms of running the hall and planning for improvements, which sees the final phase of the VHMC's vision to 'Refurbish and regenerate the 150 year-old hall into a bright, energy efficient, clean and warm environment for people to socialise, meet and take part in a variety of interest groups'.

Our focus over the last couple of years has been to obtain quotes, fundraise and apply for grants for the internal refurbishment of the Toilet block area to address a number of issues with mould, hard water damage, ventilation, heating and insulation issues. It was then discovered last year that the flat roof was reaching the end of its life and it needed to be replaced before another hard winter. This meant a change in priority or if possible, rescope the work to complete both aspects of the project, if sufficient funding could be sought alongside our funds. With only a very short window of opportunity last June we applied to Suffolk Coastal District Councils Community Infrastructure Levy Fund (CIL) for an 80% grant. We were delighted and extremely grateful to hear we were successful in our application late October, against very stiff competition.

The process was to then obtain 3 detailed quotes and to produce a detailed Business Case before funds could be paid, which we received in April. The Refurbishment project comprises of two aspects, firstly to install rubber roofing, which comes with a 30-year guarantee and expected 50-year life and to install 120mm of insulation underneath. The second phase is to fully refurbish the toilet block area in terms of the gents, ladies and lobby areas to make it more energy efficient, more accessible, brighter and warm. The first phase for the roof work was completed two weeks ago and just in the nick of time as frost damage and water ingress was discovered around the joints. The second phase for the internal refurbishment works will be completed over the summer break to minimise disruption to hall users.

This project will conclude a 9-year focus by the Village Hall Management Committee which has seen a complete refurbishment of the main hall, damp-proofing, drainage, kitchen refurbishment, tables, chairs, internal and external decoration and new meeting room space, which has created a more comfortable and inviting space for hall users. Such changes were achieved by many volunteer hours to fundraise, apply for grants and manage projects over this period. It has been a significant effort by volunteers on behalf of the village hall which is over and above the day to day management. Well done and a heartfelt thanks to everyone on the committee over this time both past and present!

It is fantastic to have varied user groups at the hall both daytime and evening, with an average footfall of over 550 people a month. This year saw a 6% reduction in hirer income. Pilates classes have been running for over a year and we are delighted that it continues to attract new attendees. We are grateful to our loyal hirers with Table Tennis topping the bill of hires at 51 weeks of the year.

Since April 2018 we have to pay for Green Bin waste which is a new cost to the hall. We also have to apply each year for Discretionary Rate Relief from East Suffolk Council, which would be a considerable expense if this was not given and would increase running costs significantly.

Expenditure was up by 45% on the previous year, which was an expected low maintenance year. Running costs increased as well as repairs and maintenance.

I would like to make a special Thank you to our hall neighbour Peter Bennett-King, for his ongoing voluntary efforts to keep the hall grass and hedge looking good.

This year we fundraised £746 towards the toilet block refurbishment with a Quiz Night and a live band. Such events can only happen with support from the committee and our extended committee family. Thank you to all those involved and special thanks to those who come along and support the events.

In the next financial year, we will be focused on the completion of the toilet block refurbishment and improvements to the front garden. Subject to funds, we plan to repaint the internal side of the critical windows to tackle and prevent rust mould accumulating. Decorating continues to be carried out on a rotation basis with exterior decoration needed in the next couple of years to keep the hall in a good condition.

On a final note, I wish to personally thank all members of VHMC, without whom the hall would not be able to operate. As Managing Trustees, we have a vital role to play to ensure the hall can operate and be available as the main community venue for the residents and surrounding villages.



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EASTON PRE-SCHOOL, HAMILTON ROOM, EASTON FARM PARK

REPORT FOR EASTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2019

Since re-locating to Easton Farm Park and opening in Jan 2017, Easton Pre-School hasn't looked back. Our numbers currently stand at 28 children; 13 of whom are accessing the government's 30 hours free childcare initiative and we wouldn't have been able to encourage this had we not moved to a more permanent location and increased our opening hours. We now open 8am-4pm, 4 days a week throughout term time.

The move was a very positive thing for the Pre-School and we are finding that we have parents sending their children to us from some distance away, due to the fact that we are situated on the Farm Park with loads of outdoor space and facilities. Many people comment on our unique setting, the children have some wonderful opportunities for interaction with the animals on the farm, they get to feed the lambs and other animals and we encourage self-led learning. With access to the Woodland walks, the whole setting makes for a natural, open and peaceful place for the children to explore and learn - which they do with great enthusiasm!

In January this year we were inspected by Ofsted, the first since re-locating to the new venue, so it was a rather nerve racking 24 hours for all concerned but the resulting report made it all worthwhile. We were presented with an overall rating of 'GOOD', with some outstanding elements, particularly in the areas of personal development, behaviour and welfare. This was a huge relief to us and a well deserved rating for our dedicated staff and committee. This positive report has driven us to continue to improve the Pre-School in any way we can and to build on our success.

Our main objective for fund raising in the foreseeable future is for the provision of a separate toilet block on the premises. This is something we are desperately trying to secure grant funding for as it is a large expense that we cannot support through our small fund raising efforts alone. Although we rent our premises, we

have a long term lease at the Hamilton Room and really need our own facilities within the building which would mean the children not having to walk outside to access a toilet which also takes a member of staff out to escort them and means the children can't carry out toileting independently. We are hoping that future bids for grants may be more successful and we are currently trying to form a new, enthusiastic fundraising committee.

We ran our stall at the Easton May Fair at the beginning of the month and it was lovely to catch up with some of the villagers and old friends on the day, we would like to thank the organisers for inviting us to take part, we very much enjoyed the day - despite the weather!

We are looking forward to completing our third year at Easton Farm Park and would like to extend an open invitation to the Parish Council or village members to visit us and see where we are and what we do. We would welcome any ideas around funding for our toilet block and any other ways we can integrate more with our local community.



Easton Primary School

Parish Council Report

24th May 2019

Review of Academic Year 2018-19

Magen Box-Head of School

The School

Easton Primary School is currently rated as a 'Good' school (September 2017). The school has seen an increase in numbers through the past two years and now has 82 pupils on roll. Pupils who attend the school, are a mixture of being in and out of the school's catchment area. Pupil numbers are expected to fluctuate given the changes in Suffolk County Council's school transport service, meaning some children, currently out of the school's catchment area will be unable to receive funding for transport to school. We have already received interest from families in Framlingham who are looking to move their children to Easton because of this. Easton Primary School operates with four mixed year group classes and four teachers. Mrs Box is currently the Head of School, Mrs Singleton is the CEO of Avocet Academy Trust (previously the Headteacher of Easton) which Easton Primary is a part of. Avocet Academy Trust has been rated as joint first amongst other multi-academy trusts for performance by Ofsted (2019).

School Performance

Easton Primary school has met national expectations for children achieving a good level of development in the Early Years setting and is currently above national expectations for children in year one who participate in a phonics check screening. In KS1, pupils achieve highly in reading and are currently working on maths and writing to be in line with national expectations. In KS2, pupils are achieving above national expectations in reading, writing and maths.

Challenges

Through the past two years, Easton Primary School has had difficulties with staffing due to some exceptional and unforeseeable circumstances. While two members of staff have recently lost their husbands to cancer, another has been on a long-term sick leave of absence since October. While these are extremely sad and unfortunate events, we have also had three members of staff on maternity leave recently. Understandably, the high staff turnover has meant there has been inconsistencies with class teachers and highlighted the need for monitoring and training amongst staff in the school. September 2019 will see permanent, experienced teaching staff in place to take forward the needs of the school.

Successes

While aspects of the school's data have been successful, the school's curriculum has seen great improvements over the past year in core and foundation subjects. School leaders have worked closely alongside subject leaders to redesign the curriculum to ensure our pupils reach our high expectations. The school is aiming to be environmentally friendly as an eco-school with an eco-council. We are planting trees in our field and garden areas, have participated in a beach clean up at Felixstowe and are working well to reduce waste from the school. We also have prefects, road safety officers, science ambassadors and school parliament leaders, working to make our school a safe and successful environment to be in. Our children are highly successful in sporting tournaments in and outside of our academy.

Future Plans

We are welcoming two new permanent members of staff to our teaching team in September to bring stability to the teaching and learning in the school. In addition to this, the staff are looking at how our subject leaders can become experts in their field and in the curriculum. The school plans to improve standards in teaching and learning by developing coaching across the team and in the academy to ensure that maximum quality is offered to the pupils of the school.

In addition to this, the children will begin a learning journey in the form of a passport of enrichment from the moment they enter the school. There are around 15 objectives for each year group but in their entire primary school career, children will be able to access 11 high quality enrichment opportunities carefully chosen and developed by the school for its cohorts, before they are 11 years old.

We are hoping to spruce up the school grounds and building from grants acquired, reinstalling rotten playground equipment and renovating classrooms and outdoor areas to ensure the learning environment for the children is highly motivating and stimulating for its pupils.