

St Peter's Church Easton.

Parish Report 2015

In October last year Darleen Plattin our Priest in Charge, left the parish and it is standard practise that we have a period of Interregnum, whilst we wait to chose another person to oversee the four parishes of our diocese. As Diocesan House have used the Vicarage for offices we have had to find domestic premises for the new incumbent and their family, a suitable property in Marlingford has been purchased and ready for occupation. In the meantime the Church Wardens have had to sort out cover for services and school prayers and other official duties.

It has been a very difficult time for the Church, financially we are asked by the Diocese to contribute to the Church of England authorities an annual donation, called the Parish Share, this year we were asked for £15,241 and we were only able to pay the total of £10.000 with our outgoings totalling some £16.234.43 for the upkeep of the building plus rates, grass cutting, heating. Lighting, Priest's expenses all mounting up.(For anyone good at Maths that sum of £15.000plus equates to each worshiper contributing just over £508 per year.

The officials are made up of two Church Wardens, Peter Pease and Graham Seely, with 8 elected members serving in various capacities within the Church.

The P.C.C. met on 5 occasions with meetings dealing with Church matters.

The Church attendance averages between 14 and 30 but rises with special services such as The Remembrance Service on Armistice Day and Christmas Eve Service of Midnight Mass.

There were 6 Baptisms during the past year, 4 funerals in Church with a further 3 at the Crematorium, giving a total of 43 Sunday and Festival Services being held.

The local St. Peter's Primary Church School attended Church on 3 occasions, Easter, St.Peter's Day (June the 29th.,) and Christmas, Darleen Plattin our then, Priest in Charge lead school assemblies each Monday until her departure in October last year. Morning prayer was held in the Church on a Wednesday morning most weeks. With a midweek Communion held in the Vicarage once a month. Benefice Big Sing service was held at Diocesan House followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

The Harvest service at the Church was followed by tea and cakes.

The Remembrance Day Service was held in Easton with the Church School providing some home made poppies made by the Children.

Diocesan House held their Annual Christmas Service at the Church.

The P.C.C. Fundraising Committee worked hard throughout the year with coffee mornings a Summer Fete and a Mulled wine and Mince Pie evening at the Village Hall.

Darleen Plattin 8/6/15

St Peter's Church of England, Voluntary Aided, Primary School, Easton

Report to Easton Parish Meeting - Monday 8th June 2015

The school has remained very popular rising to a peak of 154 as predicted. Staffing has been increased to meet the rising numbers. The placement of the additional temporary classes last summer was very efficient, giving us two new smart classrooms to meet the children's needs. We have a full reception class again for this September and continue to take enquiries from people moving into the village.

Our strength comes from the fact we are part of the Trinity Federation, three church schools working together with the same values and vision but their own distinctive character, serving their own communities.

The three schools (Easton, Great Witchingham and Hockering) have one Governing Body, one Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher. Increasingly more staff work across the Federation and all work together sharing work load and expertise. For the past two years Easton has trained a SNITT student and has been able to offer them both employment which is really exciting. We also train UEA students, this helps to keep our practice fresh. In these changing times the governors have ensured that all staff have had access to high quality cpd. Our teaching is enhanced by our excellent support staff, who have a wealth of expertise and skills which are used to support the children.

Opportunities for children:

One of the key recent changes in education has been the curriculum. Our curriculum is always planned each year taking account of staff and pupil's interests, national events and requirements. Where-ever possible the children are given real experiences to promote learning, outdoor learning is still a key feature of what we do which appeals to different learning styles and promotes the learning of life skills. We also aim for the children to develop a real thirst for life-long learning. Eg: Recent events: National Den Day, Race for Life.

6 children from Easton have participated in the Brilliant Club which has involved a visit King's College in Cambridge, working with a PHD student and writing a 1000 word dissertation entitled "What is Fairness" and a graduation ceremony at UEA.

Last Year Mrs Blathwayt reported on our new school garden which is flourishing with a new poly tunnel.

As a distinctive church school we value our close links with the church and diocese. Rev Darleen led Collective Worship every Monday until she left; Pastor Pete from Costessey

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EASTON CRAFTERS

8 June 2015

We currently have 32 members from Easton and surrounding areas.

We meet in the village hall twice monthly (we used to hold a Clarity workshop once a month but unfortunately we had to cancel this evening due to it being too intense for some of our members.

Over the last year we have held 15 workshops, many were card making, but we have also had flower arranging demonstrations and jewellery making demonstrations.

We have been on 3 paper craft shows at Bury St. Edmunds and Thetford, and more lined up for this year.

We believe passionately in helping the community and in charities. When applicable vouchers are collected and donated to Easton School. The club have knitted a vast amount of clothes and baby blankets for the N.N.U.H Neonatal intensive care unit

Last year we sponsored SCOTTY'S LITTLE SOLDIERS, a charity helping the children of parents in the services that have lost their lives.

To date as a club we have raised £4700 for charity, holding Xmas fairs and car boot sales.

*Last Xmas alone we raised an astonishing £800 at the clubs Xmas fair, for
SCOTTY'S LITTLE SOLDIERS.*

SCOTTY'S LITTLE SOLDIERS are again our charity for the year.

On the 23rd of this month we are holding a.

*Blooming Great T PARTY, in the village hall for Marie
Curie (all are welcome)*

Sincerely, Jan Stanford on behalf of Easton Crafters

EASTON, MARLINGFORD & COLTON COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

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Linda Ford
Chairman
Easton Parish Council

2nd June 2015

Dear Linda,

Thank you for your letter requesting a report on the Community Car Scheme during the last 12 months. I will be unable to attend the meeting on the 8th of June, as we will be on holiday.

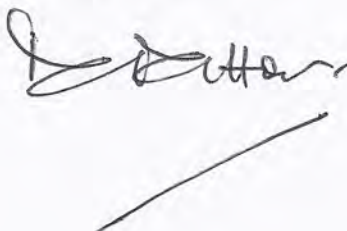
April May June 2014	£86.99
July August September 2014	£62.55
October November December 2014	£172.74
January February March 2015	£81.58
TOTAL	£403.86

The two third contribution from Easton Parish Council is £269.24
You have already sent me a cheque for £250.00 so we are £19.24 short.
The number of journeys carried out these last 12 months totals 222
Mileage covered over the 12 months 2330

Balance in the Sandander Bank account as of the 3rd of March 2015 is £505.26
The higher balance is due to the increase that South Norfolk contributed for this last 12 months.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Ditton



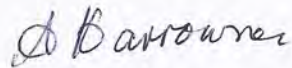
EASTON GOOD COMPANION'S CLUB

The club celebrates its 60th Anniversary this year which is quite an achievement. At the moment we have 32 members with two our eldest members becoming 94 this year.

We have a varied programme throughout the year. Shopping trips, visiting gardens, some very interesting talks and musical entertainment . This year our visits include Gooderstone water gardens in Swaffham ,Transport Museum at Lowestoft and Hillside Animal Sanctuary.

We have great fun at our games afternoons and our horse racing game causes many laughs during the afternoon.

Our club is open to all over 55's and there is always a welcome for new members.



Ann Harrowven (Secretary)

Easton Football Club

Easton first team under new manager Chris Brownbridge and assistant Colin Fell enjoyed a good start to the season winning their first 4 league matches, this was the fourth season in Division 3 and it was their aim to achieve promotion to Division 2. The first defeat was a narrow loss 2-1 away at Mattishall Reserves. The first team reached the last 16 of the county cup but went out at that stage losing 2-1 AET away at Gayton United. They carried on in the league and competed very well in most games winning more often than not. The final league record was played 30 W 18 D 4 L8, this resulted in a fourth place finish, which in the end was slightly disappointing because if they had won the last 2 matches they would have won the league. But with a slight league restructure this was good enough to gain promotion to division 2.

The first team top scorer was James Wheeler, and player of the year was Dan Burrett.

The reserves under new manager Jonathon Richards assisted by club chairman Tim Wickham also had a good start to the season winning 3 and drawing 2 of their first 7 matches, but followed this with a heavy defeat at higher league opposition Long Stratton Res in the cup. The team suffered from not being able to field a settled side and the results reflected this, although they finished in a respectable 11th place. Their league record was P30 W8 D3 L19.

The reserve team top scorer was Tim Wickham, and player of the year was 16 year old Nico Baxter.

On a personal note I was presented with the Norfolk FA volunteer of the year award 2014 at a dinner at Carrow Road by ex Chelsea and England player Graeme Le Saux. This was partly to mark my 30 Years as a club secretary a very proud moment.

Finally the club would like to thank our sponsors Skip and Lucy at The Rembrandt, Colin and Denise Fell of Preform Insulations, Vic Miller of A1 home improvements and The Norwich Family Golf Centre. Without which we would struggle to play at our current level.

Michael Cossey. 08/06/2015

CHAIRS REPORT 2015

This is my final report as chair and councillor of Easton Parish council

We have had a very busy and stressful year due to on-going situations from 2014.

We achieved a ^{50%} grant for a flashing warning light for speeding on Bawburgh Road which has been installed

And I hope this has made some difference.

In 2014 we accepted an offer for a Trod from NCC and with the help of the Showground and the College we were able to go ahead although much delayed in the timing.

The Trod was started in September and took about 6 weeks to complete. We worked very hard to get this but unfortunately we have been criticized because of the surface and the width. This is all we could have with the money available and our idea was to have the surface improved when more money became available. So I feel we not given a chance to achieve improvement.

Despite the complaints I have seen prams, pushchairs and wheelchairs and many people walking more safely on the Trod. I, myself was push along by a resident, in a wheelchair designed only for indoor use and he found no problem.

There is still more crime and vandalism than we used to have, the allotments have been a target, we have not seen police attending the PC or the pop in.

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We have employed the same contractor to cut the grass with very little increase in money and I hope you are satisfied with him as we have been in the past.

I would like to thank Dave and Jean Ditton for running a very successful Community car service for which there a great need. Long may it continue.

My last report referred to the allocation of 900 houses for Easton. Which I said was far too many. The first time we were aware of the number, this was printed in the Evening News 18th September 2013 we had not been told before.

The long serving PC councillors and the residents who have lived in the village for several years new Easton was a village that was chosen for development. This goes back to 2002 when the local Development Framework plan was being worked on at SN and should have ^{been} in place by 2006 This did not happen as the rules changed and the Greater Norwich Plan including Broadland and SN was put in place instead. The plan gave this area 37,000 houses. We were led to believe that Costessey/Easton had to share 1000 houses so we thought we would get less than half.

The only way to get the best for the village is to work with the consortium and not against them, so we employed a land agent to work for the PC We had a pot of money allocated for this purpose, we engaged David Harvey who has been very helpful and negotiated on the PCs behalf.

The nearly 2 acres which was the football pitch is leased, we achieved 90000.00 for return of the lease. This ^{with} be taken

from the PC with only 12months notice for no money because they can

~~Can.~~
The PC agreed 65% of the value of the 4 acres some of which was cost applying for planning permission and the cost of surveys plus the covenant that would have to be lifted.

This money was planned to go towards facilities to enhance the village centre. Please be aware that your chairman was in agreement to all this and was at the meetings involved.

If you choose to continue in the way you are going you will destroy all the work the departing PC has worked for.

I would like to thank the outgoing Parish Councillors for all their hard work. Les Pearson for his work with the allotments, working with our contractor and securing a good price for the work, his work on planting trees on College heights and all his other work he has done for the village.

Stewart Wither, for helping to cut trees where there were problems and for his work on the finance committee.

Bernard Weston for cutting trees and hedges and generally being helpful in many other ways.

Mark Cordy for getting estimates for the many jobs we needed doing and in many cases also being on hand to carrying out and solve them.

John Witcombe for being the most marvellous clerk always being there for the chairman's he served under, always reliable, conscientious, astute, and helpful. I am very upset he has resigned because Easton has lost a brilliant clerk.

Also thank you to all the groups and organisations in this village who give up their time to make us a good community to live in.

I have been on the parish council for nearly 20 years and I hope I have made ^a difference and been a help to the village, I have never had any self interest in serving on the Parish council only for the good of the village, this should be the only reason why any person would want to a serve as a Parish councillor.

B.E. Daynes.

EASTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

SECRETARY'S REPORT : APRIL 2014 - MARCH 2015

This is a resume of the Women's Institute events over the past twelve months.

Our varied Speakers have included – A speaker from the 4Women Resource Centre in Norwich which supports women facing social exclusion for various reasons; We were shown slides of gardens in the 18th Century and told about the introduction of Wellington Boots; Gerald Nelson had us fascinated as he brought to life scenic landscapes, etc. in charcoal; We learnt of the history of the Assembly Rooms; Gilly Lewis, an excellent Speaker, held our interest relating to the many amusing/funny experiences she has encountered on her extensive travels; Clare Richard's talk 'From Nun to Mum' was fascinating. We also learnt about the "Science of Sleep" and Chris Alderson entertained with his Classical & Spanish Guitar Music.

Throughout the year we have been to shows at the Memorial Hall, Dereham to enjoy a 'Summer Concert' and the Theatre Royal in Norwich to see 'Sister Act'.

Outings have included : East Tuddenham Village Hall to learn about 'The Summer of 1914'; A Tour & ice cream Tasting at Lakenham Creamery; Lunch at Woodgate Nursery followed by visit to Alby Craft; Christmas Lunch at Wensum Valley Hotel; Afternoon Tea at Tabnabs, Mattishall; Tour of Archant Press Hall and to WI County Office for Nosh & Natter lunches.

Funds have been raised by having a coffee morning in July in Merilyn & Heriot Cossey's garden and an afternoon at the Village Hall in August.

We have enjoyed the company of other W I members at the *Spring and Autumn Group Meetings*. September 2014 four members attended the Autumn Federation Meeting at Swanton Morley Four members attended the *Annual Federation Meeting* held at St Andrew's Hall on 31st March'15 when the Morning Speakers were : Janice Langley, National Chairman, reminding us of the Royal Garden Party being held for 8,000 W.I. members. Jane Robinson spoke of her book 'A Force to be Reckoned With' about the W.I. in the earlier years. The Afternoon Speaker was Eric Knowles, who was an excellent speaker, he told of his early career as a Valuer for Bonhams Auction House before joining the Antiques Road Show in 1981 and with whom he has travelled all over the world.

Two member have recently enjoyed a Coach Holiday arranged by the Federation to Celebrate the Centenary of the W.I. to Llanfair P.G (Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlantysiliogogoch) This is where the W.I. was formed 100 years ago in Britain, they were welcomed and enjoyed a Welsh Cream Tea and learnt how it all began.

Our own Website, which can be found at www.eastonwinorfolk.weebly.com , is updated regularly by our President.

Once again we have enjoyed a varied and successful year and I am pleased to report that our Membership has risen to 23 with an average attendance of 19.

Pamela Hooker
Monthly Meeting Secretary

May 2015

EASTON BOWLS CLUB
ANNUAL REPORT

2014-2015

We had a very mixed season last year the Yare League and the City League both went down a division but the NBA League and The Business Houses League did very well. We had several matches cancelled due to inclement weather but managed to re-schedule them before the end of the season.

The Bowls Green looked very well thanks to the Green keeper.

We had our usual competitions and social afternoons with refreshments, which were supported very well.

In March 2015 we had our yearly Presentation Dinner/Dance at Glen Lodge Golf Club which is always excellent and enjoyed by everyone.

Our membership at the start of 2015 season has dropped considerably to 27 so we have had to pull out of the City League.

We could do with a few more members so if there is anyone who would like to come down to the Bowls Green and have a roll-up they are most welcome.

M. Cossey

Sec. Easton Bowls Club.

Easton New Village Hall and Recreational Project – report to Parish meeting
8th June 2015

Since the Parish meeting last year we have held two very successful fundraising events.

On 28th March this year we held a really successful Jumble Sale which was well supported by the village as well as by customers from all over the local area. We were a bit short of space but we managed to raise £359.19 in an amazingly short space of time. Thanks must go to all our willing helpers.

Our plant sale in May was also excellent. Despite the cool start to the growing season we had a plenty of plants donated for us to sell and a lot of satisfied customers. We took over £300 on the day and are still selling plants that were not quite ready on the day of the sale. The current total stands at £330 and is still growing.

The date we had chosen for our Annual Quiz in April clashed with so many events that some of our regular teams told us they were committed to going to that we decided to postpone until the autumn. Therefore we hope to hold it on 17th October.

Our committee were astonished to learn that the new Parish Council had decided that they were not going to accept the land at the centre of the village for new community facilities and open space. Actually we were upset, angry, devastated I can't find a word that expresses how let down and disappointed and furious we feel.

When was this decision taken? Not in a public meeting as far as I can ascertain. It was posted on the South Norfolk website on 21st May when the Parish Council had only been in place for 13 days and had only had one official meeting. The report in the Grapevine made no mention of such a far reaching and wrongheaded decision being made. What happened to the open government and transparency we were promised?

Did the Parish Council think to talk to the New Village Hall committee before making this sweeping statement? Some of us have worked hard to achieve a new village hall on the Marlingford Road site for more than 20 years but when it was just coming within our grasp it seems to be being snatched away by our own elected representatives for no good reason?.

Our vision, which we still believe is shared by a majority of the people living here now and which future residents of the village would thank us for, is to have an open space in the centre of the village, next door to the school and adjoining the College Heights play ground so that the community facilities are close together and are there to be used for sports, village events, barbeques whatever people want. The adjacent village hall or community centre will be just that a centre for the much enlarged community.

I should remind you that some of us walked round Easton, knocked on doors and talked to residents when they filled in their questionnaires for the Parish Plan a few years back. We got 70% of the questionnaires returned completed. More importantly we listened to people's ideas and opinions on a number of issues connected with the village and these were recorded and compiled into a plan for Easton.

A majority of people wanted the community facilities together on one site in the centre of the village. There is ONLY one place that this is achievable and that is the Marlingford Road site.

We understand the concern about the possible contamination of a small part of the site by a historic foot and mouth burial pit however the information about it that is circulating the village is untrue. There is no evidence that there is any significant contamination there. In fact it is possible that none of the cows buried there even had foot and mouth disease

Have the Parish Council not understood that the Environmental Health department do not consider that there is a significant risk from this land? The planning officers are satisfied that the land is safe. Before the land is handed to the village there will be an independent investigation taking place and in the unlikely event of the land being found to be contaminated Easton College are required to take whatever actions are necessary to decontaminate it. These are the facts, as I believe Easton Parish Council well know. Why are they telling us otherwise?

We have one chance to create something good here which will serve the community well as it grows in the future.

None of us really wanted 900 houses built here but with every cloud there is a silver lining and this village centre could be ours.

As the development of the village continues there will be many difficult problems for the Parish Council to confront. Are they going to run away shouting NO to all of them? Are they going to even consider the implications of the knee jerk decisions they make? Where is their vision for the future of the village?

They stood for election on a platform of Easton Matters. Well we believe that Easton seems to matter far more to us than it does to them.

For the sake of the current and future residents stop being Easton Against everything and start being Easton for something.

Mary Blathwayt

Secretary

Easton New Village Hall and Recreational Project