

EASTON VILLAGE NEWS



Pretty as a picture, the Easton May Queen,
Wren Simpkins-Betts, aged 9.

June 2026

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Editor's Introduction

What a busy May the village had, the highlight of which has to have been the May Fair. Glorious weather, loads of people and a record breaking amount raised! Brilliant work Emma and Nancy. What a lovely community event it was. See lots more about it inside.

There's plenty to look forward to with the summer almost upon us. I'm happy to report that it's an eclectic mix of articles this month. Easton Farm Park bring us up to date with what's going on; there's news from Stop Deben Solar (you should also have received a flyer with this magazine); look out for the really interesting article from 'Acetosella' about the nightingale; and the feature on an exciting new activity for children "Wild Explorers" that the benefice are initiating.

I hope to bring you news of the new tenants at the White Horse next month, but we hope they will have re-opened by the time you receive this magazine.

Finally, did you realise that on the Parish Council website you can read the annual reports of all the various organisations in the village (of which there are many)? Just visit the website—email address opposite—and look under the 'meetings' section. It's a good way to catch up in a broader sense with what's been happening in the village, if you're interested.

Enjoy!

Clare

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🎈 THANK YOU 🎈

What an incredible success the Easton May Fair was again this year. The sun shone and the stalls bustled with people searching for a bargain on the Bric-a-Brac, Toys and Book stalls. Great fun was had by all on the Human Fruit Machine with people pulling the lever to see what combination might shoot through the boxes, along with the now instantly recognisable sounds "oooooOOOOOOOO".

Splat the Rat, Roll a Coin, Coconut Shy and Guess How Many Balloons in the Car were popular choices this year with everyone able to have a go at trying to win a prize.

Visitors were able to sit and watch the events as they sipped comforting drinks of tea, coffee or squash, and munch on freshly home made scones from the busy Tea Tent.

The Grand Draw this year again offered incredible prizes and much fun was had waiting to see who won a coveted gift. There were plenty of plants for your garden to choose from on the Plant stall and the delicious Home Bakes stall was brimming with freshly made home sweet treats.

We were also happily joined by the Hamilton Blood Hounds, Easton Primary School "Triangle of Life", Easton Pre-School, Rabble Chorus and the Ipswich Wind Band.

The May Queen, Wren Simpkins-Betts (aged 9) and attendants Hattie Pearson (aged 7) and Elsie John (aged 8) all enjoyed their ride on the wonderfully decorated tractor from Easton Farm Park, and the crowning of the May Queen this year was carried out by previous May Queen Charlie Gibbon.

The 2026 Easton May Fair raised just over £2000 which is a fantastic total to be shared between Easton All Saints Church and The Hour Community in Framlingham.

Thank you to all the residents, friends and family who helped out with the May Fair. We couldn't do it without you. Every bit of help big or small on the day or beforehand is gratefully received. Thank you also to everyone who attended on the day and gave so generously. We hope you all had fun.

We can now all take a rest from the May Fair and get ready to help out at the Open Gardens event that will run next year.

Emma and Nancy







Thanks to Richard Bryant and Max Hall for the excellent photos.



Easton Farm Park

We are in the swing of spring with all the blossoms looking beautiful and all the lambs on the ground. We are now into sheep shearing and other preparations for the warmer weather with the hay coming on well. We are all in need of a good hay harvest following the drought from last year and a dire shortage of hay over the winter period nationwide.

The animals are all in good spirits and enjoying the spring grass with all its nutrition and goodness. We have had some beautiful piglets and are still awaiting the next tranche of births which are likely to be some goat kids, followed by donkey foals and finally the calves.

May is my favourite month with nature showing off her beauty in abundance. The May Fair is a highlight, transporting the May Queen and her Attendants to the village. It was, as ever, bathed in sunshine and always attracts a massive crowd to enjoy a fun afternoon on the green.

Our next adventure is our annual trip to the Suffolk Show with some of the animals. We have run the Children's Farm at the Suffolk Show for many years and love to share information about the animals and where our food comes from. It is an incredible two day event on 27th and 28th May showcasing all that is great about the County.

When we reach this stage of the year, we are in full swing with Maverick Festival coming in July and a fun summer event during the holidays for our visiting children. The campsite is picking up and our Willow Barn Café is now open for passers-by as well as visitors to the farm. We have changed the look and menu and it is open from 9am every day. Do pop in for a coffee, cake or meal and meet the team.

Fi Siddall



WILLOW BARN

— CAFE —

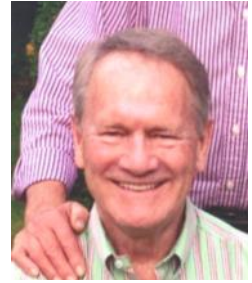
Now open to all - Daily from 9am at:
Easton farm park



4th 5th & 6th July
EASTON FARM PARK IP13 0EQ

Michael Coney

1935 – 2026



Michael was born in Great Yarmouth but at the outbreak of war his mother decided to move to an area safer from attack. They moved to Lower Dean in Bedfordshire where Michael went to the village school.

He was a bright boy and gained a place at Kimbolton Grammar School. However, he often played truant, preferring to cycle around the villages or walk the dogs. His teacher commented that he had a bright brain but his absences were spoiling his education. His mother even locked him in his room to do his homework, only to find he had escaped through the window!

When he was 18 he did his National Service in the Air Force. After that, he went to London to train as an accountant. When he qualified, he bought his first Post Office in Tottenham. He enjoyed both the work and being at the heart of the community there. He also served as a local councillor. During this time he met Paul and they set up home in the flat above the Post Office.

In 1990 this Post Office was the target of an armed robbery at lunchtime. Michael refused to open the safe and was beaten round the head with a shotgun. The noise brought Michael's four whippets downstairs and the robbers made off with a bloodied Michael in hot pursuit. For his endeavours, Michael received an award for bravery from the Post Office.

Michael was a strong supporter of the Conservatives. He stood as an Independent in an election against Ted Heath – who won. He was a strong admirer of Margaret Thatcher and when she won the election, travelled to Conservative Headquarters to join in the celebrations.

In 1985 Paul and Michael bought a home in Islington and remained there until retirement in 2003 when they moved to Easton. Whilst here, Michael served on the Parish Council and was involved in village activities. He also wrote a regular gardening article in the village magazine under the pseudonym "Welly Boots".

Although Michael had not been out and about much in recent years, there was good local support for him and Paul at the funeral.

We send Paul and their families our grateful love and sympathies.

Jane Woodbury-Eggins



What's On in the Village Hall in June



Mondays:

Strength & Conditioning Class

6—7pm

Call 07748 528048

Tuesdays:

50+ Keep Fit Class 10-11am

£8 per session (block payment per term of 6/7 weeks)

Contact Clare Hassler on

01728 621247/07769 716761

for more information.

Yoga Class 6.30—8.00 pm

Contact Andrew Beattie

yogasuffolk@gmail.com

Classes are £66 for a block of 6 classes
£15 for a drop-in class.

Wednesdays:

Pilates with Kelly

Advanced 9.15 am

Beginners/Intermediate 10.30 am

Pre-booking

E: pilateswithkelly@hotmail.com

Table Tennis

6:30pm £5 per session

Contact John on 746644

Thursdays:

Yoga Class 10-11.30 am

Contact Andrew Beattie

yogasuffolk@gmail.com

Classes are £66 for a block of 6 classes
and £15 for a drop-in class.

Rabble Chorus

8pm

E: Kirsty@rabblechorus.co.uk

Fridays:

Yoga with Ellie 9.15—10.30 am

Pre-booking

E: eleanorpenlo@gmail.com

Sunday Café

21st

9.30 — 11 am

Everyone welcome

Natter and Nibbles

Tuesday 23rd

2—3.30 pm

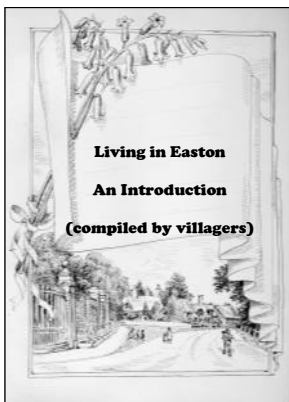
Everyone welcome

Village Hall Hourly Charges

	OFF PEAK Hourly Rate	PEAK Hourly Rate	WEEKEND NIGHT Hourly Rate
	Mon – Fri Up to 1730	Mon – Thurs 1800 - 2300 Weekend up to 1730	Fri-Sat 1800 - 2300
Individuals	£10.00	£13.00	£15.00
Fully Commercial	£18.00	£21.00	£26.25
Open paid Classes/ Activities	£12.00	£14.00	£17.50
Community	Contribution	Contribution	Contribution



Mobile Library will stop outside The White Horse on Wednesday 24th between 12.25 and 12.45.



New to Easton Village?

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

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EASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Over the past month, school life has been as busy and exciting as ever. The children have enjoyed a range of learning opportunities, special activities and events, all showing the enthusiasm, creativity and resilience that make our school such a wonderful place to be.

We marked Sir David Attenborough's birthday celebrating his extraordinary contribution to our understanding of the natural world and reflecting on the importance of caring for our planet.

Oak Class also took part in the K'Nex Challenge, putting their design, engineering and teamwork skills to the test.

A huge **congratulations** must go to our Year Six pupils, who sat their KS2 assessments last week. We are incredibly impressed with how hard they worked, how maturely they approached the week, and the positive attitude they showed throughout. They should all feel very proud of themselves.

Looking ahead, our Year Six pupils will be taking part in Bikeability, developing their confidence and safety when cycling on the roads.

We are also looking forward to Sports Day in June, which is always a wonderful opportunity for the whole school community to come together.

Finally, we would like to **invite the village community to join us for our summer production, A Twisted Tail, on the evening of Friday 3rd July.** The exact time is still to be confirmed, but we would be delighted to see you there.

Mr Mansell



Breaking News

Our Parish Councillor, Pippa Banham, has advised that in a letter to Easton Parish Council [EPC], Ross Brereton, Planning Officer for East Suffolk Council [ESC] for planning application DC/25/2733/FUL, has clarified that ESC will continue to accept representations beyond 22nd May 2026. Mr Brereton has also clarified that the 31st July date on the portal is the determination date which will move again due to the responses received to the further submission and the second consultation. Mr Brereton has therefore advised EPC to ignore this date.

Apparently ESC's internal system requires a date to be selected and, once selected, cannot be overridden. Ross Brereton, has also apologised to EPC if the dates are causing confusion and said that if EPC needs additional time to prepare their response, ESC will accept it beyond 22nd May.

PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL FLYER WHICH SHOULD BE DELIVERED WITH THIS ISSUE OF EASTON VILLAGE NEWS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Easton Bowls Club

By the time you read this we have had our first Monday Pairs and also our first tournament of the season. The showers, and the contrasts in temperature during May have not helped the bowls green at all.

Our league games are well underway. In the Woodbridge League we have played 3 games – won all three and are sitting at the top of the league.

Fynn A have played 2 games – won 1 and lost 1.

Fynn B have played 2 games – and won both of them.

As I write this both teams are 4th in their respective sections.

Home games during June:

02 June	Tuesday	League v Melton	7:00
04 June	Thursday	League v Tunstall	6:45
07 June	Sunday	Mandy Jane Tournament	10:00
11 June	Thursday	League v Otley	6:45
15 June	Monday	Monday Pairs	10:00
18 June	Thursday	League v Peasehall	6:45
28 June	Sunday	Kerr Cup	2:00
29 June	Monday	Monday Pairs	10:00

Why not join us one evening and come and cheer Easton on – you will be very welcome. It is a lovely setting and bowls remains a game for all ages not just the oldies!



Easton Cricket Club



Home Fixtures—June

Saturday 6th (13.00)

2nd XI v Kesgrave 2nd XI

Sunday 7th (13.30)

Sunday 1st XI v Walsham le Willows Sunday 1st XI

Saturday 13th (13.00)

1st XI v Felixstowe & Corinthians 1st XI

Saturday 20th (13.00)

2nd XI v Acton CC Saturday XI

Saturday 27th (13.00)

1st XI v Sudbury 2nd XI

Sunday 28th (13.30)

Sunday 1st XI v Cavendish 1st XI

Spectators always welcome.

There are junior matches which take place during the week.

For more details visit Easton.play-cricket.com



Young People at the Heart of the Community

One of the greatest strengths of our towns and villages is the sense of community that binds us together. At the heart of that community are our young people. Full of energy, ambition, and potential.

This time of year is particularly significant for many families. Exams are underway, and for students across our area, this can be both a challenging and exciting period. I know from speaking to parents, teachers, and pupils just how much hard work goes into preparing for these moments. But it is important that we recognise that exams are only one step on a much longer journey. What matters most is that each and every young person is given the opportunity to learn, grow, and find their own path.

Education is not just what happens in the classroom. It is the wider experiences that help build confidence, resilience, and character. That is why youth clubs, sports teams, and local organisations are so important. In villages and towns across our area, these groups provide a space for young people to socialise, develop new skills, and feel part of something bigger. They are often run by dedicated volunteers, whose contribution cannot be overstated. We are incredibly fortunate to have some wonderful opportunities available to our young people, and we should never take them for granted. Their presence enriches our communities and helps shape the next generation for the better.

For many young people apprenticeships and vocational training provide a practical and rewarding route, allowing them to develop skills while earning and learning. All the while benefitting our local economy by keeping jobs and talent within the community. Success does not follow a single path.

Supporting the next generation is about more than formal education alone. It is about encouragement, opportunity, and a shared belief in their potential. When we invest in young people, giving them the tools, guidance, and confidence they need, we invest in the future of our community as a whole. If we do this, the future of North Ipswich and Central Suffolk will be in very safe hands.

I would like to send my very best wishes to all those taking exams. Whatever the outcome, these are just a single step along your journey, and there will be many opportunities ahead.

If you would like to share your views, seek assistance or stay informed about my work, please do get in touch. You can email me at Patrick.Spencer.MP@Parliament.uk, call 01728 726612, or sign up for my monthly e-newsletter at www.patrickspencer.co.uk.

Where in Easton
is this?

(Answer page 29)



Easton and Letheringham Community Gardening Group



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF NAME

We enjoyed a really interesting and informative talk from the team at Edible Felixstowe in early May.

Sadly, attendance was poor and as stated in last month's magazine, we will no longer be holding regular monthly meetings in the village hall.

We will continue as a Gardening GROUP focusing on supporting village gardening projects, helping in the school and potentially arranging some garden visits in the future.

If we are able to engage an occasional speaker which may interest people, it will be advertised here in the village magazine.

For more information on anything related to the Gardening Group please contact:-

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DEBENHAM OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 21st June 2026 – 1pm – 6pm

Admission £6 adults, accompanied children free

Refreshments (see programme)

**Tickets on sale on the day from St Mary's Church Gate,
High Street, Debenham**

**Please do come along to support this biennial event
Proceeds to local charities**

June in the Garden



IN EARLY JUNE THE WORLD OF LEAF AND BLADE AND FLOWER
EXPLODES AND EVERY SUNSET IS DIFFERENT.

JOHN STEINBECK

THE WILDLIFE GARDEN

June is a peak month for British wildlife.

Dragonflies and damselflies emerge from ponds.

Juvenile hedgehogs, fox and badger cubs are growing fast.

The hedgerows are full of wild flowers providing important
nectar for bees and butterflies.

Young froglets can be seen leaving ponds.

Adult birds are busy feeding their young.

Bats are active now the weather is warmer.

Leaving areas of grass long provides habitat for moths and
safe passage for hedgehogs and frogs.

Provide a water source for birds and pollinators.

Manage pests naturally.

GARDENING TIPS

Consistency is key this month.

Regular deadheading, watering and feeding ensures a continuous summer display.

Use netting to protect fruit.

Stake top heavy perennials such as delphinium and peony before they start flopping.

Pinch out side shoots on cordon tomatoes and start feeding with a high potash feed once the first truss sets fruit.

Give wisteria its summer prune and feed.

Ventilate indoor growing spaces such as greenhouses and polytunnels.

Continue sowing seeds, hardening off seedlings and planting out now all risk of frost has passed.

Tie in new growth on climbing and rambling roses horizontally to encourage more blooms.

Roses benefit from a feed now.

If you grow sweet peas, tie in, feed and water regularly. The more you pick the flowers the more you will get to enjoy.

Enjoy the balmy June days in your garden.

Sarah Castle
RHS Cert.Hort (Level 2)

A Sense of Place and Time

Serenading the Spring

If you have been out walking the footpaths in and around Easton during April and May, you may have been fortunate enough to have heard the beautiful and melodious song of Nightingale - *Luscinia megarhynchos*.

This summer migrant arrives from Africa in late April /early May.

As a shy, brown bird, little bigger than a robin, that favours scrub thickets, the nightingale it is often heard rather than seen.

On arrival the males begin singing to attract a mate, often singing into the night. The song is an elaborate mix of whistles, trills, and gurgles! Once nightingales have successfully paired, the males cease to sing – so hearing a nightingale singing late in May and June may mean that a mate has not been found. The song then seems to take on a melancholy air of a lone bird.



Sadly, nightingales are on the Red List of Birds of Conservation Concern, having suffered significant decline in recent decades. Reasons for nightingale decline are complex with multi-factors, but habitat degradation in both their wintering grounds and in this country is one of the main causes.

In the UK, one of the ways we can help the nightingale is to allow room for pockets of scrub to develop, preferably with a graded edge of tall herb and bramble, rather than cutting up to the edge of scrub with a 'hard edge.' The scrub will need occasional rotational coppicing winter management to keep it thick.

Scrub thicket is not just favoured by nightingales, many other birds both resident and migrant benefit from its presence, using it for nesting, shelter, roosting, and foraging. Black cap, whitethroat, bullfinch, robin, wren, thrush, and blackbird all frequent scrub.

Scrub habitat also supports a wide range of invertebrates, which are vital pollinators and a food source for insectivores like nightingale.



For more information on managing habitats for wildlife

<https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/habitat-advice>

<https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/conservationadvice/meadows-and-grassland/grassland-and-scrub>

Acetosella

All Saints Church



Church Services (see table of services for details)

The Benefice Holy Communion on 7th June is at 11.00 am at Marlesford. This service will be conducted by Revd Deirdre West as Revd Ann is away.

On 14th June Easton has a service of Morning Worship at 11.00am.

There are no services in the benefice on 28th June as it will be Revd Emma Steadman's first Communion service after her priesting. This will be at Framlingham at 10.30 am. We are encouraged to support her there.

The first-of-the-month Benefice service on 5th July will be at Parham at 11.00 am.

May Fair

Thank you to Nancy and Emma and to everybody who worked so hard to make the May Fair a wonderful success. We were blessed with good weather and this community occasion goes from strength to strength.

Sunday Café

Our Sunday Café is on 21st June. We look forward to great food and a chance to meet up with friends or make new ones.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group meets on 3rd June at Bickley, Harriers Walk at 10.30am. Our topic this month is colours mentioned in the Bible. New members are always welcome.



Wedding in July

There will be a big wedding at our church on 4th July with possible traffic disruption. (It is also the weekend of the Maverick Festival.)

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

Church Services for June

7 th	1 st Sunday after Trinity	11am	Benefice Holy Communion	Marlesford
14 th	2 nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Morning Worship	Brandeston
		11am		Campsea Ashe
				Easton
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Parham
21 st	3 rd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
		11am		Parham
		5pm	Evening Prayer	Marlesford
28 th	4 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Framlingham <i>led by</i> <i>Rev Emma Steadman</i>	

Monday Prayers in June at 4pm at Marlesford
Compline is said at Marlesford every Wednesday at 5pm

The next Benefice Service is on 5th July
at 11am at Parham

OREBECK NEWS!



We are launching an exciting new project for all children in our rural parishes, starting on June 6th.



It's to be called **WILD EXPLORERS** and we aim to deliver a series of nature fun mornings, three to four times a year, the first one will be in the Churchyard at Marlesford.

Not only do we want lots of children to take part, but we need volunteers to help run the mornings.

If you could help or know anyone who would be interested, please contact:

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Carol Cooke – cooke299@btinternet.com

Mick Gowar – mickgowar51@gmail.com

Sunday Café

CARD PAYMENTS
ACCEPTED

Sunday
21st June
Village Hall
9.30—11.00 am

TAKEAWAYS
AVAILABLE

EVERYONE WELCOME

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support the village Sunday café. We serve delicious bacon rolls, croissants, proper coffee, a range of teas and yummy cakes and bakes, all made by our team of volunteers. There is a covered area outside, should you wish to bring a four-legged friend and activities for children. We are a non-profit, volunteer run group, so only charge what we need to cover costs.

We are also always happy to welcome 'new recruits' to our merry band of volunteers, either helping on the day or baking. We especially need more volunteers for kitchen roles; including taking orders, cooking bacon and making drinks. If you enjoy the Café, please consider helping occasionally if you can.

There is always someone from the Parish Council at the Sunday Café if anyone wishes to speak to them.



Jules (07506 867373) and Pam (07801 478769)

eastonvillagecafe@gmail.com

A SPECIAL EVENT



Orebeck Benefice invite you to join them at Brandeston Village Hall, The Street Brandeston IP13 7AE at 7.00 pm on Saturday 27th June for a talk by Shireen Awwad Hilal.

Shireen Awwad Hilal is the Director of Community Outreach and Development at Bethlehem Bible College and of the Shepherd Society. She will be talking about the work of the Society, the social outreach arm of the College. The Shepherd Society is one way in which Palestinian Christians respond to the Gospel's call to love our neighbour and care for the

poor.

The Shepherd Society has been assisting struggling Palestinians in the West Bank with meeting basic needs such as food, employment, and medical care. In 2007 their outreach extended to Gaza, and in 2013 they began bringing aid to refugees located in Jordan.

In this dark time for the Middle East, Palestinian Christians are rarely acknowledged and yet they have continued their work in living out the teachings of the Gospel through the work of the Shepherd Society.

Shireen will be talking about their work and delivering an important message to us as fellow Christians. Please do join us. Refreshments will be served on arrival.

**Answer to 'Where in Easton is this?'
Bloodhound kennel's stable window
overlooking village hall garden.**



TV Dingbats



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Neighbourhood Watch News for June

Online Security

If you're tired of memorising "P@ssword123!" only to be told it's insecure, passkeys are your new best friend. Here is a simple breakdown of what they are and why they are taking over.

🔑 What is a Passkey?

Think of a passkey as a **digital key** that lives on your phone, tablet, or computer. Instead of typing a password, you "unlock" a website the same way you unlock your phone—using your Face ID, fingerprint, or screen lock PIN.

How it works (The "Magic" Version)

When you log in with a passkey, two pieces of a digital puzzle meet:

1. **The Private Key:** This stays safely on your device. It is never shared with anyone.
2. **The Public Key:** This is given to the website (like Google or Amazon).

When you want to log in, the website sends a "challenge" to your device. Your device uses the private key to solve it and sends back the answer. Since the website only has the public key, it can verify your answer but can **never** steal your actual login data.

Why are they better than passwords?

	Password	Passkey
Memory	You have to remember (or reset) them	Nothing to remember—just use your face/finger
Phishing	Hackers can trick you into typing them	Impossible to phish—they only work on the real site
Data Breaches	If a site is hacked, your password is stolen	If a site is hacked, the “public Key” is useless to hackers
Speed	Slow to type	Instant (about 4 times faster)

How do I start using them?

Most major services (Google, Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, TikTok, etc.) already support them.

- **To Set One Up:** Go to the "Security" or "Account" settings of a website. Look for "Passkeys" or "Passwordless sign-in" and follow the prompts.
- **To Log In:** When you visit the site later, just click "Sign in with a passkey." Your phone or computer will ask for your biometric (face/finger) and you're in!

Pro-Tip: What if I lose my phone?

Don't worry! Passkeys are usually synced to your **cloud account** (like iCloud Keychain, Google Password Manager, or Dashlane). If you get a new phone and sign in to your cloud account, all your passkeys will be right there waiting for you.

Verdict: Passkeys are the rare tech upgrade that is actually **more secure and easier to use** at the same time. If a site offers you the option to switch, take it!

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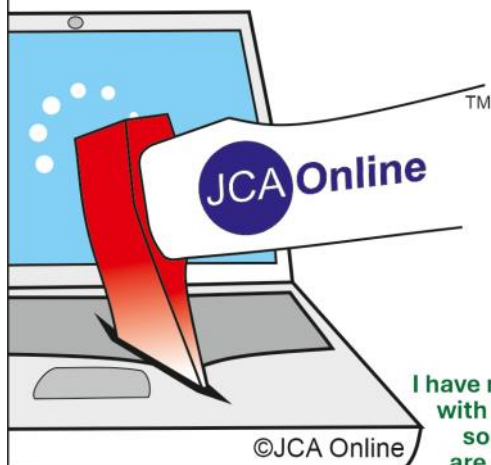


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