EASTON VILLAGE NEWS



If the Easton solar ‘farm’ is given the go ahead, this AI generated illustration gives an impression of what cable installation through Easton could potentially involve. Read more about the latest developments inside.

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Editor's Introduction

I'm astonished at how quickly everything is turning green again after such hot dry weather. Isn't nature brilliant? I look forward to autumn—such wonderful colours and often bright but cool days. Lovely.

Whilst AI generated, the rather shocking picture on the front cover, sent to me by Stop Deben Solar, I'm afraid probably well illustrates what we might experience (for a substantial period of time) throughout the village if the scheme goes ahead. More about this inside.

On a happier note, Easton's Harvest Service is on 11th October in the church, followed by tea and cakes. Yum. If you can, please also take packet goods and tins as they will be collecting for the Woodbridge food bank (watch use by dates please).

Don't forget the Village Tidy Up on Sunday 18th October. It will follow the Sunday Café so you can stoke up beforehand if you want to! See separate poster.

Our Natter and Nibbles sessions every month have a steady number of people who seem to have a very good time, some playing games (Yahtzee is a favourite), some just having a good chat. If you'd like to come along, we'd be delighted to see you. The next get together is at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 20th October. If transport is a problem, please give me a call on 745015. It's all free.

Finally, don't forget the clocks change on Sunday 25th October. Still, at least it means an extra hour in bed!

Enjoy.

Clare

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Easton & Letheringham Solar Farm
An Important Development

There has been a significant development in the proposed Easton and Letheringham Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage Scheme [BESS].

East Suffolk Council has now determined that the development requires a full Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA].

This is an important step. When the proposal first emerged, the position was that an EIA would not be required. Stop Deben Solar Action Group [SDSAG] and its professional advisers have consistently argued that a development of this scale, in this sensitive location, should not be considered without a comprehensive assessment of its environmental consequences.

The situation has also changed considerably as more information has emerged.

Of particular importance is the proposed connection of the development to the electricity grid. The applicant's more recent documentation has, for the first time, set out in more detail than before **the route of the proposed 132kV underground cable**, running approximately 7.8km from the development to the grid substation.

For Easton residents this is especially significant because part of that route would pass through the village and along The Street. Installing a 132kV underground connection is not simply a matter of pulling a cable through an existing duct. It is a substantial civil-engineering operation involving excavation, construction traffic, specialist machinery and associated works. Elsewhere the route must also negotiate sensitive countryside and the River Deben.

The illustration (front cover and facing page) gives an impression of what cable installation through Easton could potentially involve. It is, of course, an illustration rather than a photograph of proposed works, but it helps demonstrate why SDSAG has argued that the cable connection must be

considered as part of the environmental impact of the development as a whole. The Council's decision to require an EIA is therefore **encouraging and important – but it does not mean that the solar farm has been refused**.



AI generated

The applicant now has the opportunity to prepare an Environmental Statement addressing the potential effects of the complete development. There will consequently be further documents to examine, further consultation and, ultimately, a planning decision still to be made. SDSAG will therefore continue its work.

Over the past year, the generosity of residents and supporters has enabled us to obtain specialist professional advice covering planning, landscape, heritage, flooding, traffic, BESS safety and legal issues. That professional evidence has been extremely important in ensuring that concerns raised by local residents are supported by detailed expert analysis.

The next stage may require further specialist reports and professional advice as the Environmental Statement is produced and examined. **We may therefore need to ask the community for further financial support.**

For now, however, this is a moment to recognise that sustained, informed and evidence-based community involvement can make a difference. **The requirement for an EIA is an important milestone – but it is a milestone, not the finishing line.**

SDSAG will continue to keep residents informed as the application progresses.

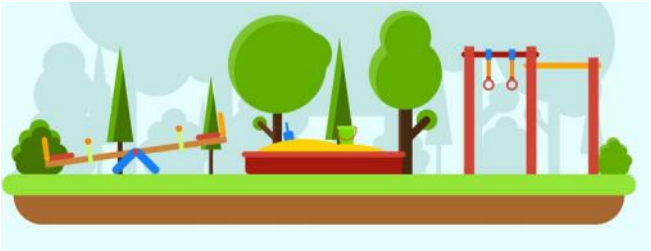
STOP DEBEN SOLAR

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is aware of the sadly dilapidated condition of the playground. It is showing its age and its generally tired appearance has been made worse by recent acts of vandalism that left damage to the fencing and to the gang plank walkway. Immediate repairs have been carried out and weeds have been cleared.

Longer term, it is the Parish Council's desire to totally renew the playground with new play equipment and ideally with new soft ground cover. However this would cost a large sum of money that the Council simply does not have. We have had discussions with the landowner and are hopeful that a new lease will soon be agreed. Once this is done, the Council can approach funders and apply for the funding required to cover the cost of the work. Funding would be dependent on being able to prove long term access to the land (minimum of 10 years or more) and we are hopeful that this first step will be confirmed when a new lease is agreed.

We will endeavour to keep a closer eye on the playground to pick up issues more quickly in future but we would be glad to be informed by villagers if any further issues are noticed. We will give further updates as soon as they become available.





SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2026

11:00 -12.30

Following 'Sunday Café' in the Village Hall

Why not fuel yourself first with a delicious bacon roll, pastry or slice of cake at the Sunday Café then if you feel you need to justify it with a virtuous walk and tidy around the village with friends, please come and help!

Help tidy the carpark and wall of weeds, litter and brambles



If you're familiar with a bucket and sponge help clean the village road signs for the winter



If you're feeling fit join one of our councillors to walk and check the village footpaths



For a moment of reflection visit and tidy up our cemetery



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clerk@eastonsuffolkparish.gov.uk

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EASTON & LETHERINGHAM
VILLAGE HALL



The AGM will be held on
Monday 26th October at 7.30 pm
In the Village Hall

This is an opportunity for all residents of Easton and Letheringham and users to come along and have your say about the Village Hall.

As it is held in Trust for all residents, it is important that it remains relevant to everyone and the AGM is a great opportunity to ensure that the Management Committee is focusing on the best use to benefit all residents.

At the end of the meeting there will be an open Q&A session where we can all share our thoughts on how to use the Village Hall to its best potential.

Refreshments will be available.

If you'd like to be involved in the running of the Village Hall, please speak to any member of the Committee. Ideally, we would like to ensure all members of the community, particularly our younger residents, are represented on the Committee.

The current Committee is:

Andrew Staples
Emma Gibbon
Gerard Newnham
Margie Ransome
Sarah Ladbrook
Sarah Wicks
Tracey Claridge

For more information contact Gerard.newnham@icloud.com.

What's On in the Village Hall in October



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
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Sunday Café
18th
9.30—11.00

Natter and Nibbles
Tuesday 20th
2—3.30 pm
Everyone welcome

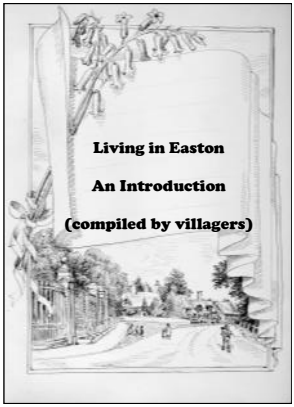
Village Hall AGM
Monday 26th
7.30 pm

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	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 14th 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.

Peter Bennett King, 3 Pound Corner
T: 747370 E: thebks@btinternet.com



Quiz Night at The White Horse

Thursday 1st October

7.30 pm

£12 per person (inc food at half time)

Teams up to 6

'Dom' is your host

To book call 746456

SEE PAGE 28 FOR CURRENT PUB OPENING HOURS

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Alternative Definitions

Bigamist
More fog than expected
Bidet
Two days before D-Day
Bigotry
A lumberjack's boast
Blemish
The official langage of Belgium
Boomerang
Show displeasure to a pudding
Botox
A seafaring bullock
Bumbling
Jewellery for the buttocks

Extracts from The Uxbridge English Dictionary (As featured on I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.)

Where in Easton is this?

(Answer page 22)




Bob's
BIG
QUIZ NIGHT
3
FUN • FRIENDLY • FIERCE COMPETITION
TEAMS OF
UP TO
6 PEOPLE
7PM
SATURDAY 14TH
NOVEMBER
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TAKE IT ALL IN , ENJOY EVERY MOMENT.
HOLD ONTO THE EXPERIENCE THAT IS OCTOBER,
ABUNDANCE...BEAUTY...LIFE.

JULIE HAGE

THE WILDLIFE GARDEN

October is a vital transition month when garden wildlife prepares for the colder winter months by feeding, migrating, and finding shelter.

Resist the urge to tidy every seed head and stem in the garden. They provide shelter and food for many birds and insects over winter

If possible provide areas for hibernating mammals and insects. Piles of leaves, log piles, hollow stems, all valuable in creating safe habitats.

Hedgehogs spend October actively fattening up for hibernation and need to reach a safe weight.

Watch out for tiny autumn orphan hoglets that are too small to survive the winter independently.

Frogs, toads and newts move away from ponds to seek safe, frost free shelter under log piles, stone walls and compost heaps.

Winter visitors like Redwings and Fieldfares arrive to feed on berry laden hedgerows.

Our regular garden birds benefit from additional foods such as high calorie suet and seeds.

The Orb-Web Spiders are actively spinning webs across garden plants, particularly beautiful when covered in dew in the early morning.

Ladybirds and solitary bee larvae snuggle down inside hollow stems and seed heads.

GARDENING TIPS

Continue planting autumn bulbs.

Start moving tender plants under cover.

Harvest last tomatoes before the frost arrives.

Plant bare root hedging and roses whilst dormant.

Sow seeds for winter vegetables.

Plant garlic.

Prune shrub roses back by a third to prevent wind rock.

Start mulching borders.

Prune honeysuckle.

Plant perennials whilst the soil is still warm.

Enjoy the change in season after a challenging summer.



Sarah Castle
RHS Cert.Hort (Level 2)



Harvest

As we travel around our towns and villages it is difficult to miss the signs of harvest. From Creeting St Mary to Great Glemham, fields that were green only a few months ago have turned golden, combines are at work, and tractors once again become a familiar sight on our country roads.

Harvest is a wonderful reminder that worthwhile things rarely happen overnight. Long before a crop is gathered, someone has prepared the ground and planted the seed. There are months of work in between, much of it unseen. There is uncertainty too: the weather cannot be controlled and not every seed that is planted will flourish. Yet without that decision to plant in the first place, there can be no harvest later.

I think the same principle applies to our communities. Many of the things we value today are the result of decisions made years, sometimes generations, ago. Someone planted the trees we now enjoy. Someone established the village hall, sports club or community organisation that brings people together. Previous generations built our churches and schools and created businesses which continue to provide local jobs.

Our responsibility is not simply to enjoy that inheritance, but to ask what we are planting for those who come next. That means supporting our young people and giving them opportunities to build their futures here in Suffolk. It means looking after our villages and neighbourhoods while allowing them to grow and adapt. It means supporting local businesses and agriculture, caring for our countryside, and making sensible long-term investments in the services and infrastructure our communities will need in the years ahead.

The benefits of those choices may not always be immediately visible. In a world which increasingly expects instant results, that can be frustrating. But farmers understand better than most that planting a seed today does not produce a crop tomorrow. Some things require patience, persistence and trust in the future.

As harvest is celebrated across Central Suffolk and North Ipswich this autumn, it is an opportunity to be thankful for what previous generations planted for us. But perhaps it should prompt another question too:

What can we plant today that somebody else will be grateful to harvest tomorrow?

If you need support or want to keep up with my work, you can contact me at Patrick.Spencer.MP@Parliament.uk, by telephone on 01728 726612 or sign up for my e-newsletter at www.patrickspencer.co.uk.



All Saints Church

Church Services (See table of services for full details)

The first-of-the-month Benefice service on 4th October will be at Kettleburgh at 11.00 am.



Easton's Harvest Service will be on 11th October at 3 pm followed by tea and cake in the church.

We will be collecting tins and packet goods for the food bank in Woodbridge.

The Benefice Holy Communion service on 1st November is at Easton at 11.00 am.

The Remembrance Sunday service is on 8th November at 10.45am.

Sunday Café

Sunday Café is on 18th October. We look forward to meeting up and enjoying the lovely food.

Big Breakfast

The Big Breakfast is back on 31st October at Hacheston Village Hall from 9 to 11am. These great cooked breakfasts are free as outreach to the community (but any donations gratefully received from those who can afford it).

Discussion Group

The group will meet on 7th October at 10.30 am at 2 Parkwood, Framlingham. Our topic will be "Poverty" in the world and in the Bible.

Marriage of Andrew Brind and Isobelle Whitley

14th August 2026

On an extremely hot day, Andrew and Isobelle were married in our church. Their happiness and commitment were evident and everyone was uplifted by the occasion. It was a joyous and vibrant wedding, with brightly coloured flower arrangements and the brides-maids dressed in “hot pink”.



The wonderfully happy pair were enthusiastically supported by ten bridesmaids and ten best men, groomsmen and ushers. The singing and music were loud and wholehearted. A lovely occasion.



Right: Our multi-talented vicar, Ann, employing her photographic skills.

Top: The result!

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

Church Services for October

4th	18th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Benefice Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
11th	19th Sunday after Trinity 	11am	Holy Communion	Campsea Ashe
		11am	Harvest Festivals	Parham
		3pm		Easton
		5.30pm		Kettleburgh
18th	20th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion	Brandeston
		11am		Parham
		11am	Harvest Festival	Campsea Ashe
25th	Bible Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Marlesford
		11am	Holy Communion	Kettleburgh

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

The next Benefice Service is on 1st November at 11am at Easton

Sunday Café

CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Sunday 18th October
Village Hall
9.30—11.00 am

TAKEAWAYS AVAILABLE

Come and join us for delicious food, drinks and good company. We have activities for children and a covered area outside for you and your four-legged friend. 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. If you enjoy the Café, please consider helping occasionally if you can.

You do not have to commit to every month!

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)
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EVERYONE WELCOME

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A Quiz for "Halloween"



1. Shakespeare play that opens with 3 witches meeting on a Scottish moor.
2. The sport that is played by the New Jersey Devils.
3. Ghostly ship that is the subject of an opera by Richard Wagner.
4. Known as the Demon Barber of Fleet Street.
5. Horror film actor who provides the voice-over on Michael Jackson's "Thriller".
6. Building haunted by ghosts including Nearly Headless Nick and Moaning Myrtle.
7. Author of the novel "Angels and Demons" published in 2000.
8. Norwegian artist who painted four different versions of the "The Scream".
9. Former six-time World Snooker champion nicknamed Dracula.
10. They are wrapped in bacon to make the dish "Devils on Horseback".
11. Recorded the 1978 cult classic "Werewolves of London".
12. First name of Dr Frankenstein in the gothic novel by Mary Shelley.
13. The home of Dracula, Transylvania, is a real area in this European country.
14. Author of the "Twilight" series of vampire novels.
15. Team playing in the English Football League Division One nicknamed "The Imps".
16. The name of the title character in "Phantom of the Opera".
17. Play by Arthur Miller about the infamous 17th century Salem witch trials.
18. Directed the films "The Nightmare before Christmas" and "Corpse Bride".
19. Irish band who had a UK hit in 1994 with the song "Zombie".
20. Creator of the "Rocky Horror Show" and original presenter of TV's "Crystal Maze".

Answers on page 24

Neighbourhood Watch News for October

How to spot a scam

Ask yourself the following questions. If you answer yes to any of them, there's a good chance it's a scam.

Have you been contacted out of the blue?

Cold calls or unexpected emails or messages should raise suspicion, especially if you're asked to give personal or payment details. It's very unusual for legitimate organisations to contact you and ask for sensitive information if you're not expecting them to. If you're not 100% convinced about the identity of the caller, hang up and contact the company directly.

Have you been asked to share personal details?

Never share your personal details with anyone if you can't confirm they are who they say they are. Scammers will often try and get valuable personal data from you, and they can use this to steal your money, or even to steal your identity. You should also be wary of anyone who asks you to pay in an unusual way, such as through Western Union or by using Cryptocurrency.

Are the contact details vague?

Scam websites often have vague contact details. Remember that legitimate companies will have a place of business, phone number or email address to contact them on. Sometimes scammers also use premium rate numbers (starting 09, 118, 087, 084, 091 or 098) to squeeze every penny they can out of you.

Are you being asked to keep it secret?

It's important you can discuss any agreements with your friends, family or advisors as outside perspectives can provide valuable voices of reason. Fraudsters use grooming techniques including isolating you so that you don't tell anyone about the situation you're in and fall deeper into the scam. Asking you to keep quiet is a way to keep you away from the advice and support you need in making a decision.

Is the offer too good to be true?

Scams will often promise high returns for very little financial commitment. They may even say that a deal is too good to miss. If a deal seems too good to be true, it inevitably is.

Are you being pressured to make a decision?

Fraudsters often try to hurry your decision making. Don't let anyone make you feel under pressure - it's OK to take a break and think things through if you're not sure. It's also a common technique for scammers to use a countdown timer on scam websites to pile on further pressure. Genuine companies should always give you time and space to make an informed decision - anyone who tries to rush you should not be trusted.

Are there spelling and grammar mistakes?

Emails or messages littered with spelling and grammar mistakes are a scam giveaway. Legitimate organisations will rarely, if ever, make spelling or grammatical mistakes in their emails to you because they've been put together by professionals and checked before they're sent.

Courtesy of Consumer Association

John Owen



Answer to 'Where in Easton is this?'

Iron gates to former mansion and stable block - now the entrance to Octagon House et al.



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then 6 pm—9 pm)

Sunday

12 till 8 pm

(food served 12 till 4 pm)

Answers to Quiz

1. Macbeth
2. Ice Hockey
3. The Flying Dutchman
4. Sweeney Todd
5. Vincent Price
6. Hogwarts School
7. Dan Brown
8. Edvard Munch
9. Ray Reardon
10. Originally prunes but now also dates
11. Warren Zevon
12. Victor
13. Romania
14. Stephenie Meyer
15. Lincoln City
16. Erik
17. The Crucible
18. Tim Burton
19. The Cranberries
20. Richard O'Brien

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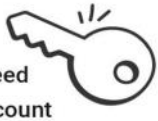
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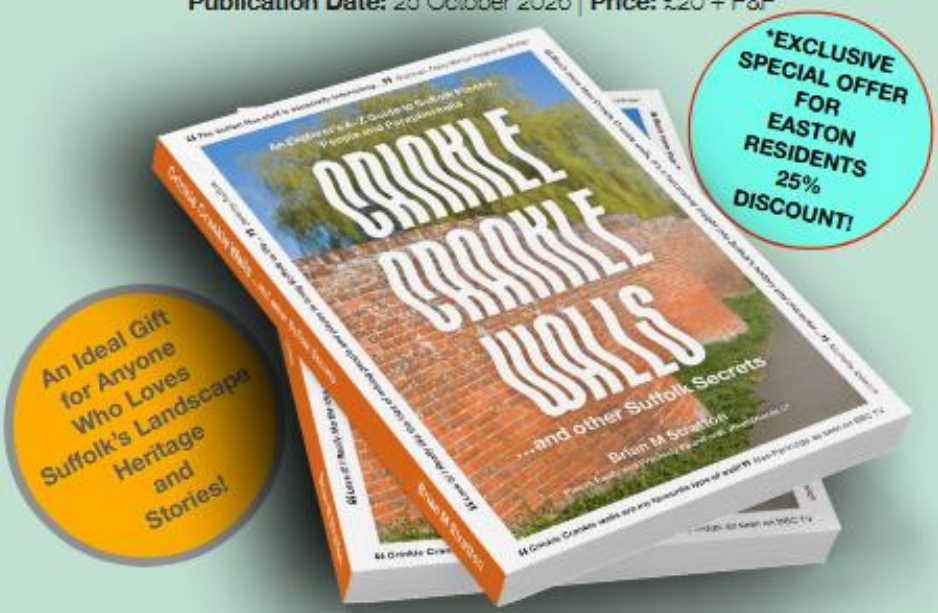
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