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Your community guide for Colton, Easton and Marlingford

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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)

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Colton, The Street - Pond	09.13			
Colton, Junction Norwich Road and The Street	09.14			
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			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
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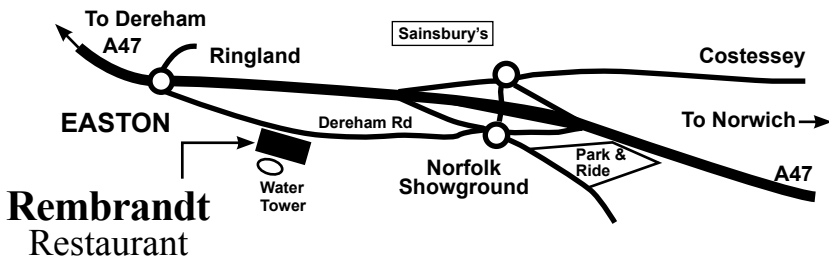
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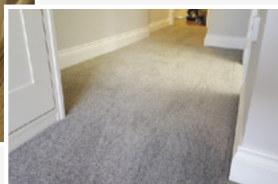
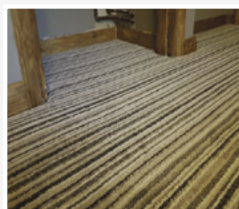
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Can you be fined for having a chimney?

I was struck by a headline the other day on one of the national newspapers websites which said "Every house in England with a chimney faces £300 fines from September". Can you be fined just for having a chimney? Of course you can't - but apparently, according to section 19 of the Clean Air Act 1993, you can be fined £300 if you are in a Smoke Control Area in England and you are emitting too much smoke from your chimney. You can also only use certain types of fuel or exempt appliances.

I must admit, I do have a chimney and a small grate. When it is exceptionally cold, I do light a fire, but I'm aware that it is a pollution hazard so I don't do it that often. Naturally, I was keen to find out if I might have to stop using my fire. Those of you with fireplaces and woodburners will be relieved to know that neither South Norfolk or Broadland are in Smoke Control Areas. For those interested to see where they are in the UK, there's a useful map here:

uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/sca/

Annette Hudson

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YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Colton village hall

● Decades Quiz

Saturday, October 5

So which decade do you think you know most about? Come along and see just how much you do know about what's happened in your own lifetime! Teams of up to six - £4 per person. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

● Harvest Supper

Saturday, October 19

Book your place for a Harvest Supper of either Beef Chilli, Vegetarian Chilli or cold meats plus baked potato and salad, followed by apple crumble!

Contact **Vicky Green** on **01603 881336** or email **vicky@mgarchery.co.uk** to order tickets.

Easton village hall

● Easton Good Companions

October 10 – Peggy K's Special Birthday Celebration.

October 24th – Harvest Festival with **Laura Montgomery**.

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

Autumn Fayre – **Sat. October 19,**

2.00pm till 4.00pm with the usual stalls including chocolate tombola and hamper raffle.

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

● The Night Sky Thursday October

17 The Winter Night Sky as seen from Marlingford – a talk by **Glenn Barrett**, astrophysicist and WEA lecturer for thirty years. What objects can you see in the night sky with the unaided eye or binoculars?

● Bingo Night – Sat, October 19

Doors open 7pm. Eyes down 7.30pm

● Quiz Night – Sat, November 16

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

● Marlingford Christmas Fair

Sat, December 7. Interested stall holders contact **01603 880479.**

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Marlingford PCC presents:



SATURDAY | 19 OCTOBER 2024

Set your schedule and join us for a fun Bingo Night at Marlingford Village Hall. Prepare for your luck and have fun with your friends while playing bingo and winning cool prizes

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start.
Adults: £5 plus £1 for cash prize game
Children under 16: £2.50 for half book.
BYO drinks & nibbles.

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DECADES QUIZ

Colton village hall

Saturday October 5

How much do you know about what's happened in these seven decades? Questions on film, TV, music, politics and culture. Come and test yourself!

Teams of up to six.
£4 per person. Call Vicky on 01603 881336 to book a table. Feel free to bring your own refreshments.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

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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!

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Community and Fundraising Events

Come along to a brand new play group in Easton!

A brand new stay and play group has started up in Easton. It is called **Buds and Bloomers** and caters for those living in Easton and the surrounding villages. The group aims to provide an inclusive safe haven for preschool age children and their families or carers to meet, socialise, have fun and learn through play. The group's organisers are Jen Ballard and Hazel, and they meet every Friday in Easton village hall from **10-30am to 12.30pm** all year



round – come rain or shine! Snacks and drinks are available at a small cost.

Jen and Hazel look forward to meeting you!

● Further details:

Venue: Easton Village Hall, Marlingford Road, Easton, NR9 5AD.

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Prices: Age 12m +: £4 per child

Age 6-12m: £2 per child

Age 0-6m: free of charge

Sibling rate: £2 per additional child

Discount for childminders.

A message from Easton Gymnastics Club...

Easton Gymnastic Club is celebrating its 40th birthday from September onwards.

We have between 700-800 members who use our purpose-built facility on a regular basis for classes, competitions and external hire by all plus a vast selection of equipment that we have built up over a number of years, most recently adding a brand new tumble track. We have a fantastic team of highly qualified coaches and leaders who continue to further their professional development.



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Easton Gymnastics Club is very proud of the achievements of all our gymnasts from recreational level to national qualifiers and their commitment and results at

competitions.

We are a registered charity and couldn't do all this without the support of others. We are proud to be led by an excellent Centre Manager, administration team and Board of Trustees.

To ensure we continue to make great progress, we are seeking an external Trustee. In particular, we would welcome interest from anyone with past or present experience in the legal profession.

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Let's do a Macmillan Coffee Morning

Come along and help us do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: **EASTON VILLAGE HALL**
Date: **OCTOBER 23**
Time: **9.00AM - 12.00PM**
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morning is on **Wednesday, October 23** from **9am to 12pm**. Come along and show how much you appreciate the vital work they do.

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● If you think you've been a victim of fraud, please report it to Action Fraud either online or by phone: 0300 123 2040.

News from Easton Women's Institute

It's autumn already...

As I write this the view from my window is very autumnal.

Easton WI has had our first monthly meeting since July and it begins to feel as if Christmas is just around the corner!

Bearing that and other wintry thoughts in mind our September speakers were Nicila and Sue from ANON who came to tell us about their work feeding the homeless in Norwich.

This group of volunteers feed over 120 people every Sunday evening throughout the year and there are other groups doing the same thing on other nights of the week. ANON also distribute items of clothing, tents, sleeping bags and other essentials that have been donated to them. Just the thought of sleeping rough on the pavement on a cold, dark winter evening is almost unimaginable to me so I was lost in admiration for these people who go out whatever the weather to distribute hot food that they have cooked using donated items.

Harriet Martineau talk

On **October 10**, our Easton WI speaker will be **Georgette Vale** who will come in costume to give her talk about **Harriet Martineau**,



"The little deaf woman from Norwich" (pictured).

This is talk about a little-known woman who came from a local well-known family. (Have you ever wondered who Martineau Lane was named after?)

She overcame deafness to go on to work to help change the world in the nineteenth century.

Gearing up for Christmas

Looking forward to later in the year, at our meeting on **November 14**, **Penny Doe** will come to talk to us about **A Folk Christmas**. By then maybe I shall have got nearer to having the Christmas spirit!

Come and meet us!

The members of Easton WI would love to have more ladies join us as, since Covid our numbers have much reduced.

Easton has had a WI here 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.

Mary Blathwayt

Check out the spooky goings on in October!



Picture: Alex Simpson/Unsplash

The Assembly House of Horrors Halloween Afternoon Tea From Monday October 16 to Tuesday October 31

The Assembly House of Horrors Halloween Afternoon Tea is seriously spooky feast that tastes just as good as it looks. Start off with the usual, tasty finger sandwiches and other savoury treats, including a cheddar cheese witch's finger, before moving onto the main event – the frighteningly good cakes and pastries.

Available for £29.50 per person, with children's versions available for £18 per child. Booking is strongly advised.

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Black Cats and Witches Hats Halloween Trail From Saturday, October 21 to Tuesday, October 31

Chantry Place

Make your trip to the city that much spookier and exciting! Simply head down to HMV or The Works on the ground floor where you can pick up a FREE trail map to help you find different letters laid out across the mall to spell out a magical word. You could be in with a chance of winning a prize worth over £150! Plus, on select days, the RSPB will be at Chantry Place so you can visit their pop-up pod to learn more about Norfolk nature! **(Tuesday, Oct. 24 – Wednesday Oct. 25 and Saturday, October 28)**

W: chantryplace.co.uk

Stranger Things Extravaganza

Saturday October 28

Castle Quarter

11am – 4pm

The Netflix phenomenon, Stranger Things, is casting an eerie presence over Castle Quarter this Halloween as it pays homage to the immensely popular streaming series as it steps back to the 80s, celebrating all things Stranger Things and Hawkins.

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Rosie's hoping to help grasshoppers hop back into Norfolk's wetlands



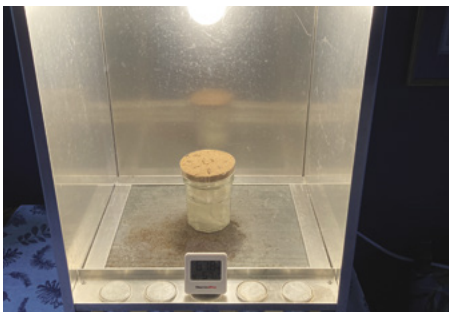
Getting ready to face the outside world.

Pictures: Dominic Castle

On the sands, something is moving. A tiny white dot appears, wriggling its way out of a brown casing buried in the surface. A moment later it is free – a little pale creature no bigger than a grain of rice with black dots for

eyes and threadlike limbs. Despite its size, it is unmistakably a baby grasshopper – and a very rare one. It is Britain's biggest, the Large Marsh Grasshopper, and it and dozens of its siblings are being born in Rosie Castle's Colton home as part of a project called the *Hop of Hope* to reintroduce the critters to Norfolk wetlands.

Rosie joined 15 other volunteers in the Citizen Zoo scheme being run with Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Wildlife Trusts. The aim is to rear hundreds of hoppers in safe environments and



Hoppers' box heated by a light bulb.

release them into the wild in secret locations in the hope that they will re-establish colonies; they disappeared from Norfolk more than half a century ago when their habitats were all but wiped out. The 'Citizen Keepers' are given a special box (once used by schools to rear locusts – many of the boxes were salvaged from skips) and the all-important sand-filled Petri dish containing the egg cases of around 100 hoppers. They also receive detailed instructions on the care of their little charges from experts working with the project. At home the eggs are placed in the boxes. Heat, in the shape of an old-fashioned 60-watt lightbulb, and humidity are applied and nature does the rest.

"It was fascinating to watch the first hoppers emerge," says Rosie.

"They were moving around straight away and exploring their surroundings.

"Within a few hours they realised they were hungry."

Feeding grasshoppers is relatively straightforward – a diet of grass doesn't sound complicated, but they like different varieties, such as the tougher cock's foot grass, as well as more tender stems and a handful of lawn clippings.

"Once they start to grow, they can get through an amazing amount of



Sand-filled petrie dish. .



Growing stronger and bigger!

grass," says Rosie.

"We refill their food jars with fresh stems daily and they will chomp through most of it!"

Keeping the hoppers' food topped

up does bring the risk of the odd escaper. "I have found a couple on the floor after they have slipped out hidden in the old grass, and one or two have actually hopped out of the box!" They are captured safely using a 'pooter', a simple vacuum tube which uses the keeper's lung power to 'hoover' the critters up. "There's no danger of swallowing it," says Rosie. "They go into a chamber with a protective mesh to keep them safe until they are released back into the box." As they grow, the creatures go through a series of moults, called instars, shedding old skins as they outgrow them. Adulthood arrives when they emerge with wings. They are not fliers as such, but use short bursts of wing-whirring to help propel them around their territories. They are handsome bugs, with bold markings and striking colours; a few manage to display a strong magenta hue.

After six weeks, Rosie's brood of around 60 hoppers are ready for release. They are marked with a dot of paint to identify them and transferred to a mesh net and transported to the west Norfolk marshland which has been specially prepared for them. Once the nets are opened the grasshoppers bound away to enjoy their freedom and their new home,



Rosie releases the grasshoppers.

hopefully to breed and establish themselves once again. And for the citizen keepers it's round two – another batch of egg cases are handed over and the cycle begins again.

"I've always been fascinated by bugs," says Rosie, "and getting involved with the Hop of Hope has been brilliant. They are amazing creatures and to think that we've played even a small part in their reintroduction to Norfolk is wonderful."

Dominic Castle

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Colton –Route: CEN 319

Wednesday: October 2, 30

38: Ex post Office	9.45am	10.00am	NR9 5DB
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Easton –Route: CEN 423

Thursday: October 3, 31

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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Mr J Morse, Chairman

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Mark Pfeiffer

Cllr Deborah Perfect

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Hornsea 3 wind farm update

Two members of the Community Engagement Team came to the recent parish council meeting to give an update on the Hornsea 3 wind farm project. Hornsea 3 will be the largest windfarm in the world powering 3.3 million homes. The initial work has been undertaken in the parish and there will be further work next year. Disruption is being kept to a minimum and they are committed to being a good neighbour. More information can be found on their website, **Hornsea 3 Offshore Wind Farm Ørsted (hornseaproject3.co.uk)**

As part of the project, community grants are available for eligible organisations. More information about these can be found here: **grantscape.org.uk/grant-finder/**

A47 update

Jim Freeman from Galliford Try gave an update on the A47 improvements at the recent parish council meeting. Archaeology work has now been completed and preparation work has been begun on the road route. Earthworks are

due to begin around March next year and vegetation clearance will begin along the corridor in October. Jim stated that the roads through the parish are not diversion routes or HGV routes meaning additional traffic should be minimised.

Work continues to be done to ensure that diversion points and signage are visible further in advance to assist in reducing traffic through the villages. Jim also confirmed that National Highways has a community fund available for communities adjacent to the A47 construction site. Examples of recent funding grants were given. Jim confirmed that he would ask the responsible person in National Highways to contact Marlingford and Colton Parish Council, to advise how to make an application against a specific project.

Parish council priorities and budget setting

At the November meeting of the parish council, there will be discussions around the parish

council priorities and proposed 25/26 budget.

During the meeting, the budget for 25/26 will be set and a precept agreed. The precept is the money that the parish council requests from South Norfolk Council. This money is collected from residents as an element of the annual council tax bill.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and watch the discussions around the forthcoming budget.

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 12th November, Colton village hall at 7.00pm**

Clerk to Marlingford and Colton

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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

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Cllr David Lewis

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New website

We would like to remind everyone of the new parish council website:

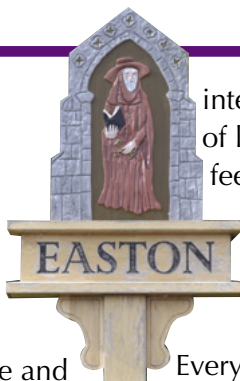
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[gov.uk](mailto:clerkeastonparishcouncil.gov.uk) which are now active and support everything the council is doing. This website is now the only official site serving the council. Please note we are not associated with any previous websites or email address nor do we have any access to them. As we are currently operating with the support of our locum clerk, Sarah, the parish council telephone is not in service. As soon as this vital link is reinstated, we will notify everyone. Following a resignation of a newly appointed councillor, there is one vacancy on the council.

If anyone can offer some free time to join the council, they may apply to the clerk at clerkeastonparishcouncil.gov.uk. The role of councillor is very



interesting being the first run of local government. If you feel you can bring something to the council please do not hesitate to apply.

It was nice to see so many faces at our last meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

We have a public participation agenda item at every meeting where the public can ask question or raise any concerns with us. We intend to hold monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at the village hall.

Please feel free to attend our next and subsequent meetings.

Recycling centres

At September's meeting, we received an update from Cllr Margaret Dewsbury regarding Norfolk's recycling centres and Norfolk Trading Standards. From November, people visiting recycling centres will need to book a slot **before they arrive**.

For more information please visit: norfolk.gov.uk/recycling

Lithium batteries safety

Following a house fire in Bowthorpe caused by using a lithium-ion battery and charger from an online retailer, Trading Standards urge people to only buy batteries from reputable retailers to ensure they meet the UK Safety Standards and are not a fire risk. These batteries are used for mobile phones, tablets, laptops, mobility scooters, e-bikes, e-scooters, e-cigarettes and hover boards.

Council banking

Two new councillors have agreed to be added to the council bank accounts to act as signatories and, as Chair, it is my responsibility to carry out routine bank reconciliations. The mandate forms have been hand-delivered to Barclays bank in an effort to speed up this process.

An update on the water leak at the allotments was received and since the last meeting a more acceptable estimate has now been actioned.

Jubilee playing field

We are aware that we need to introduce new trustees for the Jubilee playing field. While this has traditionally been parish councillors, it has been suggested we open this to any parishioner who feels they would like to be part of this.

New Community Centre

Council members have cleared the compound of materials ready for handing back to Persimmon Homes. We hope they will accept the land back as it is rather than incurring additional costs in returning it to its original condition. They could utilise this land for their own needs as a site compound for Phase two of their project.

St Peter's Church

We have donated some excess gravel to St Peter's Church, Easton to improve the paving around the church. Three councillors volunteered their weekend to shovel over five tonnes of gravel into bags to be taken to the church. We were grateful for the use of a forklift to make this task easier. While work on the New Community Centre remains on hold, much is going on in the background. We hope to hold a public meeting in the coming months to explain the situation fully and gain community support moving forward.

Next meeting

This will be held in the village hall on **Tuesday, October 1** at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing even more faces there.

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The Rambling Vine

Faith makes carrying the burden easier

One of my favourite things to do in October is to go pumpkin picking. We do try to grow some ourselves each year but this is often not as successful as we would like (although one from this year, (pictured right) is looking quite impressive...if it ripens!).

So, it's always a fun family day out, to go and pick a pumpkin, which can really only happen once a year. It's interesting to people-watch at the pumpkin patch too. There are children choosing giant pumpkins which they couldn't possibly carry. There is the parent who has been laden with everyone else's pumpkins. Then there are the wise, usually older people who choose small pumpkins or no pumpkins at all and just enjoy the day.

It's actually quite descriptive of this autumn season. There will be some of us who with the start of the school year have taken on too much- too many projects, committees, responsibilities, etc. Then there will be those who are burdened with things not of their own choosing. A lucky few may have the opportunity to sit and appreciate the season.

Jesus once said, 'Come to me, all



you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you....for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.' (Matthew 11:28-30)

The thing that I appreciate about these verses is that it doesn't deny that we will have to carry things, but it makes the carrying easier. Like the precious wheelbarrow at the pumpkin patch, Jesus can help us. He can help us to sort through what are the burdens we should be carrying and what we can put to the side. He can sustain us, energise us, comfort us as we carry that which we do need to carry. Whatever your October looks like, may you feel the presence of Jesus carrying you through it, as you carry the roles and responsibilities to which you are called.

Rev Laura Montgomery

Church services October/November 2024

October			
Sunday 6	10.00am	Easton – Holy Communion	19th after Trinity
Sunday 13	10.00am	Colton – All age service HC	20th after Trinity
Sunday 20	10.00am	Marlingford – Holy Communion	21st after Trinity
Sunday 27 Clocks go back	10.00am	Bawburgh – Holy Communion	Last after Trinity
November			
Sunday 3	10.00am	Easton – Holy Communion; Remember All Souls Day 4th before Advent	
Sunday 10	10.45am	Bawburgh – Holy Communion; Remembrance 3rd before Advent;	
	3.00pm	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	



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Marlingford Church 50 Club

Winners of the draw for quarter ending September 2024

	Number	Member	Amount
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Third	48	Carol Chiles	£25.00

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