

THE Grapevine

September 2024

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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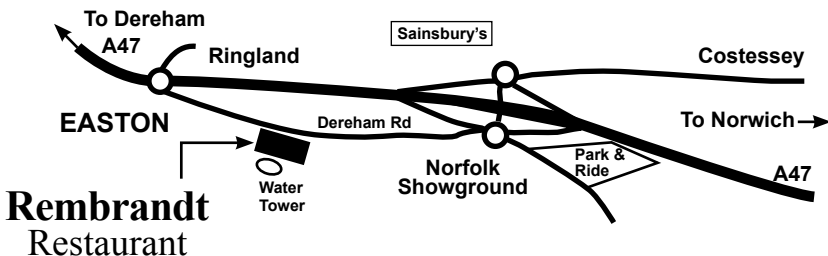
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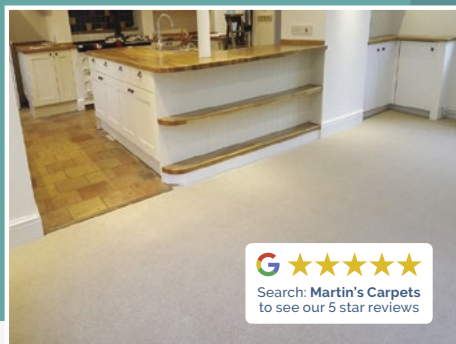
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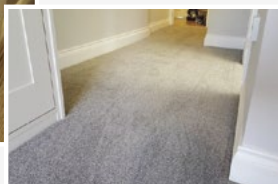
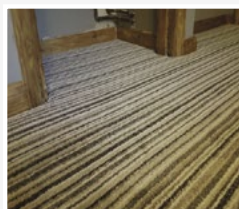
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Can you help us with The Grapevine?

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 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.

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Thank you!

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YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Colton village hall

● Beetle Drive

Saturday, September 14

Join the frantic race to draw a complete beetle. If you've never done it before, come along and have a go! Entry: £5 per person. Doors open 6.30pm for 6.45pm start.

● 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.

● Hall hire

If you're thinking of hosting a party and don't necessarily want your guests filling up your home, why not hire the hall?

There's plenty of room for up to 50 people, tables, chairs and a kitchen area with crockery, cutlery and glassware available. With our newly-installed acoustic panelling, it makes a civilised space to entertain.

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Others: £15 per hour.

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Easton village hall



● Easton Good Companions

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

September 12 – Guest speaker

September 26 – Fish and Chips

12pm for 12.30pm.

October 10 – Peggy K's Special Birthday Celebration.

October 24th – **Harvest Festival**

Anyone over 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, chat and put the world to rights. 70p for a cup and 90p for a mug of tea or coffee. (Decaff available) We make everybody welcome.

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.

● **Autumn Fayre** – Sat. October 19, 2.00pm till 4.00pm with the usual stalls including chocolate tombola and hamper raffle

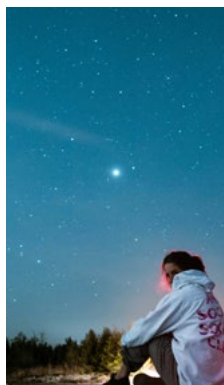
For more information, ring Janet on 01603 471144.

Marlingford village hall

● **The Night Sky** – talk

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

Help to find the planets, star clusters, nebulae, the milky way and the constellations. If there is time, we will chat about astronomy in general.



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DECADES QUIZ
Colton village hall
Saturday October 5

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for 7.30pm start

Community and Fundraising Events

Villagers turn out as the sun finally shines on BBQ

Colton Village Hall's seasonal showpiece event, the summer barbecue, was a great success - after the weather changed its mind and let the sun shine just before the event started! More than 50 residents and friends enjoyed the fine burgers and sausages on offer (from local supplier Ian Blanchflower) which were expertly cooked by Mark Green, with help from the family and members of the village hall committee. Ian also helped keep things cool with his ice-cream maker!

The funds raised from this event, and all the others put on through the year, raise essential funds



The sun eventually put its hat on for Colton village BBQ to help keep this important community asset.

Dominic Castle

New play group to start up in September in Easton

A brand new stay and play group is starting up in Easton. It is called Buds and Bloomers and will cater 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 will meet every Friday in Easton village hall from 10-30am to 2.30pm all year round

– come rain or shine! Snacks and drinks are available at a small cost. The first session is on **Friday, September 6** and Jen and Hazel look forward to meeting you!

● Further details:

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

Time: 10.30-12.30.

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.

Exhibition success for Marlingford artists

Marlingford Art Group's Exhibition was held in Becket's Chapel, Wymondham for the week beginning August 5.

Here's an appreciation from Rebecca, a visitor:

"My Mum and I had to come and see what my friend had painted. It was our first time going to an art exhibition, so we didn't know what to expect.

"What a large venue, perfect to display such a variety of the 80 pictures. It was lovely to see places in Norfolk, plants and animals. I particularly liked the paintings of Cley and Blakeney as well as the



Visitors enjoying the artworks. Picture: Felicity Maton

large ones of a flower.

"Plenty of room to view from a distance or close up: watercolours, acrylics and pastels were used by artists. A wonderful event to see such 'professional' art".

Open garden event raises money for repair fund

Marlingford Open Gardens was held on Sunday, June 30.

I was persuaded to open my garden along with nine others – all quite different, offering a variety of size and planting.



Many visitors came during the day, starting at Marlingford village hall, where refreshments were served and they could get a map to guide them round the village.

Although I regard my garden as wild, people found it interesting and I enjoyed their visits.

Thanks to Kirstie Reader for organising this special event.

A welcome amount of the takings and donations were presented to Marlingford Church Repair Fund.

Felicity Maton

Never take dangerous chances on rural roads

Rural roads disproportionately account for the number of serious collisions our Roads and Armed Policing Team deal with.

Since Norfolk has no motorways, many of our roads are considered rural and, with harvests under way, we can expect more slow-moving vehicles on them.

Getting stuck behind a tractor pulling several tonnes of grain for a couple of miles is not much different to sitting at a red light for two minutes. However some people take unnecessary risks when overtaking slow-moving tractors, putting themselves and other users in harm's way. All motorists are advised to pass farm machinery slowly, to give them space and to remember these vehicles are legally entitled to use the road. One final thing to mention around rural roads is the speed limits.



Picture: David Dixon/Geograph

The national speed limit often applies but that does not mean you have to do 60mph.

You should always drive according to conditions. You never know what might be around the corner and the question to ask yourself is could you stop if you needed to if you encountered another vehicle or a child on a bike or a family out on a walk?

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News from Easton Women's Institute

Afternoon Tea

We held an **Afternoon Tea** in the village hall in August and, despite not having too many guests, we enjoyed good company and of course, tea and cakes. Thanks to all members and visitors who helped make the afternoon a pleasant one.

Enjoyable theatre trip

Some of us went to Dereham to see the Dereham Theatre Company's production of **Sister Act** in July which was excellent and we very much enjoyed it.

Upcoming talks

We do not have a WI meeting in August but they start again on **Thursday, September 12** at 7.30pm when **Nicila Collier** will be coming to tell us about **ANON** which is a group of locally-based volunteers who work hard to feed the homeless in Norwich.

On **Monday, September 30** at 7.30pm, the Barford and District Group of WIs will meet at Bowthorpe Church Centre to hear **Christine Webber** talk about **Positive Ageing**. Christine writes regularly in the EDP and used to be a presenter on About Anglia before she retired. There will be a charge of £3.50 which includes some refreshments after the talk.

On Thursday, October 10, our



Easton WI speaker will be **Georgette Vale** who will come in costume to give her talk about **Harriet Martineau**, (pictured left) "The little deaf woman from Norwich".

This concerns a little-known, local woman who came from a well-known family. (Have you ever wondered who Martineau Lane was named after?) She overcame deafness to go on to help change the world in the 19th century.

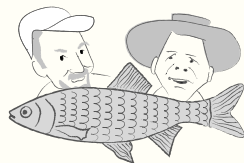
Come and join us!

The members of Easton WI would love to have more women join us as, since Covid, our numbers have dwindled. Easton has had a WI here since 1953 and, with a fast-growing village population, 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 are currently organising a visit to the historic **Great Hospital in Bishopgate** in Norwich on October 2 and would like to hear from anyone who would like to join us.

Mary Blathwayt

Gone fishin' – with Dom and Milt



It's a rare early week outing for the duo, back at the generous waters of the Basil Todd lake at Billingford.

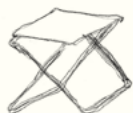
"Tench," says Milt, assertively.

"That's what I'm looking for."

It's quiet at the lake as they pick the spot.

Or rather as Milton picks the spot, an enormous, double-sized platform big enough to land a chopper on.

"I'll go here," says the Legend of Luton. He points out a pokey little jetty next to a large tree, ready to grab and snag wayward lines and hooks.



"You can go there, where I can keep an eye on you."

Pecking order asserted, the pair tackle up.

Milt, having watched Dom haul in fish upon fish using the 21st century technique of the method feeder, has finally cracked and bought a set-up of his own at a car boot sale. He hasn't bought any bait though and is soon over with the begging bowl for a portion of krill and squid, mixed with chocolate and orange; fish don't mind mixing up the courses. It's calm at the lake. A cuckoo calls from the nearby wood.

There is some early action - Milt,

unable and unwilling to drop his Isaak



Walton

techniques, has a float rod set up as well as the method

feeder and the Compleat Angler pulls in some early bream.

Bream are the dullest fish to catch, surrendering at once. It's like reeling in a wet paper bag.

But then excitement – he's hooked a carp on the method and it's a big 'un, spiralling up and down the lake, trying to shake the Beast of Bedfordshire off.

The fight goes on, punch and counterpunch, the Rumble in the Jungle played out as the Battle of Basil Todd.

But the fish wins with a technical KO and is gone.

"Ohhh b.....blast!" says Milt.

"Cuckoo," says the cuckoo.

He loses another one or two, but lands plenty more through a good day's fishing. Dom, meanwhile, manages

to stay out of the tree, mostly, and brings in the catch of the day, a fat mirror.

No sign of a tench, though.

It's an early pack-up – Milton has a pub quiz and is in with a shout of the top prize – and our weary heroes head home.



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Old Costessey NR5 0LA

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Barford Lakes

Chapel Street

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Barford Lakes.

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Reepham NR10 4NR

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● For more information and other locations in Norfolk, go to: visitnorfolk.co.uk/see-do/fishing

What's going on in September

Zoo Do 2

Saturday 7th September 2024,

4.00pm – 8.00pm

Banham Zoo



Giraffe at Banham Zoo.

Picture: Annette Hudson

Banham Zoo are having a second evening event. Join them for **Zoo Do 2**, on Saturday, September 7, from 4.00pm to 8.00pm for another unforgettable adventure. Activities include: evening access to the zoo, wild entertainment, safari road train, keeper talks and enrichment demonstrations, carnival inspired game.

W: zsea.org/banham

T: 01953 887771

E: info@zsea.org

Run Norwich

Sunday, September 8

9.40am - 12.00pm

This is the eighth instalment of the award-winning Run Norwich 10K event. While all 8,500 runner places sold out in a record 24 hours, you can join the thousands of spectators that are expected to line the streets to cheer them along. The race begins at Norwich Theatre Royal at 9.40am and finishes outside of City Hall.

W: communitysportsfoundation.org.uk



Runners and spectators outside The Forum at a previous Run Norwich event. Picture: Annette Hudson

Bike, Walk, Drive
Sunday, September 14,
9.00am - 5.00pm



Ready for the off!

Picture: Supplied

Pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches and chapels in Norfolk as you can.

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W: norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk

A walking tour celebrating
Norwich Castle's Royal Palace
Reborn project.

Friday, September 20

From Norwich Cathedral

Unearth Norwich's medieval past on this tour with Blue Badge and City of Norwich guides.

Meet at the 15th century Erpingham Gate in Tombland, Norwich's original market place. Hear stories of the great Norman cathedral, before heading past the ancient Maid's Head Hotel and walking up Elm Hill. End the tour viewing

Norwich Castle from above the market place. Medieval Norwich tour is run in association with the Association of City of Norwich Tourist Guides.

W: pauldicksonstours.co.uk

T: 07801 103737

E: paul@pauldicksonstours.co.uk

Swap-O-Rama!

Sunday, September 22,

1.30pm - 4.00pm

Norwich Arts Centre

Swap your unwanted clothes for new-to-you treasures and help us build the Slow Fashion community in Norwich, with talks and workshops championing DIY fashion. Learn new skills, meet like-minded folks.

W: norwichartscentre.co.uk

E: boxoffice@norwichartscentre.co.uk

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Norwich Playhouse

Friday, September 20

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Created by Jonathan Rockefeller, each production of the critically acclaimed show features a menagerie of over 75 magical puppets, including the star of the show – The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

W: norwichtheatre.org/whats-on

T: 01603 630 000

● **For more information, go to visitnorwich.co.uk**

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors:

Mr J Morse, Chairman

Vice Chairman

Mark Pfeiffer

Cllr Deborah Perfect

Cllr David Woods

Councillor vacancies

We are looking for new parish councillors – could it be you?

Local issues need local people to speak up for them

YOU could help keep Marlingford and Colton a vibrant, good place to live by becoming a parish councillor.

YOU could be in at the ‘grass roots’ level of Local Government and be involved in making things happen or getting things sorted!

YOU could get local views about local issues brought to the attention of the powers that be.

Do you have an interest in your community or do you know someone who does?

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union and must satisfy at least one of the following:

- be a local government elector for the parish of Marlingford and Colton;
- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, occupied land or other property in the parish,

either as owner or tenant;

- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, had your principal or only place of work in the parish;

- have resided in the parish during the whole of the previous 12 months.

The parish council usually meets on the second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7pm in either Marlingford or Colton.

Any person interested in becoming a parish councillor should contact the clerk, Maria Hutson.

E: marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com

Community grants

Are you part of a community group in Marlingford and Colton who could benefit from additional funding? Community grants for 2025/26 are now open to groups based in Colton and Marlingford.

An application form and instructions on how to complete the process are available on the parish council website or by contacting the parish clerk.

Be quick, applications close on Monday, September 9.

Norfolk showground updates

Here's a message for residents from **Mark Nicholas, Managing Director at RNAA.**

*Dear local parish resident
I hope that you are well and you are enjoying the summer now that it has finally arrived.*

I would like to extend an invitation to all our local residents to attend an informal meeting at the Norfolk Showground. The meeting will give you the chance to meet some of the key team members currently working at the venue and to also update you on the upcoming events taking place at the Showground and Norfolk Events Centre. We will also share details of an exciting new venture that is planned over the coming weeks and months.



Norfolk Showground.

Picture: Annette Hudson

Date: *Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

Location: *Norfolk Showground, Summer Pavilions,*

Time: *10.30am –11.30am*

Arrival: *Use Main gate opposite the Premier Inn Hotel and follow the internal roadway passing the Grand Ring on your left. Park on the grass in front of the Summer Pavilions*

Refreshments: *Coffee & pastries will be served.*

Please RSVP to Maria Skitmore by email to maria.skitmore@rnaa.org.uk by Friday, September 13.

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;

● **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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E: marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com

W: marlingfordandcoltonpc.co.uk

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 Chris Brownbridge

Cllr Mark Cordy

Cllr Mike Jobling

Cllr Mike Bowman

New councillors

At the meeting held on August 13, Mark Caton was elected chair of Easton Parish Council. He thanked everyone and asked for their support going forward. Jan Hudson was elected as Vice-Chair. As well as the new councillors to fill all 10 positions on the council, we would like to thank Sarah Bristow, the County Officer for Norfolk ALC, for acting as locum clerk to assist us while we look for a new clerk. Please send all correspondence for the council to: clerk@eastonparishcouncil.gov.uk This email account will be monitored.

Parish meeting

A parishioner thanked the council for repairing the village sign which was much improved.

There was also praise for the new website which is in the process of being updated and was said to be easier to use.

Cllr Caton said that the question of the provision of playground



equipment to a school in the village was being looked into.

Noisy lorries

There was a complaint that lorries were delivering to the new community centre at 7.30am and disturbing villagers. Cllr McCarter assured them that there had been no deliveries to the community centre and that Cllr Dewsbury had looked into the early morning noise and discovered that the lorries were delivering cables for the new windfarms. Cllr Caton added that he thought this was finished for now.

Community centre

After a request from a parishioner asking when the new community centre would be open and when the hall finances would be made public, Cllr Caton advised that people would be informed of the costings after the council was in a position to know what had been spent in total, which invoices had been paid and how much was needed for the hall to be finished. He said as soon as the

council had this information, a public meeting would be held to inform all residents of the findings.

Allotments

After concerns were raised about the water supply and leakage on the allotments, Cllr Caton said that he had received a quote for £335.00 to repair the leak as it involved digging down to repair the pipework. It was agreed that another quote be sought.

He advised that two councillors would be shortly be assigned to the allotments and would liaise with the plot holders in the future. In the meantime, Cllrs Jobling and Brownbridge would take on this responsibility.

Next meeting

This will be held in the village hall on **Tuesday, September 3** at 7.00pm.

W: eastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

E: clerk@eastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Get to know your local defibrillator

There is a defibrillator outside **Easton village hall** and the **Rembrandt restaurant** but would you know how to use it? **Anyone can use a defibrillator and you don't need training.**

Step 1: Once you have accessed a defibrillator by dialling 999, turn it on by pressing the green button.

Step 2: Peel off the sticky pads and attach them to the patient's skin, one on each side of the chest, as shown in the picture on the defibrillator.

Step 3: Once the pads have been attached, stop CPR and don't touch the patient. The defibrillator will then check the patient's heart rhythm.

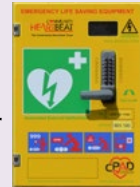
Step 4: The defibrillator will decide whether a shock is needed and if so, it will tell you to press

the shock button. An automatic defibrillator will shock the patient without prompt. Don't touch the patient while they are being shocked.

Step 5: The defibrillator will tell you when the shock has been delivered and whether you need to continue CPR.

Step 6: Continue with chest compressions until the patient shows signs of life or the defibrillator tells you to stop so it can analyse the heartbeat again. The device checks the heart rhythm and will only tell you to shock if it's needed. You can't shock someone accidentally.

● **See page 3 for locations of other defibrillators in our villages.**



Colton resident David Wildon – an appreciation

On July 27, our friend and neighbour David Wildon sadly passed away at Hethersett Hall Care Home.

From the plethora of messages of condolence, it is evident that he was a much respected and admired member of the Colton community.

David and his wife Gilly moved to Colton in 1974 and, since then, he has made a significant contribution to our neighbourhood mostly through his years of service on, and as chairman of, Marlingford and Colton Parish Council, .

David had, for example, been instrumental in the development of the Parish Plan which led directly to the construction of the Social Housing on Marlingford Road. He was also active in opposing Norwich City Council's abortive bid to absorb several rural parishes, RG Carter's attempts to re-open Colton quarry, and objecting to the Food Hub, subsequently helping to negotiate amelioration measures. David also participated in various consultations over plans and proposals for the Greater Norwich Local Plan, highways development and many other matters. As many residents will recall, David



was originally from Australia, having been born in 1937 in Naracoorte, South Australia.

He was educated at Sydney Boys High School and the University of Sydney where he graduated in 1960 with a B.Sc. in Agriculture.

Having completed further research, he was awarded his PhD in 1967 along with a travelling fellowship. It was for this reason that he came to the UK and became a lecturer at the School of Biological Sciences in the newly constituted University of East Anglia.

David remained at the UEA for the rest of his academic career which ultimately led to a three-year appointment as Dean of the School of Biological Sciences.

He retired shortly afterwards.

David and Gilly married in 1968 and their son Mark, from early beginnings at primary school in Barford, has gone on to become professor of Mathematics at the University of Bristol.

Of the many tributes made to David, members of our community have variously described him as "remarkable, gentle, kind, a fantastic intellect, charming, a great friend, lovely, wonderful, genuine, thorough, remarkable, fair..."

David has been a valued member of our village and will be much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gilly, Mark, and the rest of his family here, and in Australia, at this sad time. There will be a private (family only) committal and burial at 10am on Wednesday, September 18, at St Andrew's Church. This will be followed by a memorial service at 11am, also at St Andrew's, to which all are welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards at the Old Horse and Groom, The Street, Colton, to which all are invited

***John Morse, Current Chairman,
Marlingford and Colton PC***



St Andrew's Church, Colton.

Mobile library 2024 – September dates

Marlingford – Route: CEN 423 Thursday: September 5

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: September 4

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

Thursday: September 5

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

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

The Rambling Vine



The beautiful colours of autumn.

Picture: chulmin1700

Let's give thanks for the beauty all around us

As we approach the end of summer and look to new beginnings with the new academic year, I'm reminded that autumn is just around the corner and that we will soon be seeing the colourful display of creation as the leaves start to change colour and fall, providing nutrients for the ground and the cycle of life within creation.

The beginning of September is the beginning of a season in the Church calendar called Creation Tide; it is a season of celebration,

where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created.

So as we spend time outside - perhaps in the garden, walking in parks, woods, maybe by the broads, on the fens or even by the sea, may we wonder again at the beauty of creation.

May we be reminded of the enjoyment of being outside among trees and plants; may a song of

praise or a whispered prayer come forth from our hearts for our Creator and the creation within which we live.

May we again and again, rejoice at God’s love that is shown to us through the beauty, the mystery and awesomeness of what is around us.

May our lips sing the words of the Psalmist:

“May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.”

Psalm 104: 31-34

Perhaps make some time this month to sit and ponder at the beauty of Creation with the changing of seasons and know that you are loved by the Almighty One

who made the ladybird and the eagle.

Rev Laura Montgomery

PS: There is a final chance to catch our ‘Eco Angel’ who will be resident in Easton Church, as part of the Eco Angel trail, until 30th September, when it will be ‘decommissioned’ as part of our Harvest Festival Celebration – again opportunities to both consider the fragility of our amazing planet and to thank God for his provision to us through the created world.



Ladybird - or bishy barnaby! Picture: Annette Hudson

Church services September 2024

September			
Sunday 1	10.00am	Easton – Holy Communion	14th after Trinity
Sunday 8	10.00am	Colton all-age + HC	15th after Trinity
Sunday 15	10.00am	Marlingford Holy Communion	16th after Trinity
Sunday 22	10.00am	Bawburgh Holy Communion	17th after Trinity
Sunday 29	11.00am	Easton all-age + HC Harvest service followed by a bring and share lunch.	18th after Trinity

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