



THE Grapevine

November 2024

Your community guide for Colton, Easton and Marlingford

Meet the couple with
a community spirit

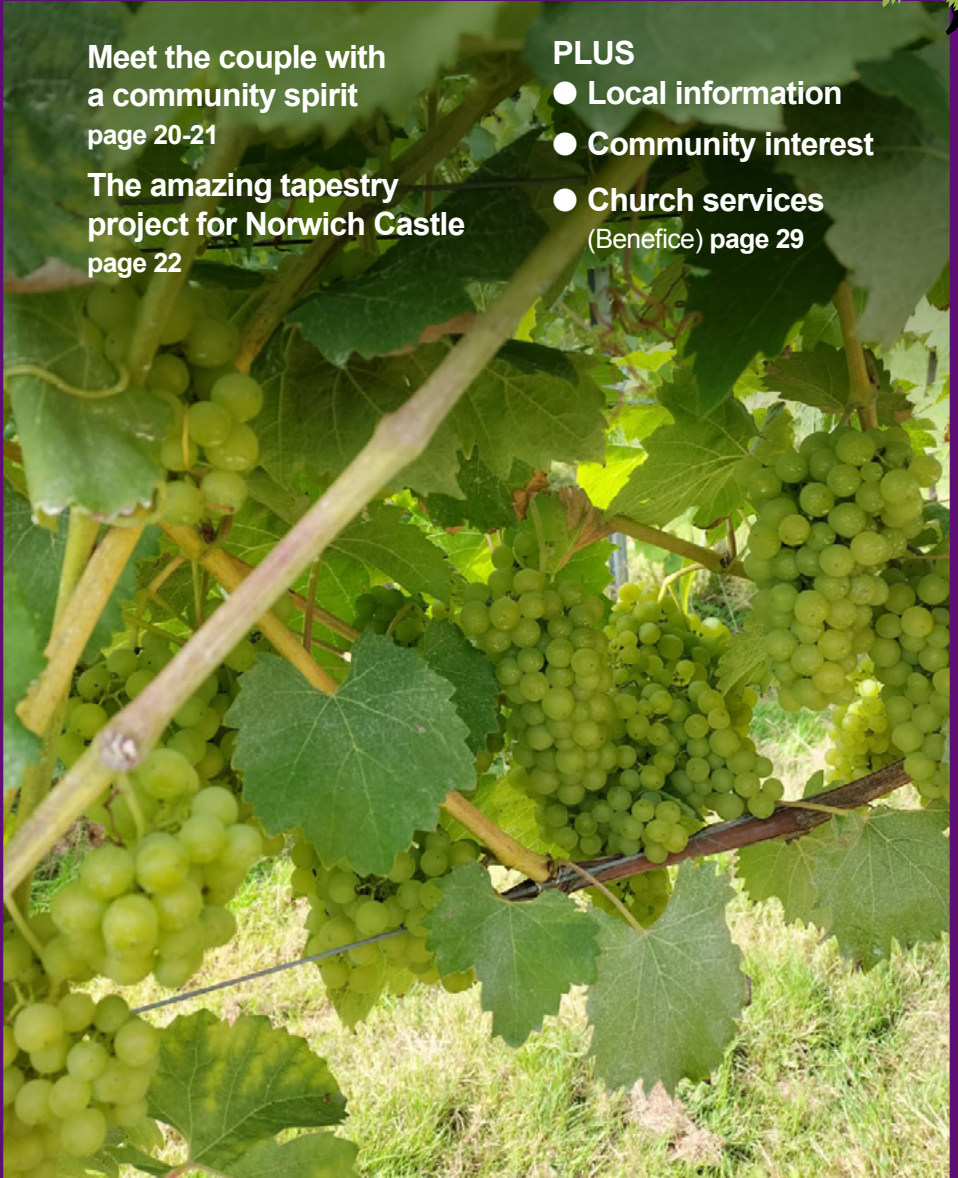
page 20-21

The amazing tapestry
project for Norwich Castle

page 22

PLUS

- Local information
- Community interest
- Church services
(Benefice) page 29



Useful contacts

St Peter's VC Primary School, Easton	01603 880553
Easton College	01603 731200
Easton College Tennis Centre	01603 731302 easton.tennis@ccn.ac.uk
Colton Village Hall	Vicky Green – 01603 881336 vicky@mgarchery.co.uk
Colton Carpet Bowls Club	Dennis Mickleburgh – 01603 880391 Avalon, The Street, Colton
Easton Bowls Club Secretary	Jan Hudson - 01603 880811 eastonbowls.bh@btinternet.com
Easton Crafters' Club	Mrs Janet Morris – 01603 471144
Easton Football Club	Michael Cossey – 01603 880143 73, Marlingford Way, Easton
Easton Good Companions	Pamela Hooker – 01603 880867
Easton Gym Club	01603 960511 enquiries@eastongymnasticsclub.com
Easton Judo Club Coach	Chris Abel – 0845 388 6895 chris@eastonjudoclub.co.uk 29, Goulburn Rd, Norwich
Easton Junior Football	Gavin Tipple – 01603 731585 gtipple@easton-college.ac.uk
Easton Sports Centre	Colin Brzeczek 01603 731263
Easton Post Office	Open Tues and Thurs 9am-12pm 01603 880007
Easton Village Hall	Roly and Christine Chapman 01603 880654
Easton WI Secretary	Mary Blathwayt – 01603 880574
Little Owls at Colton Village Hall	Katie Kemp 07790 276499
Marlingford Village Hall Bookings	John Bailey M: 07986 609319 jaydeebailey@gmail.com
Community Car Scheme for Easton only	Jean and Dave Ditton – 01603 880857
Citizens' Advice Bureau	Wymondham 03444 111444
Relate	01603 625333
Samaritans	0330 094 5717

Doctors surgeries

Costessey, Roundwell 01603 744014
Beechcroft 01603 746683
Hethersett 01603 977477
Mattishall 01362 850227

Hospitals

**Norfolk & Norwich
incl W Norwich** 01603 286286
Julian & Hellesdon 01603 421421
Dereham, Northgate 01362 697300
Kelling 01263 710575

Police

Non urgent 101 **or visit website:**
norfolk.police.uk/contact-us/6-report-it
Urgent 999

Parish Council Clerks

Easton: clerk@eastonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Marlingford & Colton
Maria Hutson 01603 850118
marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com

Councillor South Norfolk District and Norfolk County

Margaret Dewsbury 01603 759693
 6, Park Avenue, Barford NR9 4BA

Location of defibrillators:

Colton - Village hall, Norwich Rd; NR9 5BY
Easton - Village hall, Marlingford Rd,
 NR9 5AD
Rembrandt Restaurant, 65 Dereham Rd.
Lower Easton, 76 Ringland Rd;
Marlingford: The Bell, Bawburgh Road.
 NR9 5HX

Advertisers can supply their own colour adverts to the correct sizes. (contact treasurer for details). They can be high resolution jpg or pdf files.

The Grapevine

Local information.....	2-5
Village hall news	12-13
Community & fundraising	14-15
Beat news.....	17
WI news.....	18-19
Mobile library times	23
Marlingford and Colton PC.....	24-25
Easton PC.....	26-27
Church (Benefice).....	29

Editor/designer: Annette Hudson
annettegh57@gmail.com 01603 749383

Assistant Editor: Felicity Maton
f.maton@btinternet.com 01603 880846

Treasurer: Carol Chiles
carolachiles@gmail.com 01508 578352

Advertising in The Grapevine

Contact the Assistant Editor or the Treasurer for more advertising details.

Annual advertising rates 2024

Black & white inside:			
1/8	1/4	1/2	Full page
£50	£75	£125	£200

Black & white back page:			
	£150	£200	

Colour inside:			
1/8	1/4	1/2	Full page
£100	£150	£250	£400

Colour back page:			
	£300	£400	£500

Front cover: Grape harvest by Margaret Seely.

Please note: information in The Grapevine is provided in good faith. The publication and its board cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies and any opinions expressed are the author's own.

Parishes of Easton, Colton, Marlingford and Bawburgh

Benefice Rector	Revd Laura Montgomery eastonbeneficeoffice@gmail.com 172 Fairways, Queen's Hills, Costessey NR8 5GB	01603 744551
------------------------	--	--------------

Reader	Peter Pease, 19 Woodview Road, Easton	01603 880255
---------------	---------------------------------------	--------------

St Peter's Church, Easton

Churchwardens	Peter Pease, 19 Woodview Road, Easton Margaret Seely, 8 Kennedy Close, Easton	01603 880255 01603 880888
----------------------	--	------------------------------

PCC Secretary	Anthony Perry, 7 Pegg Close, Easton	01603 882265
----------------------	-------------------------------------	--------------

Treasurer	Vacancy	
------------------	---------	--

St Andrew's Church, Colton

Churchwarden	Sarah Smith, Bickerston Cottage, Church Lane, Colton	01603 757865
---------------------	---	--------------

PCC Secretary	Liz Plater, Church Cottages, Church Lane, Colton	01603 880556
----------------------	---	--------------

Treasurer	Judy Scrivener, The Old Post Office, Norwich Road, Colton NR9 5BZ	judy.scrivener@ googlemail.com
------------------	--	-----------------------------------

St Mary's Church, Marlingford

Churchwarden	Felicity Maton, West Cottage, Barford Road, Marlingford	01603 880846
---------------------	--	--------------

PCC Secretary	Felicity Maton, West Cottage, Barford Road, Marlingford	01603 880846
----------------------	--	--------------

Treasurer	Carol Chiles carolachiles@gmail.com	01508 578352
------------------	-------------------------------------	--------------

St Mary and St Walstan's Church, Bawburgh

PCC contact	Lin Gibson	01603 744683
--------------------	------------	--------------

Need a bus? Here are your local bus services

Bus services: Colton, Easton and Marlingford

There have been some changes to the bus services in Easton, Marlingford and Colton. Norfolk County Council has announced the following timetables which came into force in **May, 2024**: (All services are excluding Bank holidays)

Service 808 on Tuesdays and Thursdays only:				
From	At	Arrives	Connects to	
Marlingford Bell	09.08	Easton: Dereham Road bus shelter at 9.17	Konec 4 service from Easton to Norwich at 9.38, arriving 10.05	
Colton, The Street - Pond	09.13			
Colton, Junction Norwich Road and The Street	09.14			
Konec 4 service from Norwich to Easton at 12.15 arriving 12.42.	Longwater Retail Park, Link Road at 12.50	Easton: Dereham Road Bus Shelter at 12.55	Colton, Junction Norwich Rd and The Street	12.58
			Colton, The Street - Pond	12.59
			Colton, Junction Norwich Rd and The Street	13.04
Longwater Retail Park, Link Road at 11.15 (Easton: Dereham Road Bus Shelter at 11.20)	**Additional Service from Longwater only		Colton, Junction Norwich Rd and The Street	11.23
			Colton, The Street - Pond	11.24
			Marlingford Bell	11.29

For more information, visit: ourhire.co.uk

The Flexibus service will continue to be provided with the service now being supplied by Our Bus. In addition to the current arrangements, there will be a new per-booked service to the N&NUH at 7.50 and 17.45. To book a bus, call 01603 223956.

Excel bus services for Easton (Bawburgh Road)

Monday to Saturday daytime: bus up to every 30 minutes along the whole route.

Extra journeys at peak times.

Sundays, public holidays and evenings: bus up to every hour.



www.rembrandtrestaurant.co.uk



Fish and Chips
Restaurant * Bar * Takeaway

****Fresh fish delivered daily****

Current Opening Hours

Thursday 4pm - 8pm

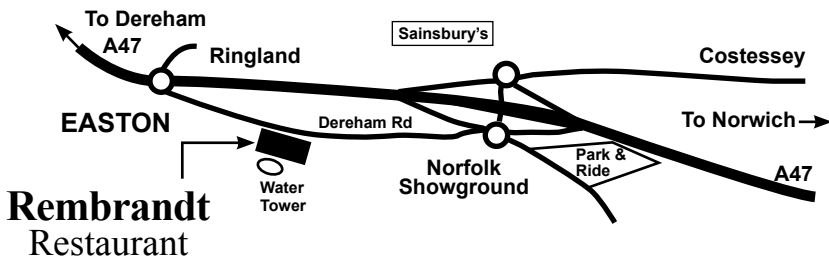
Friday 4pm - 8pm

Saturday 4pm - 8pm

*For latest information
please see the website or phone*

01603 880010

Dereham Rd, Easton, Norwich NR9 5EH



IAN WICKHAM

Bespoke
furniture maker

Bespoke joinery

Kitchen supplier & fitter

General home
carpentry

Established local craftsman
based in Easton

All carpentry work
considered

E: ianwick76@gmail.com

T: **07867 976718**

L S Sewing Services

for all your sewing requirements

Custom-made curtains
and soft furnishings

Alterations to curtains and clothing
including wedding, bridesmaids
and prom dresses

T: 01603 882085

M: 07952009799

Visit my website for prices
lssewingservices.co.uk

R.D. GUEST

Plumbing and Heating
Engineer

- Oil
- Gas
- Renewables
- Water

2 Riverside Cottages,
Bawburgh Road,
Marlingford NR9 5AG

Call Ryan on
01603 880459
or **07921 956442**

info@rdguestplumbing.co.uk

24 hour callout available

**DKC
PLUMBING**

OIL BOILER SPECIALISTS

—
Oil Boiler Servicing

Oil Boiler Breakdown

Oil Boiler Cover Plan

Oftec Registered

General Plumbing

—
07375995198





WARMAN

Landscaping, Gardening & Groundworks

- ★ Hedge Cutting
- ★ Paths & Patios ★ Fencing
- ★ Gates ★ Grass Cutting
- ★ Driveways ★ Shed Base
- ★ Decking ★ Patio Cleaning
- ★ Grass treatment
- ★ Tree trimming
- ★ Garden Clearance
- ★ Planting

For a free, no obligation quotation, contact Ben

07340 388864

01603 759629

benwarman9@icloud.com

Pain Relief Clinic

- **Back / Sciatica**
Shoulders / Neck
- **Hips / Knees / Ankles**
Tennis Elbow / Arthritis
Fibromyalgia

Call: **01603 881376**
07787 121287

Chris Winter Bsc hons Lic Ac

White Arch Clinic, Easton,
Norwich

www.acu-pro.co.uk

TSM Plumbing Heating & Drainage

- Blocked Drains
- Plumbing Repairs
- Blocked Toilets

01603 280144

07827 016047

**29, Woodview Road,
Easton NR9 5EU**

W: tsmplumbing.co.uk

E: office@tsmplumbing.co.uk

A Lansdale Chimney Repair/ Builder

9 Cherry Tree Close,
Mattishall, Dereham

**Chimney repairs,
extensions, garden walls
paving, fireplaces**
Free estimates
Over 30 years of experience

Mobile 07799 355146
01362 288068

brianlansdale@gmail.com
**[www.lansdalechimneybuilders
andrepairs.co.uk](http://www.lansdalechimneybuildersandrepairs.co.uk)**

Bluebell Health Clinic

Osteopathic Medicine & Alternative Therapies at Easton & Norwich

Gentle, safe, and effective treatments to bring you back to health

Arnaud Geanty D.O. FSCCO
Traditional & Cranial Osteopathy

Tel: 01603 880 214

Mob: 07931 713 741

www.bluebellhealthclinic.co.uk

Deborah Harding LCPH VMTRA

Homeopathy & Reiki

Mob: 07799 063 754

debhardingnhp@gmail.com

www.debhardingnhp.com

Treatments for all ages, from baby to elderly, for all your musculoskeletal aches and pains, injuries and ailments

Easton Clinic

2 Woodview Road
Easton NR9 5EU

Norwich Clinic

21 Charing Cross
Norwich NR2 4AX



Ivan Fisher



**Independent
Funeral Standards
Organisation**
Quality Assured

Independent Funeral Homes Ltd

Established 2005

We are proud to be a family run, independent funeral home.

With offices in Aylsham, Hethersett and Hingham,
we're always here when you need us, 24 hours a day.

www.ivanfisher.co.uk

Aylsham: 01263 735161

2- 4 Norwich Road,
Aylsham,
Norfolk, NR11 6BN

Hethersett: 01603 810022

17 Park Drive,
Hethersett,
Norwich, NR9 3EN

Hingham: 01953 850330

15 Norwich Street,
Hingham,
Norfolk, NR9 4LJ

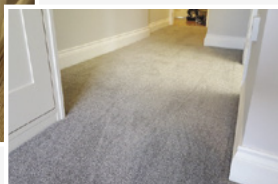
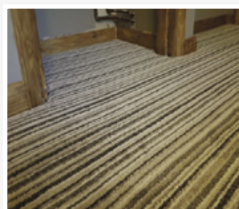
Martin's Carpets Ltd



- ✓ Home visit with samples
- ✓ Carpets and vinyls
- ✓ Floor preparation
- ✓ Furniture removal
- ✓ Door trimming
- ✓ Disposal service

FREE Measure & Estimate

FREE Fitting Service



Supplying and fitting
carpets and vinyl flooring
for over 30 years

01603 88 00 87

Mobile: 07867 51 87 48

Email: info@martinscarpetsltd.co.uk

Web: www.martinscarpetsltd.co.uk

Facebook: [martinscarpetsltd](https://www.facebook.com/martinscarpetsltd)

Customer satisfaction is our priority.

THE Grapevine

Calling all budding photographers...

Our front page really reflects us this month with Margaret Seely's lovely picture of bunches of grapes. How are you at picture taking? Do you think you could compose a picture I could use on the front of *The Grapevine*? I know there are lots of talented folks out there – why not take a snap while out walking if you see something of interest that would make a good front page. I've compiled a few of our past covers – yours could be next! Just send a hi-res (300 dpi – if you are using a phone and you have it set for maximum quality,

that is fine for printing). Email it to me at annettegh57@gmail.com with your name for a byline and I'll endeavour to put the best ones in. Look forward to seeing what you can do!



Where you can find our online editions

You can access each issue of *The Grapevine* online on the **Easton parish council** and the **Marlingford and Colton parish council** websites, and it is always posted on the **Nextdoor** website. If you would like digital copies, please send your email address to: annettegh57@gmail.com and you will be added to a list of subscribers. Our printed editions are published in Dec/Jan, March,

May, July/Aug and October and are distributed in Easton, Colton and Marlingford. If you enjoy reading *The Grapevine* and would like to make a donation towards the cost of more printed editions, you can do so by bank transfer:

Account name:

The Grapevine Magazine

Business account no: 20420956

Sort code: 20-99-08

Thank you!

Deadline for items for the Dec/Jan issue: Friday, November 15, 2024
Email as word doc to: annettegh57@gmail.com

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Colton village hall

● Coffee morning and Art Exhibition

Saturday November 2

Here's an opportunity to chat with villagers over tea or coffee and cake, and take a look at the artwork being done by Colton's Wednesday art class. They will also be selling their own hand-made Christmas cards. There will also be an activity table for the youngsters.

● Christmas Bingo plus Colton Allotment Charity payout

Saturday December 7 (see page15)

Prize bingo in the village hall. Doors open 6.00pm. Eyes down 7pm.

Easton village hall

● Arts & Crafts Exhibition

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November at St. Peter's Church, Easton

St. Peter's Church will be holding a two-day Arts & Crafts Exhibition on the theme of **Remembering & Remembrance**.

The local schools, together with Easton College, will be providing exhibits and it would be wonderful if any of you creative people (I know there are many) would like to share your talents – as in knitting, crochet, artwork, creative writing, hand-built items etc - the list is endless!

The church will be open both days from 10am to 3pm.

Tea/coffee and homemade cakes will be available throughout the day. The exhibition will close with a Songs of Praise service on Sunday November 10 at 3pm.

Please contact me on **07931514040** or email **mseely@btinternet.com** for any further information.

Margaret Seely

● Easton Good Companions

A 90th birthday party was held to celebrate Peggy's birthday at the Good Companions in October with a west-end singer brought in to entertain us.

With outside caterers and wine flowing, we all also enjoyed the celebrations on Horse Racing day.

Coming up

● Horse Racing

Thursday November 7

● Talk by Paul Cooper

Thursday November 21

A talk on Norwich with films.

We meet every two weeks at Easton village hall on a Thursday from 2pm until 4pm with a varied programme.

Anyone over the age of 55 is welcome to come and join in the fun.

Tony Perry

● Easton Pop In

Every Tuesday at Easton village hall 10am until 11.45am. Open to everybody who wants to simply pop in and chat. 70p for a cup and 90p for a mug of tea or coffee. (Decaff available)

Brenda and Tony

● Easton Crafters Club

We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Easton village hall between 1.30pm and 4.30pm. **For more information, ring Janet on 01603 471144.**

Marlingford village hall

● Quiz Night – Sat, November 16

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.



Marlingford PCC presents:

QUIZ Night

Are you ready for a night of trivia and fun at Marlingford Village Hall? Gather your team and put your knowledge to the test with our entertaining and challenging quiz questions.

Saturday, 16th Nov.
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

£4 per person and teams of up to 6.
Teas and coffees provided.
BYO drinks and nibbles!

All profits in aid of St Mary's, Marlingford
Fabric Fund



IN AID OF EASTON CHURCH

"Remembering"

An Art & Craft Exhibition

ST PETER'S EASTON
SATURDAY 9TH &
SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
10AM - 3PM

Free Entry (but donations welcome!)
Refreshments on sale
Songs of Praise, Sunday 10th, 3pm.

Exhibits on the theme welcome.
(Please contact Margaret Seely or
Rev Laura for more details.)



All profits in aid of St Mary's, Marlingford restoration fund

THE OLD HALL MARLINGFORD, NR9 5HX

CAROLS IN THE COURTYARD

**13
DECEMBER
6PM - 8PM**

A festive evening of carols with the **City of Norwich Brass Band**. Mulled wine, mince pies, waffles and raffle. £5 entry per adult and children under 16 free.

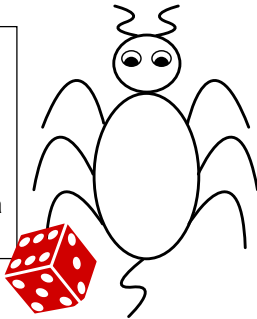
Beetles that can drive you to distraction...

They're off! Hands flapping and dice clattering in a frantic attempt to draw a complete beetle.

This was the scene in Colton village hall last month as they held their first Beetle Drive for many years.

The game involves moving around

Roll...	Draw...
6	Body
5	Head
4	1 Leg
3	1 Eye
2	1 Antenna
1	Tail



the tables – clockwise for a high score and anti-clockwise for a low score so there was plenty of opportunities to mingle.

There were folk from all the surrounding areas in attendance and many remarked how nice it was to get to know people from other villages. After much to-ing and fro-ing, the final winner with the highest score was Jan Moll from Easton.

The event raised £102.43 for the village hall fund and everyone went home exhausted but happy!

Quizzers take a long trip down memory lane

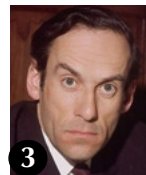
Colton villagers had their memories severely tested at the village's Decades Quiz in the village hall on Saturday, October 5.

They were asked to remember back as far as the 1940s up to the 2000s. Some knew (through memory or history lessons!) that Neville Chamberlain was the prime minister at the outbreak of WWII, a few had heard of Ron Ashman and several recognised the voice of Brian Clough!

In the end, The Outsiders proved to be the most knowledgeable

overall although the scores were very close! Mention must be made of Anne Richards who did sterling work keeping all the scores.

The quiz was very well attended and raised £163 for the village hall fund. For those who didn't attend, some questions: **1**: What is 9/11d in decimal currency? And who's pictured below? Good luck...



Answers on page 29.

Colton residents' charity payout in December

We've reached the time of the year when the Trustees of the Colton Fuel Allotment charity, distribute the annual payment to Colton households.

Each year, the charity can distribute a payment to each household from income derived from the rent of a local piece of land.

There are a number of fuel allotment charities in parishes throughout Norfolk – more than 90 are registered with the Charity Commissioners. The charity is required to appoint trustees – at present there are three. Their role is to decide the amount of the payment and how to distribute it. The most effective method, in the past has been at the **Colton Village Hall Christmas Bingo** to be held this year, on **Saturday, December 7**

CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO

AND CHARITY PAYOUT

Saturday, December 7

Colton Village Hall

Doors open **6pm**

Eyes down: **7pm**

Refreshments at 'half time'

Bring your own alcohol



★ **PLUS RAFFLE** ★

Donations of prizes gratefully received

at 7pm. (Doors open at 6.00pm).

There is one payment for each household and there is a requirement that people have lived in their home for at least a year.

Update on recycling your blister pack waste

You may remember that about 18 months ago, I implemented a plan to collect and recycling blister packs. To refresh your memories I applied for, and received, a grant from South Norfolk Council to have some recycling boxes made up which were distributed around Colton, Marlingford, Easton and

Bawburgh churches, village halls and local pubs. The boxes were going to be emptied regularly and the blister packs taken to Supadrug who, at the time, said they would accept our collections.

However, while I was getting the scheme off the ground, a major recycle company called Teracycle

to whom Supadrug sent their collections, suspended its scheme as they, along with Supadrug, were unable to cope with the volume of blister packs they were receiving. I could relate to that having collected five very large sacks of blister packs in a period of about three weeks from four villages. So the whole idea collapsed and the boxes are now stored in our attic waiting for a new scheme to be launched.

On a positive note however, I have recently received an email from Boots to say they are currently running a pilot scheme to recycle blister packs. This can only be done on an individual basis whereby you can deposit 15 blister packs per month at participating stores, our nearest being on the Longwater trading estate.

If you type 'recycle blister packs at Boots' into a search engine, it will tell you what you need to do and if you manage to complete the process and spend £10 while in store, you will receive 150 points on your Boots advantage card. This is in addition to their other recycling scheme whereby you can recycle five 'difficult to recycle' items, spend £10 and receive 500 points (worth £5) on your advantage card which is a great scheme once you get into the swing of things.



Picture: Robert SchirnUnsplash

I've collected around £50 worth of points in the past two years. There are other blister pack recycling schemes but I haven't managed to find one which doesn't require you to pay in the area of £75 to purchase their boxes. Aldi is running a scheme in conjunction with Teracycle whereby you could register onto the scheme and send two Freepost envelopes filled with up to 30 blister packs in each per month. However, Aldi are not accepting new registrations presumably because, like me and Supadrug, they hadn't realised the scale of the waste problem but it might be worth watching their site.

Judy Scrivener

Don't invite thieves when you're not at home

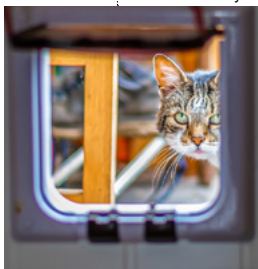
It's vital to leave your home secure whenever you leave it. Getting into an 'exit routine' can help ensure that you don't forget obvious, important things, like not leaving your valuables near windows, or no lights on if it will be dark before you get home. Here's what you should do just before you go out.

Become a creature of habit
Try to get into the habit of following your own course of action when you lock up your home. This will ensure that you don't forget anything.

Here's what we recommend you do before you go out:

- Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes
- Double-lock any door
- Make sure that any valuables are

Picture: Andreas Göllner/Pixabay



Cats are not the only ones to use cat flaps...

out of sight

- Keep handbags away from the letterbox or cat flap and hide all keys including car keys, as a thief could hook keys or valuables through even a small opening

- Never leave car

documents or ID in obvious places such as kitchens or hallways

- In the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on
- If you're out all day, then it's advisable to use a timer device to automatically turn lights and a radio on at night
- Set your burglar alarm
- Make sure the side gate is locked
- Lock your shed or garage
- Lock your bike inside a secure shed or garage, to a robust fitting bolted to the ground or wall, like a ground anchor.

Your Local Safer Neighbourhood team

Beat Manager

Stuart Barnard Sgt 499

E: SNTCostessey@norfolk.police.uk



Updating you on issues in your area and co-ordinating volunteers, specials, speedwatch and cadets.

Beat Manager

Andrew Sneddon PC

T: 101 Ext: 5699

E: SNTCostessey@norfolk.police.uk



Engaging with your community to solve local issues and helping to keep you safe.

News from Easton Women's Institute

Great Hospital tour

In the last month Easton WI have had a very successful guided tour round the Great Hospital in Bishopgate, Norwich.

We really enjoyed seeing the way in which the buildings there range from 13th century to relatively modern – indeed one block is currently under construction. The grounds are beautifully kept and the 120 or so residents have a lovely place to live.

There are an awful lot of stairs to navigate though!

Harriet Martineau talk

Our speaker in October was Georgette Vale who came to talk to us in costume as Harriet Martineau, the social theorist and author who was born in Norwich.

She was just one of the women of the 19th century who is relatively



Georgette Vale in character as Harriet Martineau

unknown to us today but who contributed a lot to the way in which our society has developed. To add to her attributes, Harriet overcame deafness and used an ear trumpet to help her hear at least some of what was said to her!

Undaunted, she travelled widely and met people like Charles Darwin (pictured right), the President of the USA and Queen Victoria!



She wrote both fiction and non-fiction and corresponded with Charlotte Brontë who gave Harriet a copy of one of her novels.

A Folk Christmas

Easton WI will meet on **Thursday, November 14** in the village hall at 7.30pm to hear **Penny Doe** talk to us about a **Folk Christmas**.

This meeting will be our Annual Meeting. We will also be going out for a Christmas meal at Drayton Red Lion at the end of November. Looking ahead to our meeting on Thursday, December 12 we will be having a fun evening of entertainment from **The Gal Tina** with her **Poems and Norfolk Squit**.

Come and join us!

As I say every month the members of Easton WI would love to have

more ladies join us. Easton has had a Womens' Institute since 1953 and, as the village population is currently growing fast, we would love to welcome some of the new residents to come and find out what we do and hopefully become members.

We meet every month except August at Easton Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm and we also arrange visits and outings at other times. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to join us.

Mary Blathwayt



Members of Easton WI inside the Great Hospital.



Embroidered kneeler.



Picture: Jill W

A room in the Great Hospital as it was in the 1950s.

Villagers set out to encourage community to pick up a book and get reading!



Holly and Dominick with their community library.

Pictures: Holly Allen

An Easton couple has set up a small library outside their house for the benefit of the local community. Dominick Allen and his wife, Holly moved to Easton from Norwich in 2022 and both work mainly from home – Dominick in pest control and Holly re-designs websites and apps, to make them easier for people to use.

“Because we are at home a lot, we see quite a few people walking their children to school, or walking their dog” Dominick explained. “So we thought it might be a nice thing to set up a library to encourage people young and old to

pick up a book.

“If it’s not one out of our library it might remind them of one on their own shelf they have been meaning to start. At the very least we thought it might put a smile on a few people’s faces.”

While on holiday, Dominick and Holly had seen other community libraries in other parts of the UK and once they had set up theirs, they discovered a nonprofit organisation called ‘Little Free Library’. It is mainly US focused, but has a map of all the Little Free Libraries worldwide and helped them get some ideas to make theirs

even more exciting, such as leaving a guestbook for visitors to sign and providing free handmade bookmarks.

“So far we’ve had a variety of books both paperbacks and hardbacks with quite a few Clive Cussler and James Patterson” explained Dominick.

“We’ve had a few children’s books too, but not as many as the rest despite children being our most popular visitors to the library”.

The pair posted about the library

on the Nextdoor website and had many positive responses with people already coming to drop bags of books off. They plan to rotate the books they have so there should always be something different.

Dominick himself admits he reads lots of horror and weird fiction whereas Holly enjoys fantasy and regency books.

You will find the library outside their house in Kennedy Close in Easton.



The library with books, guest book and free bookmarks.



Volunteers working on the tapestry.



Pictures: Norfolk Museums Services



Detail of the tapestry.



Pictures: Annette Hudson

Tapping into secrets of the Bayeux tapestry

I'm sure you have all heard of the Bayeux Tapestry from your school history lessons – some of you may even have seen it.

Well, Norwich Friends' are carefully stitching a tapestry to be hung in the reborn Norwich Castle which is a unique piece in the style of the one at Bayeux.

I visited The Forum this summer and saw some of the volunteers working on it – it really is an incredible feat of workmanship.

The Norwich Friends' Tapestry is being funded by a gift from the Friends of the Norwich Museums. It forms part of the National Lottery Heritage Fund re-development project, Norwich Castle: Royal

Palace Reborn.

The Norwich Friends Tapestry is technically a piece of embroidery. Its name, however, maintains a close association with the famous Bayeux Tapestry. The medieval original was a model for the elongated format, the drawing style, and the embroidery technique.

This stunning piece is being created by a team of dedicated volunteers who have spent months mastering the original Bayeux stitch. Every single element is being embroidered by hand. As well as using the original stitch, the colours, motifs and style match those of the Bayeux Tapestry. However, the stories it tells are completely unique to Norwich.

The tales on the tapestry

The textile depicts events that followed the Norman Conquest. It narrates stories of East Anglian rebellions against the Norman rule, and against William I (William the Conqueror), the first Norman king. The first story is that of the Anglo-Saxon resistance leader Hereward the Wake. The second story narrates the so-called Rebellion of the Three Earls. This depiction of dramatic local events and fighting in the fens and Norfolk includes the siege of Norwich Castle in 1075.

Creating the tapestry

The detailed design has been

created by illustrator Fiona Gowen, based on storyboards researched and written by the curatorial team. The result will be a stunning 20-metre-long embroidery which will adorn the walls of Norwich Castle Keep when it re-opens. You'll be able to see the Norman layout of the keep and the original rooms filled with the rich furnishings and textiles of a royal palace. The volunteer team will also create wall hangings, banners and period costumes.

● **Find out more about the Friends' Tapestry and the progress of the Norwich Castle Keep project here:** norwichcastle.norfolk.gov.uk

Mobile library 2024 – November dates

Marlingford – Route: CEN 423 Thursday: November 28

Stop	Arrives	Departs	Postcode
Mill Road	10.40am	10.55am	NR9 5HL
Colton Road near Home Farm	11.00am	11.20pm	NR9 5HS

Colton –Route: CEN 319 Wednesday: November 27

Ex post Office	9.45am	10.00am	NR9 5DB
----------------	--------	---------	---------

Easton –Route: CEN 423 Thursday: November 28

Parker's Close	11.30am	11.50am	NR9 5EE
Marlingford Road	11.55am	12.15pm	NR9 5AD
Marlingford Way	12.20am	12.40pm	NR9 5HB
Kennedy Close	12.45pm	13.05pm	NR9 5EY
St Peter's Drive	13.10pm	13.30pm	NR9 5HF

Please note this information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquiries call 01603 222303.

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors:

Mr J Morse, Chairman

Vice Chairman

Mark Pfeiffer

Cllr Deborah Perfect

Cllr David Woods

Trees, footpaths and roads

As the leaves begin to drop off the trees and with winter around the corner, now is the ideal time to ensure that trees and bushes on property boundaries are pruned and not overhanging or impeding footpaths or the highway. Please ensure that paths running along boundaries are kept clear to allow pedestrians unobstructed access.

Annual budget setting

At the November parish council meeting, the 2025/26 budget for the parish council will be considered and agreed.

The parish council is responsible for a number of functions in the village including the emptying of dog waste bins, grass cutting of the play areas and Marlingford conservation area, the upkeep of a number of assets including grit bins, dog waste bins and noticeboards.

In addition the council currently gives grant donations to the church for the maintenance of the churchyards and a contribution



Picture: Wirestock on Freepik

towards *The Grapevine* magazine and, in 24/25, donations to the village halls.

The parish council precept, or contribution towards financing the council budget, is part of the council tax bill that is collected by South Norfolk Council.

It also includes contributions towards Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and listen to discussions as the budget for the ensuing year is agreed.

Parish council meetings and public inclusion.

Parish council meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of alternate months at 7pm.

At each meeting there is an opportunity for members of the public to speak and raise any issues they may have. You are also welcome to simply come along and listen to the meeting.

Councillors look forward to welcoming residents to the next meeting.

The remaining meeting for 2024 is;

● **Tuesday, November 12, Colton village hall at 7.00pm**

Clerk to Marlingford and Colton

Parish Council: **Maria Hutson**

T: 01603 850118

E: marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com

W: marlingfordandcoltonpc.co.uk



What the parish council does

Marlingford & Colton Parish Council consists of up to seven residents of the parish of Marlingford & Colton.

Members are normally elected to serve by the residents of the parish every four years.

The council is responsible for many things including:

- Monitoring and reporting on the general tidiness of the villages
- Management of grass cutting in public areas
- Expressing views and recommendations on local planning applications
- Monitoring and reporting on the condition of local highways and footpaths

The provision and maintenance of:

- Litter and dog bins
- Colton Amenity area
- Marlingford Amenity area
- Marlingford Conservation area
- Parish council notice boards in Colton and Marlingford

Members of the parish council meet once a month (with the exception of the month of August), at a meeting to discuss, report, monitor and most important, make decisions on matters concerning the villages of Marlingford and Colton.

Easton Parish Council

Your parish councillors:

Chairman – Mark Caton

Vice-chair – Jan Hudson

Cllr David Lewis

Cllr Des Fulcher

Cllr Peter McCarter

Cllr Roly Chapman

Cllr Mark Cordy

Cllr Mike Jobling

Cllr Mike Bowman

New website

We start with a reminder of the new parish council website and email address:

eastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Contact email address is:

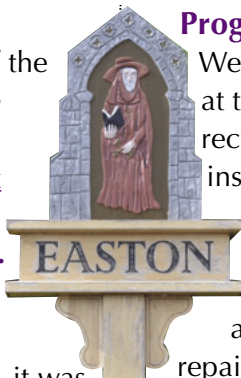
clerk@eastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Persimmon Homes

As a newly-formed council, it was good to see Persimmon's Senior Pre-Development Engineer Joshua Pitcher and receive his report on the ongoing development, highways works and future development phases.

In the coming weeks, we will meet with Josh again to view more plans of phase two, three and four. This will give the parish council the opportunity to make comments on the development and on the village green in phase two. Any public comments can be made on the planning portal. We encourage everyone to take the opportunity to view these via the South Norfolk and Broadland council portal:

southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk



Progress on allotment leak

We can confirm the leak at the allotment has been rectified and a new post installed to support the tap to help prevent future problems.

We would like to thank all those involved with this repair and for doing so at a far lower cost than quoted. We'd also like to thank allotment holders for their patience while repairing the leak.

Tackling vandalism

It is extremely disappointing to have to report an increase in vandalism in our village.

The bus-stop on Dereham Road near Marlingford Road towards Dereham was damaged recently, as was some of the wire fencing on Jubilee playing field – both coming at a time where the council finds it difficult to cover the financial burden for repairs.

We would ask anyone who witnesses such vandalism to please make sure it is reported to

the police and the parish council.

Speeding and new speed limits

Many of you may have noticed the new village speed limit sign erected on Dereham Road at the junction to Dunham Road. As from September 30, 2024 these new speed limits will be in force. The 30mph limit has been extended to Dunham Road with the remainder of Dereham Road towards the Longwater interchange being reduced to 40mph. Further signage will be installed on Dereham Road as well as at the showground end in due course. We have also received reports of excessive speed on Bawburgh Road towards Easton Gym Club, a posted 30mph limit. We will seek support from Norfolk police requesting random speed monitoring as well as utilising our own SAMs machines.

Hedges causing obstruction

We have received reports of overgrown hedges obstructing footpaths within the village and forcing pedestrians to walk on the road to avoid them. With October 1 being the start of the autumn hedge-cutting season, we hope to see these hedges being cut back. If your hedge is overhanging the footpath, please

take this opportunity to trim back and ensure the footpaths remain clear.

Parking

A number of complaints have been received about parking on the footpaths on Marlingford Road, Dereham Road, Woodview Road and around St Peter's school. Parking on the footpath restricts all users and forces them onto the highway. We are seeking advice and support from Norfolk police moving forward and we will encourage them to take enforcement action. Vehicles identified as an obstruction will be reported to district council and the police. Please have consideration for all when parking your vehicle.

Council vacancy

A reminder that there is one open vacancy on the council for anyone who feels they would have the spare time to contribute to the community. Anyone who may be interested is invited to contact the clerk via the email address given. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5 at 7pm at the village hall. We look forward to seeing even more faces there.

W: [eastonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

E: clerk@eastonparishcouncil.gov.uk



The Rambling Vine



We're in the month for remembering...

'November' is Latin for ninth month – which it was when the Romans counted the year as beginning in March. In Finnish, the month is named *marraskuu* which means 'death month' because by November, the plants of summer have gone, and the land seems dead – a much more descriptive name.

If we were to choose a new name for the month in English, we could do worse than *Remembermoon* because it's a month of remembering. November 1 is All Saints' Day (or All Hallows, which is why October 31 is All Hallows' Eve – Halloween). This is the day the Church remembers the 'saints' throughout the centuries of Christian history. These aren't just the famous ones, with miraculous backstories seen in stained glass windows, but all who counted themselves as a follower of Jesus. November 2 is All Souls' day – also called the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. This may sound like the same people who are remembered on All Saints, but All Souls is about



remembering those people as our loved ones. On November 5, we remember, remember the plot to destroy parliament. November 11 is Armistice Day with the nearest Sunday being Remembrance Sunday when we remember those killed in wars past and present. And this year we invite you to explore the theme of 'Remembering' further at our Arts and Crafts Exhibition during Remembrance Weekend, November 9-10, at St Peter's Church, Easton. The Christian faith emphasises remembering because it is, above all, a historical faith – Christians believe that certain things actually happened and that those past happenings have consequences for our present and our future. Jesus' resurrection is not just a nice concept or a theological parable: it's a historical event – it has a when, a where and a who. But November can be a tough month as the days shorten, the weather deteriorates and the land 'dies'. Remembering can become a

Image by vesstock on Freepik

burden and it's important to take care of each other and of ourselves. Then, at the end of the month, the tone changes from remembering to preparation as Christians celebrate Christ as ruler over the universe, and Advent begins. December in Finnish is *joulukuu* which means

'Christmas month' when we remember that darkness and death don't have the last word. God arrived at a 'when', in a 'where' and as a 'who' – Jesus born at Bethlehem – to bring light and life for all.

Rev Laura Montgomery

Church services November/December 2024

November		
Sunday 3	10.00am	Easton – Holy Communion; Remember All Souls Day 4th before Advent
Sunday 10	10.45am 3.00pm	Bawburgh – Holy Communion; Remembrance; 3rd before Advent; Easton – Songs of Praise; Remember and Remembrance Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Easton Church, Saturday 9 and Sunday 10
Sunday 17	10.00am	Marlingford – Holy Communion; 2nd before Advent
Sunday 24	10.00am	Colton – All age service; Holy Communion; Christ the King; next before Advent
December		
Sunday 1	10.00am	Easton – Holy Communion; Advent readings and hymns
Sunday 8	10.00am	Bawburgh – Holy Communion; 2nd of Advent
Friday 13	6.00pm - 8.00pm	The Old Hall, Bawburgh Road, Marlingford Carols in the courtyard
Sunday 15	10.00am	Marlingford – Holy Communion; 3rd of Advent
Sunday 22	11.00am 6.00pm	Colton – Holy Communion; 4th of Advent; Cawston Brass Band Bawburgh – Carols by candlelight
Tuesday 24	3.00pm 4.30pm	Marlingford – Crib service Easton – Cringle
Wednes. 25	10.30am	Colton – Holy Communion; Christmas Day
Sunday 29	10.00am	Bawburgh – Holy Communion; 1st of Christmas

Answers to decades questions: 1: 49½ p 2: Helen Shapiro; 3: Jeremy Thorpe; 4: Stewie Griffin (from Family Guy)

Get your business
NOTICED!

For more details, contact
Carol Chiles on
01508 578352
carolachiles@gmail.com

CTC Hire

**Building, DIY,
Gardening Equipment
and Tools**

01603 880062

Faircroft Childminding/EYFS Colton

Ofsted - Graded outstanding
since 2014 to present.

We believe children learn best
in a warm, caring environment
where they feel safe and respected.

Promoting outdoor learning
and physical play.

Contact Mrs Rachel May
07961268326

Marlingford Village Hall

Available for meetings,
interest groups, activities
and private parties.

Plenty of parking available.

Tables and chairs will
accommodate up to 60 people.

Crockery, glasses and
cutlery available for hire.

Booking Details

Please contact
John Bailey
jaydeebailey@gmail.com
T: 07986 609319

Sue Garcia

MSSCh MBChA

CHIROPODIST

Friendly home visits
by appointment

01603 880477

HCPC Registered

Member of the British Chiropody
& Podiatry Assoc

M.S. Shingles Ltd Building Services

Professional local service with over 25 years experience

All Building Works undertaken

Free No Obligation Estimates

Call Mark on Mobile: 07799 691414

The Oaks, Barford Road, Marlingford, Norwich NR9 5HU

Advanced Repair Solutions Ltd

We are open and running while currently taking bookings for MOT servicing and any repair work.

We also offer collection and delivery service as well as a courtesy car if required.

We are fully insured and a part of Good Garage scheme for your peace of mind.



Our opening hours:

Mon - Fri / 8:30am till 5:30pm

Saturday / 8:30pm till 12:30pm

Call us today: 01603 652124

Free quotations on any work required

Cock Street, Barford,

Norwich NR9 4BD

info@advancedrepairsolutions.net

SOOTS

CHIMNEY SWEEP

Friendly, prompt, clean & tidy service
Sweeping certificates issued, fully insured

SWEEPS

Rory Freeman

07510 237290

INSTALLATIONS

Paul & Leon

07879 333395

pauljmay77@gmail.com



In association with
Natural Heating



REGISTERED MEMBER

www.instituteofchimneysweeps.co.uk



GOATSHED

**DELI
KITCHEN
GROCER
BUTCHER
BAKER
FARM SHOP**

& A WHOLE **HERD MORE**

Open 7 days a week
The Goat Shed, Colton Rd, Honingham,
Norwich, NR9 5DJ
www.goat-shed.co.uk

Located 1 mile off the A47
01603 880685



[goatshed_norfolk](https://www.instagram.com/goatshed_norfolk)