

Your community guide for Colton, Easton and Marlingford



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Bus services: Colton, Easton and Marlingford

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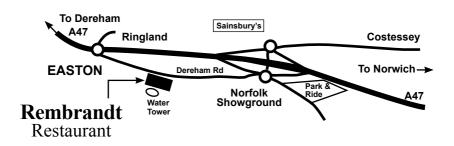
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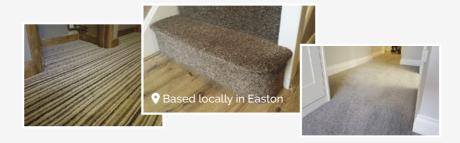
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As you know, there are 10 digital editions of *The Grapevine* each year, five of which are printed as well. This means that we need volunteers to help deliver the printed version to homes in Easton, Marlingford and Colton.

At the moment, we could do with some help delivering in Easton – specifically to cover Lower Easton, Buxton Close area and part of Dereham Road.

Our printed issues are December/Jan, March,

May, July/August and October so the magazines would need to be delivered at the end of each previous month.

As I said, it's only five times a year

so if you have some time to spare and could help out with this, please contact Elizabeth Giddings either by email at this address:

agidd100@gmail.com or call her on 01603 882179.

Needless to say, your help would be very much appreciated!

Where you can find

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.

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Thank you!

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JÈWS

Colton village hall

Summer BBQ

Saturday July 13

The popular annual BBQ - starts 6pm. Bring your own drinks and join in the fun! There will be a raffle too.

Horse Racing Night

Saturday, August 17 – Place your bets please! An evening of equine fun and frolics.

Beetle Drive

Saturday, September 14 –

Join the frantic race to draw a complete beetle!

Hall hire

Colton village hall (pictured below) can be hired for events including children's birthday parties, wedding receptions or baby showers. The cost per hour is £7.50 for residents and £15.00 for others.

For more details, contact Vicky **Green** on **01603 881336** or email vicky@mgarchery.co.uk



Easton village hall

Easton Good Companions

The club meets every two weeks at Easton Village Hall from 2pm until 4pm and is open to anyone over the age of 55.

Tony Perry

Easton Pop In

We continue to grow with new members joining us at the village hall every Tuesday from 10am until 11.45pm for coffee, tea and a biscuit. All very informal – just come and go when you please. All welcome – 70p for a cup or 90p for a mug. Hope to see you sometime.

Brenda and Tony

Easton Crafters Club

On Tuesday, June 11, club members enjoyed a summer lunch at The Village Inn, Little



Melton and afterwards went back to the village hall for tea, cakes and a gossip. We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Easton village hall between 1.30pm and 4.30pm doing various crafts including cards, jewellery and flower arranging. For more information, ring Janet on 01603 471144.





A walk with Bailey

In summer's golden, gleaming light, Meadows lush and skies so bright, I wander down a sunlit trail, Where nature tells its timeless tale.

The whisper of the morning breeze, Through the leaves of ancient trees, Squirrels dart and leap with grace, In this wild and wondrous place.

A chorus of the birds on high, Wrens and sparrows fill the sky, Goldfinches in their yellow sheen, Dance and flit in summer's scene.

Beside me, full of joyful leaps, My faithful dog, a snuffling keeps, Nose on ground, in curious quest, Through sunny field we find our rest.

Then beneath an oak tree's shade, In fragrant grass, together laid, The countryside, a living dream, In every sound, in every gleam.

With each step, a world anew, In summer's heart, we wander through, Nature's bounty, wild and free, In this sweet, serene symphony.

A poem from Chatty



Sunshine quiz - trivia with a summer theme

General

- On which date does the summer solstice usually occur?
- What is the name of the meteor shower that takes place in July and August?
- In July of which year did Britain hand over the sovereignty of Hong Kong to the Chinese?
- In July 2015, the United States and five other world powers reached a nuclear deal with which country?
- Which international financial institution, known for providing loans to developing countries, was founded in July 1944?
- In August 1990, which Middle Eastern country did Iraq invade, leading to the Gulf War?
- 7 Which country celebrated its independence from British colonial rule on August 15, 1947?
- When is the next TOTAL solar eclipse visible in the UK (not worldwide) due to happen?

Music

- Which famous rock music festival took place in New York in the summer of 1969?
- Who had a hit with the song "Summer of '69" in 1984?

- Which artist released the album "Endless Summer Vacation" in 2023?
- Who performed the 1966 classic summer song "Summer in the City"?
- Which girl group had a hit with "Cruel Summer" in 1983?
- Which rock duo sang the 1972 hit "Summer Breeze"?
- Who released the song "In the Summertime" in 1970?
- Which British band released "Sunshine of Your Love" in 1967?

Film

- In which 1963 film did a group convert a bus into a holiday caravan and drive across Europe?
- Which 1997 slasher film starred Sarah Micelle Gellar and Jennifer Love Hewitt?
- Which Bond film released in summer 1985, starred Roger Moore in his final appearance as 007?



Which British film about a boy who loves ballet, directed by Stephen Daldry, was released in August 2000?

Answers on page 24.

News from Easton Women's Institute

What's been happening...

Since I wrote my piece for last month's Grapevine, Easton WI have been out for a very good afternoon tea at Bawdeswell Garden Centre. We have also had a fascinating talk from a member of the Friends of Norfolk Dialect which explained a lot about the way some of us speak and, in some cases, about words that are in use in Norfolk that are not in other parts of the country! On Saturday, June 22, Easton WI also manned a stall at the local school fête.

Coming up

This month we are looking forward to having a talk by **Wally Webb** about his **40 Years of broadcasting for Radio Norfolk**. That will take place on **Thursday**, **July 11** at



Wally Webb at the BBC.

Picture: Bill Smith/Archant



Afternoon tea at Bawdeswell Garden Centre.

7.30pm in the village hall. We do not formally meet in August but on Thursday, August 8, we will be holding an Afternoon **Tea** to raise some money for our funds. This will start at 2.30pm and everyone is welcome to join us for tea and cake plus a raffle and games that children and even adults enjoy taking part in! We are always happy for other people to come with us on outings if we have enough space. Visitors are also welcome to come to up to three of our monthly meetings before we ask them to join the WI. We are currently organising a trip to Dereham to see the **Dereham** Theatre Company production of Sister Act on July 25. If anyone would like to join us for this, please let Sandra Bowman or me know and we can add you to our list.

Mary Blathwayt

Beat News

Introducing South Norfolk's rural beat manager

Hello!

I am PC 475 James King (Jimmy) and, since October 2023, I have been the Rural Crime Beat Manager for the South Norfolk area.
I meet and talk with as many farmers, landowners and gamekeepers as I can about crime prevention advice, reporting methods for crime and intelligence, suspicious vehicles/people, and wildlife crime to name just a few topics.

I think that it's very important to keep the lines of communication going between the public and the police and this is certainly the case in the rural community. We have regularly seen thefts of diesel, heating oil, tools, and equipment to name just a few. If you would like me to visit and give you some crime prevention

The message I want to get across is,

please report these thefts! You're not wasting anyone's time and even if we cannot link a suspect, it is vital we have all the information we need as it could help us link it to another crime and build the bigger picture for us. Also, we often come across items that we cannot link to an owner or prove are stolen, meaning the opportunity to return them is lost. Please report the theft, take serial numbers from your property or security mark them so we can trace the ownership back to you. If we have not met yet, please do get in touch with me, or if you see me out in the truck, I'm happy to stop and speak to you then.

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Here's how the law applies to fishing

The closed fishing season ended at the end of the day on June 15. From then people can fish on rivers and other moving waters.

That said, there are many rules and bylaws you must be aware of before just heading out fishing on rivers.

The first thing you need, no matter whether you fish on rivers, private lakes or fishing clubs, is a valid rod licence. You must also have the correct number of rods on your licence. Children under 13 do not need a licence. Children between 13-16 need a licence but do not need to pay the fee. To obtain a rod licence visit **gov.uk/fishing-licences**. If you do not have a rod licence, you could be reported for prosecution.

During recent patrols with Environment Agency Fishery Enforcement Officers and Angling Trust Volunteers, we checked over 80 rod licences in two days. We issued eight enforcement notices for expired licences, fishing with a two-rod licence when using three rods and no licences at all. It's important to remember EA Fishery Enforcement Officers are warranted officers and it is a legal



requirement to produce a valid rod licence to them (or name and address to check the database these days) or any police officer. If you are fishing on private land or waterways, you must have permission from the landowner. Failure to do so means you could be committing an offence under the theft act (theft of fishing rights). Always follow local signs as they are put in place for a reason. There are also many laws around whether certain fish can be caught and taken or have to be released. It is important to be fully aware. If you plan to take any fish, the limits which are available can be found here: gov.uk/freshwaterrod-fishing-rules

What's going on in July/August

Clutter City Night Market Friday, July 5 Norwich Arts Centre

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The Extraordinary Time-Travelling Adventures of Baron Munchausen Saturday, July 6 1pm Chapelfield

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The rebuilt organ in Norwich Cathedral.

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East Angles Brass Band Thursday, July 11 Castle and marketplace

A funky horn and percussion collective from Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire. With a sound heavily influenced by the street bands of New Orleans, East Angles play a mixture of



Picture: Bill Smith

original compositions, traditional 'NOLA' tunes and a few pop songs given a brassy twist, all designed to get you on your feet and dancing!

Showtimes: 4.45pm, 6pm, 7.15pm

Wuthering Heights Thursday, July 18 Plantation Gardens, Norwich Step into the haunting moors of the 1800s, and let Lockwood and

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Norfolk Yoga Festival
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organisers hope this year will
be bigger than ever. The festival
welcomes experienced yogis and
those who have never tried a class
before, and is suitable for all ages,
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View into church from porch by Felicity Maton.



Still life with apples by Sue Hester.



View over Sheringham golf course by Gillian Leadenham.

Getting into a little 'Waffle and Daub' from the Marlingford Arts Group

Reading all about the start up of the Colton art group – and we wish them every success – reminds me of how Marlingford Arts began 15 years ago – known now as Waffle and Daub!

The original eight of us still continue to go and the group has grown to around 20 plus, with painters coming from surrounding villages and even Norwich, as well as Marlingford.

It was started by Sally Neale and Mary Pattinson, an art teacher who has since left the village but continues to come and now feels we are capable of doing "our own thing" – always there though to encourage – and criticise in a good way!

Acrylic is the main medium but other mediums can be explored if desired. Sometimes we have projects if we want to do them which can be challenging but rewarding nevertheless.

The main emphasis of the group is for painting to be an enjoyable experience. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or have been painting for years, there is something for everyone. We meet



Golden fields by Janet Gray.

on Thursdays 10.00am - 12.30 pm throughout the year at Marlingford village hall. Over the years we have welcomed visiting artists to come and give us a day-long workshop. These are always popular but I'm not sure if that's because of learning new techniques or the delicious lunch provided! We have also held art exhibitions over the years in our village hall and are excited this year to hold our first outside art exhibition in Wymondham at Becket's Chapel on Tuesday, August 6 - Sunday, August 11 from 11am - 4pm. To sum up, we are a very friendly bunch of painters who, apart from painting, enjoy going on yearly outings and out for lunch to discuss art of course!





Flowers by Sue Stubbs.



View across Morston Quay by Mary Wyndham.

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors: Mr J Morse, Chairman Vice Chairman Mark Pfeiffer

Cllr Deborah Perfect Cllr David Woods

Councillor update and vacancies

At the Annual Parish Meeting in April John Morse was voted in as Chairman and Mark Peiffer has taken on the role of vice-chairman. They are joined by David Woods and Debbie Perfect as parish councillors for Marlingford and Colton.

There is now 3 vacancies to stand as Parish Councillor. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor or would like more information please contact an existing Councillor or the clerk. Cllr Margaret Dewsbury is both District and County Councillor for Marlingford and Colton. She can be emailed on Margaret.dewsbury@ southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk or margaret.dewsbury@norfolk.gov.uk and where possible she attends Parish Council meetings.

Highways and parish issues – who does what?

There are many different organisations that play various roles

in the village and beyond. Highways issues are dealt with by Norfolk County Council and can be reported on their website norfolk.gov.uk It is possible to report issues to the highway such as potholes and overgrown verges and hedges. You can also read the Norfolk Speed Management Strategy on the website. The Parish Council maintains the play areas in Marlingford and Colton checking the equipment and getting the grass cut. The conservation area in Marlingford is carefully managed to encourage wildlife and be a peaceful place to walk around or just sit and enjoy the area.

Hedgerows and verges are maintained by the land owner or Norfolk County Council.

Any concerns regarding these should be reported to Norfolk County Councilnorfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem or by contacting the land owner if know.

Littering and Fly tipping can be reported to South Norfolk Council at southnorfolkandbroadland.

gov.uk/fly-tipping Missed bins can also be reported here southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling/missed-bins
Any instances of crime including online crimes, anti-social behaviour and road traffic incidents can be reported at norfolk.police.uk
However if it is an emergency call 999.

Orsted and Hornsea 3 - Community presentation and Abnormal Loads

The Orsted vision is a world that runs entirely on green energy. Orsted develops, constructs, and operates offshore and onshore wind farms, solar farms, energy storage facilities, renewable hydrogen and green fuels facilities, and bioenergy plants. The Hornsea 3 wind farm received development consent in December 2020.

Hornsea 3 once complete, could provide clean power to over three million UK homes. It will make a significant contribution towards meeting the UK's net zero commitments and we're committed to working closely with stakeholders and local communities as we take the project forward. The community liaison team will be attending a future Parish Council meeting to give a presentation

with more information about the windfarm and the work being undertaken locally. As part of the cable installation works, they will be transporting abnormal loads through or in proximity to the parish. Abnormal loads are vehicles used to transport large equipment, crucially required for the completion of the project. These movements will be travelling from the Hornsea 3 compound in Oulton to various points along the 54 km cable route corridor. Where possible these will be published in advance, please keep an eye on the noticeboards

Free septic tank upgrades

Don't miss out on a scheme to have your septic tank upgraded for free -Register your interest at norfolknutrientneutrality.co.uk and you will then be invited along to a local meeting that is currently being arranged to tell you more about it. This is open to anyone with a septic tank in the parish and can save you money and make selling your house in the future easier. The scheme is backed by four local authorities and funded by local developers to make the rivers cleaner for us and future generations.

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 meetings for 2024;

- July meeting Cancelled
- Tuesday, September 10, Marlingford Cricket Club, 7pm
- Tuesday, November 12
 Colton Village Hall, 7pm

 Clerk to Marlingford and Colton Parish Council:

Maria Hutson

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Mobile library 2024 – July/August dates Marlingford – Route: CEN 423 Thursday: July 11 August 8				
Stop no	Arrives	Departs	Postcode	
18: Colton Road near Home Farm	10.25am	10.45pm	NR9 5HS	
20: Mill Road	10.40am	11.00am	NR9 5HL	
Colton –Route: CEN 319	Wednesday		•	
38: Ex post Office	9.45am	10.00am	NR9 5DB	
Easton –Route: CEN 423	Thursday: J	uly 11 A	ugust 8	
6: Parkers Close	11.15am	11.35am	NR9 5EE	
8: Marlingford Road	11.40am	12.00pm	NR9 5AD	
10: Marlingford Way	12.05am	12.25pm	NR9 5HB	
12: Kennedy Close	12.30pm	12.50pm	NR9 5EY	
14: St Peter's Drive	12.55pm	13.15pm	NR9 5HF	
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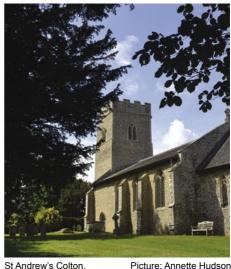
Please note this information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquiries call 01603 222303.

Answers to Sunshine quiz on page 14

1 June 20th or 21st; 2 Perseid Meteor Shower; 3 1997; 4 Iran; 5 International Monetary Fund (IMF); 6 Kuwait; 7 India; 8 23 September 2090; 9 Woodstock; 10 Bryan Adams; 11 Miley Cyrus; 12 The Lovin' Spoonful; 13 Bananarama; 14 Seals and Crofts; 15 Mungo Jerry; 16 Cream; 17 Summer Holiday; 18 I Know What You Did Last Summer; 19 A View to a Kill; 20 Billy Elliot

Bench dedication in memory of the Falgates

In last month's edition of The Grapevine, I explained that we are planning to dedicate a bench in memory of Dorothy and Alan Falgate in grateful thanks for the legacy they left to the church. All are welcome to the All Age Service in St Andrew's church, Colton at 10am on July 14, after which, at about 11am, we will have a short service of dedication followed by coffee and cake. We look forward to welcoming family and friends.



Liz Plater

Picture: Annette Hudson

Volunteers needed for churchyard tidy-up

On Sunday, July 14, Marlingford village volunteers will be tidying up St Mary's churchyard and church between 10am and 4pm. As you are no doubt aware, we are applying for various grants to undertake essential repairs to the church. For this to have a chance of success, it is important to demonstrate to funding



St Mary's, Marlingford.

Picture: Annette Hudson

organisations the importance of this historic building to our village whether we are regular churchgoers or not. To this end please show your support by joining us with shears, rakes, strimmers and wheelbarrows for as much time on that day as you can spare. Light refreshments will be provided in the afternoon. If you plan to come along, please email Mark at this address: mark.pfeiffer67@icloud.com or on Marlingford Bugle WhatsApp group by Monday, July 8. Children are also very much welcome. Photos for our grant application will be taken during the day.

Easton Parish Council

Your parish councillors: Chairman – Peter McCarter Vice-chairman – Vacancy

Cllr David Lewis Cllr Des Fulcher Cllr - Vacancy

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Parish Council update

Easton Parish Council is undergoing a number of changes as a result of recent developments.

A new website has been created which will take over from the existing site. It can be found at:

eastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

News and information, including forthcoming meetings, council meeting minutes etc. will be posted up here, together with an electronic copy of *The Grapevine*. The clerk, Gina Lopes, has resigned and we are actively working with the Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NALC) to fill this vacancy. The council would like to thank Gina for all her hard work over recent years.

We have been working with the Monitoring Officer of South Norfolk Council, as due to the recent resignations, the council has become inquorate. During this work it has come to light that the meetings held on the April 24 and May 7 were not quorate and therefore the decisions taken will

need to be reconsidered. The term quorate is given to a meeting at which the minimum number of

councillors are in attendance to legitimately carry out and vote on the business of the council.

At the meeting of April 24, only three councillors were in attendance when Roly was originally voted in to take up a vacant position on the council; and four were needed.

The Monitoring Officer has placed an order with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and has confirmed that Roly Chapman will take this seat, enabling the council to meet and reappoint the chair of the council. The meeting will take place on July 9 to revisit these administrative items.

Thereafter a second meeting will be held, date to be arranged, to consider the items originally discussed at the council AGM on the May 7. As a key item of business, the agenda will also include the co-option of additional



Work progressing inside the new community centre earlier this year.

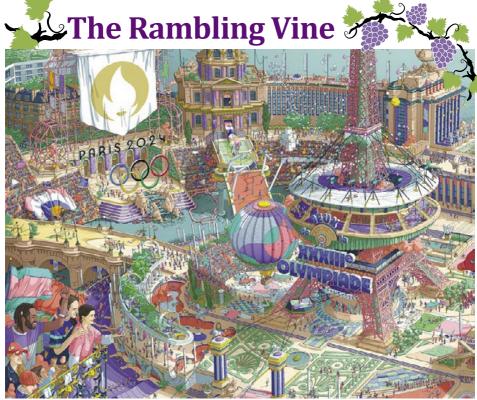
councillors. Easton Parish Council is permitted to have up to 10 councillors and there has already been interest in filling these vacancies.

If you would like to become part of the council and be added to the list of candidates, please will you send your electronic curriculum vitae and your reasons for wanting to become a councillor, to the new clerk's email address shown below. An influx of new councillors will prevent this difficult situation from arising again. The Monitoring Officer will be in attendance at each of these forthcoming meetings.

New email address for the clerk Please will you now send all correspondence for the council to: clerk@eastonparishcouncil.gov.uk This email account will be monitored. Updated email addresses for the councillors can also be found on the new website.

Update on the Easton Community Centre project

The new building is continuing to progress well and the building area is now cleared with the main contractor having vacated the site. As this is being written, there are a few internal fixtures to be completed including the toilets, and the fittings are to be considered, principally a functioning kitchen for hirers use, to go with the bar area. Furnishing of the building will be done in the last stage. The delays with the 3-phase electric supply installation and the funding of the required street works, currently prevent the council from setting an opening date. Councillors are working tirelessly to achieve completion of the project as soon possible, and updates will be provided on the new website.



Official poster of the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Picture: press.paris2024.org

Always remember – you are not alone

At the end of this month, we will be at the start of the Olympic Games in Paris.

You may be one of those people

who are dreading the back-to-back sports coverage. I'm not a particularly sporty person but I love to watch most sports and there is something special about the Olympics and the spirit that it imbues within the athletes and the stories that come from it.

Derek Redmond pictured in 2007. Picture: Wiki CC BY-SA

In the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, the British runner Derek Redmond was a favourite to win a medal in the 400m final. Halfway

through the semi-final he tore his hamstring and then fell to the ground. But the Olympics are special and he climbed to his feet and began to hop on his left foot, determined to finish the race.

His father ran from the stands, put his arm

around his son and helped him across the line. If you haven't seen the video, it's available on YouTube, and it's well worth a watch as it embodies everything the Olympics is about.

In the Book of Hebrews in the Bible, it tells us to "lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

We each have our own trials and tribulations to overcome in the race

that is set before us. Perseverance isn't always easy and on occasion we will fall.

But, just like Derek Redmond, we have a father in God who is always alongside us. We never have to try and finish the race alone because he is there beside us, waiting to pick us up.

As always, should you need anything, please do get in touch. My door is always open for a cuppa and a chat.

Rev Laura Montgomery

Church services July/August 2024

July		
Sunday 7	10.00am	Easton – Holy Communion
Sunday 14	10.00am	Colton – All age HC
Sunday 21	10.00am	Bawburgh – HC
Sunday 28	10.00am	Marlingford– HC
August		
Sunday 4	10.00am	Easton – HC
Sunday 11	10.00am	Colton – All age HC
Sunday 18	10.00am	Marlingford– HC
Sunday 25	10.00am	Bawburgh – HC

Marlingford Church 50 Club

Winners of the draw for quarter ending June 2024

	Number	Member	Amount
First	22	Sue Stubbs	£50.00
Second	9	Imogen Broom	£35.00
Third	8	Sharon Attewell	£25.00

Congratulations and thanks to the membership which helps with the upkeep of the church. Prizewinners please email treasurer **carolachiles@gmail.com** with bank details to receive your prize money.

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