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The
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Colton, Easton
& Marlingsford



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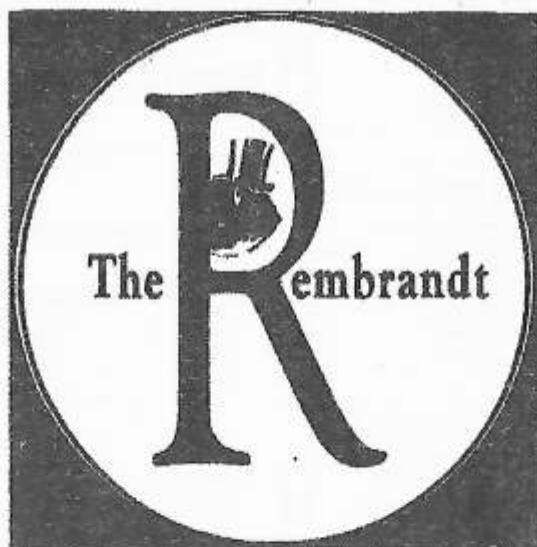
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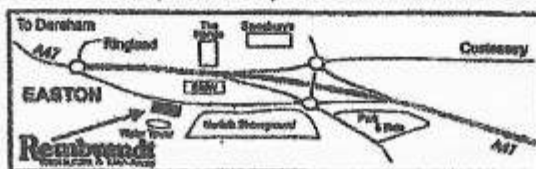


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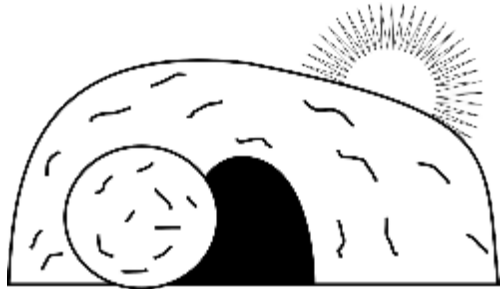
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The Rambling Vine

Writing this in mid-March, I don't think it has ever seemed more difficult to project myself forward into the coming month than it is at this moment. As I write, the country is gearing up to cope with the threat of COVID-19, but we are all still to some extent unsure of what the reality will be like. Schools are not yet closed – but may well be by April. In our churches we are trying to put into place suitable measures to keep people safe and to work out ways that we can help those in our villages who may become ill and need to self-isolate. Around the country, medical staff, businesses and individuals are having to make difficult decisions about how to behave in this new and uncertain environment.

So the first thing to say is that, whether or not you come to church, whether or not we are still able to hold services in our church buildings by the time you read this, the promise of Easter is that after the hard and painful road to the Cross which we remember and re-enact in

Holy Week and especially on Good Friday, there is new life and resurrection round the corner. That has been true over the millennia since Jesus first willingly came into our world of disease and suffering



and trod that road for us, showing that absolutely nothing the world throws at us can separate us from the love of God.

Fear, like everything in our human makeup, can be a gift from God when used in the right way, to avoid danger, but it can also lead us astray if we let it get hold of us. So the answer is not to deny our reasonable feelings of fear but to ask God to help us

keep them in proportion, to use them rightly, and to give us the gift of love that is the only antidote.

If you find yourself needing to self-isolate (a new phase with which we are all becoming very familiar), either because of infection or to avoid infection, remember that if you need to talk about your fears or ask for help in practical ways, you can phone or email me, Rev Penny or any of the church wardens. One thing we can all do is to pray for each other and keep in touch with vulnerable friends and neighbours by phone and email, while respecting their need to keep separate.

May we know that God is with us and all those whom we love as we walk this difficult road together.

Rev Laura Montgomery

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.



John Macleod Campbell Crum

News from St Andrew's Colton

At our recent AGM we were very pleased that Sarah Smith kindly agreed to continue as our Church Warden. The rest of the PCC remains unchanged. I would like to thank every member for all they do for the Church.

In addition there are many others who make significant contributions to the life of the church community throughout the year. Our particular thanks goes to all those who keep the Churchyard in such splendid condition. It remains a joy to visit the Churchyard in every season.

Dudley Watts has been our Fabric Officer for many years - he has overseen the maintenance of the Church doing much of the day to day maintenance himself. He has overseen all our recent church fabric inspections ('Quinquennials') and has been a constant source of support during building projects. Dudley moved away from Colton quite a few years ago but has remained totally committed to the village. He has now decided to begin to hand over the work to those of us in Colton although will always be available for advice (thank goodness!). We are extremely grateful to Dudley for all he has done to ensure that the Church remains in such excellent condition. We will be marking his departure in coming months; we will ensure the date is in Grapevine when it is arranged.

Liz Plater, Secretary to the PCC

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William Cobbett (Rural Rides, 1822-1826)

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Marlingford & Colton Parish Council

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Welcome to the Marlingford and Colton Parish Council section of Grapevine.

A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Improvements – consultation ends 8th April

The consultation for A47 improvements ends on 8th April. Members of the public are being urged to have their say; share their thoughts and anecdotes. To contribute towards the consultation go to <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme>.

Safer Neighbourhood Team, PC Stu Barnard

PC Stu Barnard, our Safer Neighbourhood Officer, attended the recent parish council meeting. He was pleased to report that crime levels in the parish are relatively low. He has been undertaking speed enforcement and will continue to do so to make the parish a safer place to live. It is highly recommended to wear hi-viz clothing when walking on our unlit, footpathless roads at night. PC Barnard can be contacted on stuart.barnard@norfolk.pnn.police.uk.

Community Defibrillator

Marlingford and Colton are lucky enough to have two community defibrillators; at The Bell, Marlingford and Colton Village Hall. Early use of a defibrillator on a person whose heart has stopped can greatly increase their chance of survival. The machines are housed in bright yellow casing and need a code to access them.



The code can be obtained in an emergency situation by dialling 999. The machines are designed to be used by anyone and talk through how to use them and if and when treatment should be given. Free training is available for those wanting to become more familiar with the machines and improve their first aid skills. To register your interest please contact the clerk on marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com.

Dog Waste bin

The parish council are in the process of purchasing an additional dog waste bin to be situated in Colton at the entrance to the footpath into the woods on Marlingford Road. It is hoped that this new bin will encourage dog owners to responsibly get rid of their dog waste.



Marlingford Conservation Area

A big thank you to the volunteers than have tidied up the hedge and verge bordering the conservation area on Mill Road. The area has also had a litter pick and is all ready for the spring!

Norfolk Show Traffic

In response to concerns about traffic during the Royal Norfolk Show, a meeting has been held with the RNAA and the Police. The response was very positive and the following measures have been agreed:

- Signage to make it clear two-way traffic can be expected
- Signage at the showground exit requesting drivers to drive with proper consideration
- “Think 30” signs in Marlingford
- Extra traffic policing
- Possibility of temporary cameras

We are grateful to Show Director James Hill and Force Traffic Management Officer Jack Askew for their ready co-operation in this matter.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th April at 7pm at Colton Village Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to attend the meeting of the Parish Council and speak during the Open Forum section

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Norfolk Wildlife in April



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Spring continues to gain momentum in April. In reedbeds through Broadland and along the coast the sonorous boom of the bittern may now be heard and overhead marsh harriers are yelping and tumbling in courtship.

By the end of the month oak flowers are out.

Perhaps the first leaves are unfurling too, almost always before ash leaves, belying the old adage. Coastal footpaths are heady with the scent of alexanders, whose flowers are visited by drone flies and other species of hoverfly. On balmy days the air may be thick with dangly-legged St Mark's flies. In a few grassland sites rare dingy and grizzled skippers are on the wing, while exquisite green hairstreaks are more widespread and are frequently seen around the coconut-scented flowers of European gorse.

It used to be the case that bluebells flowered at the start of May but after a mild winter they, and other ancient woodland wildflowers including wood anemone and wood sorrel, have sometimes almost finished flowering by the end of April. The sight of a male orange-tip over bluebells, the first of our butterflies to emerge from pupae in spring, is a sure sign that spring has sprung.

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Your Turn!

With so many events sadly cancelled, there's likely to be space to fill in next month's Grapevine. What would you like to see included in future editions? Please send us your ideas!



We'd also love you to send us positive items for inclusion around coping with isolation: poems, experiences, thoughts or ideas all welcome. The deadline for the next edition is **15th April** and we look forward to seeing them! **Please send your articles to Clare Howard, email: clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk.**

Marlingford Litter Pickers

We were once again out in force to take part in the annual South Norfolk District Councils annual litter pick. Eight villagers scoured the village and surrounding roads and between us we gathered 17 large bags of rubbish! Thanks to all who gave up their time for this very worthy activity.



We now stand a chance of winning £200 which will be put towards a village project.

Mary Wyndham

Marlingford Movies



We are sorry to disappoint our audiences, but as a consequence of COVID-19, our March screening was cancelled and our forthcoming April screening of “Downton Abbey” will also not be able to take place.

We will keep you informed of future developments.

Keith Saunders

Marlingford Village Hall Tuesday Talks

Due to the spread of the Coronavirus, Marlingford Village Hall Committee regret that all Talks for the foreseeable future at the Village Hall, will be postponed or cancelled. We will of course inform you when Talks can be resumed.



Easton Benefice Parishes

Church Calendar

April

Sunday 5th Palm Sunday,
Thursday 9th Maundy Thursday,
Friday 10th Good Friday,
Sunday 12th Easter Sunday
Sundays 19th and 26th

May

Sunday 3rd



A Prayer from Bishops Graham, Alan and Jonathan – Diocese of Norwich

God of compassion, have mercy upon this nation and our world in this time of fear and confusion: we bring before you those who are suffering and who tend to their needs; may those in isolation know your comfort and company and may neighbours show your love in works of care, kindness and prayer; we pray for the National Health Service and all engaged in scientific research and we pray too for those upon whose shoulders the yoke of leadership rests, that in their conversation and communication your still small voice may be heard; we ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit through the One who stretched out his hands to bless and to heal even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Events that changed the World

“And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed."

Kitty O'Meara



We don't know where this story came from, but it is a calm telling of a time of great change.

Mother Julian of Norwich lived through anxious times with plagues and uprisings. In her anchorite self isolation, whilst still hearing the bustle of the street outside, she had a vision of God speaking to her.

"He did not say, 'You shall never have a rough passage, you will never be over-strained, you will never feel diseased', but he did say, 'You will never be overcome'."

We live in anxious times and we are conscious that many long to hear God say in our own day, *"You will never be overcome"*.

We will not be able to hold church services of public worship until further notice. But our churches will be open as usual for private visits. We are working out ways of using technology to join together for prayer and worship and encouraging people to reflect and pray at home. Watch out for notices at churches and in our villages.

Meanwhile there is always the BBC on Sundays:

Radio 4	8.10am	Sunday Worship
Radio 3	3.00pm	Choral Evensong
BBC1	1.15pm	Songs of Praise

Please contact any of us to help you, or find someone who can:

Rev. Laura, Rev. Penny and the Churchwardens
(see inside cover for contact details)

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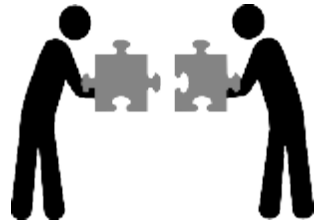
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Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.

Coronavirus

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a rapidly evolving global situation and is affecting everyday life in the Easton community. The Parish Council provides a key communication link between the community and South Norfolk and the County Councils. We can support communities by monitoring the local situation, detail the skills and resources available within a community and link local resources to people who can offer help to parishioners who are at risk, in a co-ordinated way, plus work with partner agencies to report any problems.

Thanks to the work that Wendy Parsk has done previously to create The Easton Community Emergency Plan, it will now be activated as the situation with Coronavirus escalates. This plan links volunteers able to offer their time with the resources needed to offer help to those who are at risk and without the support of other friends and family. For example, general assistance could take the form of shopping, collecting medicines or walking a dog for a person who is at risk, having to self-isolate and living alone.



For the plan to work we need up-to-date lists of:

- volunteers and the services they can offer.
- the resources that can be made available, for example spare household items that have become scarce and cannot be easily purchased, or the loan of essential kitchen equipment to replace items that might have developed a fault.
- contact details of those who would consider themselves to be at risk and want to be included on the register.

Either myself, as co-ordinator, or the following deputies based in the Village, can be contacted if you would like to be added to this database

and we can be available to provide the first point of contact for assistance should you need information or help:

Mike & Bernice Jobling **Tel 07904 975676**
email: mike.jobling@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Wendy & Sterling Parsk **Tel 07900 924921**
(contact only from 30th March onwards due to existing commitments)

For those of you who have access to the Internet, the administrators of the Easton Matters Facebook page have now produced an Easton Support Network page through which people can also offer or ask for help.

What are the District and County Councils doing about Coronavirus?

They have created the Norfolk Resilience Forum (NRF) on emergency planning. Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Councils' Emergency Planners are working with multi-agency partners (including The Emergency Services, Public Health England, Norfolk County Council and all Norfolk District Councils) via the Norfolk Resilience Forum to plan and prepare for the possible impacts of Coronavirus. Business Continuity Plans ensure that key services can carry on when an emergency happens. Details can be found on Coronavirus on their websites.

A47 North Tuddenham / Easton dualling and improvements

Highways England met with Easton residents at a public consultation session at Easton Village Hall on Wednesday 4th March 2020. Details of the proposed road layout can be seen on the Easton Council website and on the internal noticeboard of Easton Village Hall. It is more than disappointing that there are no current plans for a pedestrian/cycle underpass to be built under the A47 linking Lower Easton to the rest of the Village. This needs to be put in place of the western roundabout which will be removed as part of the scheme. The Parish Council will oppose this omission and if you agree then please complete one of the consultation response forms provided on the day and return to Highways England by Wednesday 8th April. Please contact me if you require a form to complete.

Continued.../

Norfolk County Council will be running a public consultation to get people's views on proposals for local roads that cross the Norwich Western Link and the most effective support for walking, cycling and public transport use in the area to the west of Norwich. As soon as the timing and location of this event is known it will be communicated through Grapevine and the Parish Council website.

Allotments

Please note that plot fees are due before the 31st March 2020 for the coming year. Both the fee and the signed document are needed before the deadline or else the plot will be made available for others to take on from the beginning of April.



Council meetings

Easton Parish Council meets on the first Monday of every month - The next meeting will be held on Mon 6th April at 7.30pm in Easton Village Hall. We have vacancies for two councillors. If you are interested in becoming a councillor please get in touch with myself or the Chairman, Peter Milliken. Details on Council activities can be found on the website and full training is provided.

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Local Nuggets: Colton

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Wm Lynn and James Royall, farmers



Are any of your ancestors on this list, or involved in these trades?

Easton Good Companions

Thursday 20th February: Ivy M received many birthday cards for her birthday on the 3rd March when she will be 99 years old. The club had arranged for her to have a special iced birthday cake which she shared with members together with an assortment of small cakes which Anne D also made. Ivy thanked everyone for her cards and went on to say that she had been a member for twenty years plus, she joined the club when she moved to Easton where she lived for 16 years and continued to attend when she moved to Norwich five years ago. It is a lovely Club, she said, always so friendly and which she much enjoys. Members then had a Beetle Drive and a Bring and Buy towards Club funds.



Thursday 5th March: Today we had a very interesting talk about the Hillside Animal Sanctuary by Mandy. The animals they help vary from rabbits to cows and horses. They never turn an animal away and have helped some really abused animals. She talked about some very sad cases and how now they are well and happy.

Brenda B gave out the information about the forthcoming outings and we finished the meeting with refreshments.

Future Outings

April 22nd Moulton St Mary.

July 16th Goodeston Water Gardens

Sept 10th Show at Hunstanton

For more information about the outings please ring **Brenda Bell 01603 744412**

If you would like any information about the Club please just give me a ring.

Jean 01603 880422

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- ★ Out of Africa
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- ★ Cool Hand
Luke
- ★ Titanic
- ★ A Star is Born
- ★ All About Eve
- ★ Wizard of Oz
- ★ Mary Poppins
- ★ Goldfinger

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(Answers can go up, down, sideways backwards or diagonally!)

EASTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sadly, we are really sorry to have to cancel all the meetings and events we were planning and hope that normal service will be resumed before too long.

I hope that all our members, friends and people who are reading this, stay healthy and the virus that is threatening us all at the moment soon begins to abate and we can all get back to normal!

Mary Blathwayt

Easton Village Hall

Due to the Government advice, our Pop-In and Community Lunch has been cancelled until further notice. All the team hope it won't be for too long! Take care,

Anne

South Norfolk Community Awards 2020

Do you know a special person or support group who makes a difference in their community?



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St Peter's CoE Primary Academy

The Friends of St Peter's CoE Primary Academy Committee have elected a new Chairperson (Clair Jones) and Vice-Chair (Clare Chisholm), both Easton residents. We urgently need to find a new treasurer to join the committee. There is good support available if you are able to consider taking this role on, or know someone else who may be able to volunteer. As we are a new and small committee currently, we will be running a small number of fun events, so it is a good time to get involved!



We would also like to hear from anyone who feels they could help us in any way, as either a volunteer or a committee member. There will be a wide range of tasks to be involved in, large and small.

Please email us at friendsofspcoepa@hotmail.com, or message us via our Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

Clair Jones

Easton Crafters

In the previous issue I told you that we donated this year's money raised to a young girl called Sophie who sadly has a life-limiting illness. We have had a lovely thank you card from Sophie expressing her appreciation for the money raised from this year's crafting.

"To all at Easton Crafters, a massive thank you to you all for raising money for me, I am blown away by your kindness and for thinking of me. It means the world that you are all so supportive of me and my family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, I will never forget all that you have done for me. Love Sophie"

Sophie and her Mum recently had a trip to the O2 to see Sophie's favourite band '1975', not only did they get to watch the band perform but were invited backstage to meet the band members.

The thanks are not only limited to the craft club members but extended to all of you who have supported us and helped us to raise money over the course of the year. THANK YOU!

Janice Barnston

Where's the Diary at a Glance?

As so many cancellations and changes are happening at the moment, the diary is not being published this month. Contact details for all venues are on pages 2 and 32 - please get in touch with them directly if you need for a current update on events and activities.

Have a Go!

The deadline for May's edition of Grapevine is 15th April. If you'd like to submit an article, don't worry about spelling, grammar or layout, your contribution will be welcomed - just have a go! Email the editor, Clare Howard, on clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk if you would like more information.

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