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# **The Grapevine**

your community news

Colton, Easton  
& Marlingford

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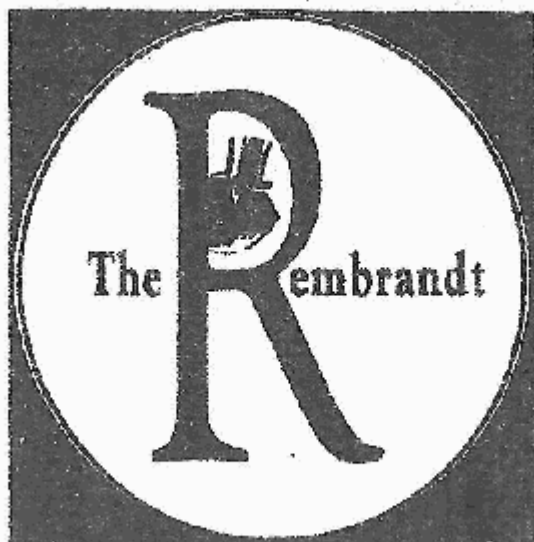
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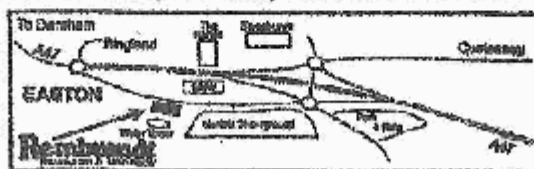


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# The Rambling Vine

**D**espite the many positives that have come out of this pandemic – a realisation of what is important, time to reflect and ponder, a focus on the importance of family and friends, communities coming together to support the vulnerable, it cannot be denied that Covid-19 has had a devastating financial impact on many businesses, charities and individuals.

Our local Benefice of Churches are run (contrary to popular belief) entirely by donations from the public and by fundraising, and therefore has also felt the impact.

Two intrepid parishioners, Liz Plater and Rev Penny Goodman, decided to raise some awareness of this and (also hopefully some money!) by each taking on a 10 mile challenge. Rev Penny walked ten miles around the Churches in her local area and Liz ran her ten miles from Colton Church to Easton Church, then down to Marlingford Church and then to Bawburgh Church before running back to St Peter's School, Easton to finish. It was a hot day but it did not put them off and they both completed their courses.

Liz and Penny would love their efforts not to be in vain. If you would like to show some appreciation of what they have done and are in a position to do so, then please do make a donation to one of the Churches in the Benefice, which can be done by





visiting the Diocese of Norwich website and clicking on the little 'Donate' tab at the top of the page or using / typing in this link: <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/donate/> We would be grateful for anything you can give. (See page 23 for the participants story!)

As incumbent and Churchwardens we have taken the sad decision to not reopen our Churches for public worship at present. We have read all the guidance and looked at what it would mean for our congregations and the impact on our fellowship and worship. We decided at present that without singing, limited numbers allowed within our buildings due to size and social distancing, no socialising and now this week a 'strong recommendation' to wear a mask during the service, that 'Church' would not be anything like what we are used to and love about meeting together. This will be reviewed at the end of August.

Our Churches are however open for private prayer as mentioned last month. Even when we do resume public worship, it is likely that we will continue with the weekly emails offering a home service of worship and reflection and we will also continue with a weekly service on Zoom. We currently have a 10am Sunday service of worship on Zoom to which anyone is welcome. Please do email me for more details.

*Rev Laura Montgomery.*

## Churches Open for Private Prayer



### **Bawburgh**

Thursdays 9am - 5pm

### **Marlingford**

Fridays 9am - 5pm

### **Easton**

Saturdays 9am - 5pm

# Marlingford & Colton Parish Council

[www.marlingfordandcoltonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.marlingfordandcoltonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)

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

## Coronavirus Support and Information

South Norfolk's Help Hub (HH) will continue to offer help and support to residents. They are able to support those that are in need of essential items, including medication as well offering financial and business support. At the time of writing they can be contacted on 01508 533933, Monday to Friday 08:15 - 17:00. Additionally, they can be contacted Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 16:00 for assistance with essential items

## Dog Waste Bin, Colton

The parish council are in the final stages of installing an additional dog waste bin in Colton. The bin will be positioned inside the track which goes to Colton Woods on the Marlingford Road. Once installed the bin will be emptied twice a week by South Norfolk Council. This bin is in addition to the two already located in Colton with another two in Marlingford.



## Play Areas

Following the ongoing relaxation of lockdown, Play Areas are welcoming users. However it is important to still respect social distancing and be aware that users do so at their own risk. Hand sanitizers should be used before and after using the equipment.

## Bus service update

Following on from a consultation in February and March this year, below is an update following a re-procurement of a number of bus services that are operated under contract to Norfolk County Council.

New contracts started on July 26<sup>th</sup>



<b>Nortax minibus: Colton, Marlingford and Easton to Longwater</b>	Service revised and merged with other taxibus services in the area.  Marlingford area provision changed to 4 days a week to Longwater Retail Park, with potential for onward connections to Norwich on 2 days.
<b>Semence 15: Shipdham-Norwich. Wednesdays only</b>	Service withdrawn due to low usage.  Replacement provision for some villages offered on taxibus to Longwater where passengers can make onward connections to Norwich 2 days a week.

Any decisions around service provision have been based on past usage (pre Covid 19) and current budgets. The current Covid 19 situation may influence what timetables are operated in the coming months and may not be the full timetable in some cases, please check individual operator's websites for up to date service information.

The parish council are very disappointed with the changes that have been made and were not made aware of the consultation. Our concerns have been raised with Norfolk County Council and we are awaiting a satisfactory response.

## **Marlingford Amenity Area meadow and woodland**

Marlingford Amenity Area is a lovely place to spend time either taking a stroll or having a picnic.

The parish council arranges the cutting of the paths around the meadow and annual meadow cut. However it has been a team of volunteers led by Councillor Dr Paul Hammerton who have helped the upkeep and preservation of the conservation area. This job is both important for the maintenance of the area but also rewarding for those involved.

If you are would like to volunteer or would like more information please contact Paul [paul.hammertonpc@gmail.com](mailto:paul.hammertonpc@gmail.com)

## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, venue to be confirmed. Members of the public who would like to contribute are asked to contact the Clerk by 12 noon on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

*Maria Hutson,*  
*Clerk to Marlingford and Colton Parish Council,*  
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*email: marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com*  
*website: marlingfordandcoltonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk*



## **Marlingford Church 50 Club**

Thanks to all who have continued to support the Church by subscribing to the 50 Club. After delays during this time of lockdown, here are the results of the draws for the first two quarters of this year:

### **Quarter ending March**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£50	No. 14	Bernard Kent
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£35	No. 24	Hilary Barrett
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£25	No. 40	Tim Colman

### **Quarter ending June**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£50	No. 41	Robert Foster
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£35	No. 11	Christine Kent
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£25	No. 6	Kate Broom

## **Marlingford Village Hall Improvement Scheme**

The building work has started. Thanks to a generous grant from South Norfolk District Council made in the new year, money that has been gathered through fund raising and rent and a Government grant due to the Coronavirus, the Committee has been able to make a start on the plans to upgrade the Hall.

New lighting has been installed inside and out and the builders are due to start work towards the end of August to improve access for wheelchair users and to make working in the kitchen easier, plus new windows.

Unfortunately due to the current restrictions and social distancing measures the groups which meet each week, the monthly talks and films are still unable to take place but they will all return as soon as possible and with a better Hall!

With very best wishes,

*The Marlingford Village Hall Committee.*

# ‘Memories of Marlingford’

## letters and memories of the last century

collected by Joyce Smith (*an extract*)

Joyce has given me permission to copy a piece written by Ella Poyntz, who lived in the cottage where I live now. This first appeared in the Church Magazine in 1992.



**Ella:**

“

*It hardly seems possible to believe that I shall have the good fortune to celebrate my one hundredth birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> February.*

*Of course life has changed a great deal since I was born in Marlingford in Queen Victoria's reign. Practically everybody went to church and the Sunday School outing was the only outing of the year so attendance was very high as this important day approached. If a car splashed through the river it was so exciting all the children would rush to watch. There were carts with delivery rounds for groceries but most household articles were brought by the Carrier from Norwich to Colton and had to be collected on foot.*

*We were quite happy to walk to Barnham Broom and back for a harvest supper and on Midsummer's Eve we would tempt the ghosts on the Beech Tree crossroads. On Valentine's Day we went round the houses to collect our orange or a coin – it was rather like the American 'trick and treat'.*

*Electricity, which was put in during the fifties, really changed our lives, but, sad to say, people moved in and out of the village so quickly and were bound up with their own lives, you no longer knew everybody in Marlingford.*

*I had very good neighbours and friends who supported me all the time they lived in Marlingford, but now, apart from Mr and Mrs Rix, all my old friends like Mr and Mrs Brand, who ran the Post Office, Mrs Lewin, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Morgan, the headmistress, have already gone to their Maker.*

*Life has not been easy for me, particularly during the two World Wars, and my biggest sadness was bearing a daughter who had spina bifida. After caring all my life for my disabled brother, without my faith I could never have coped. I have had, and still gain, pleasure from my life, particularly gardens, children and animals and am certainly going to enjoy my glass of champagne on my birthday.*

*Ella Poyntz celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Clarence House Nursing Home, Mundesley.*

*Revealing her secret for long life:*

*“I have never smoked and never drank, but I do eat one onion every day”.*

If you would like to buy a copy of ‘Memories of Marlingford’, seventy pages of articles, press cuttings and photos (cost £5), please contact Joyce Smith on 01603 880783.

*Felicity Maton*

## **Save the Date: Flu Clinics 2020**

### **Roundwell Medical Centre**

- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020

*More details to follow*



## Police Warn About Cannabis Sweets

Police are warning that children and young people could be targeted to buy packets of sweets suspected to contain cannabis.

Counterfeit packets of sweets packaged to look like Nerds Rope but which state they contain cannabis and a high amount of THC have been found circulating in Norfolk.

The Safer Schools Team have made schools in Norfolk aware after bags of the sweets were being sold for £12.

Sgt Daniel Edwards said:

*“Although they initially look like normal ‘Nerds’ sweets we believe they are likely to contain cannabis, which is listed as an ingredient. We are currently having the sweets forensically tested for confirmation but would like the public to be aware and vigilant. We know that they are being offered to children in Norfolk, particularly in the King’s Lynn and Breckland areas.”*



**Anyone with information should contact Sgt Daniel Edwards on 101.**

## Your Grapevine

This issue of Grapevine covers August and September, the next will be out on 1<sup>st</sup> October. We really hope that by then Grapevine will be able to land on your doorsteps again, but who can tell?

Don't forget us over the summer! Write and tell us what you have been up to and what you are looking forward to as we move into autumn (isn't that hard to think about?).

Our next **deadline for copy will be 15<sup>th</sup> September**, so please let me know your news, chat and events before then. Wishing you health and a lovely summer.

**Clare Howard, Grapevine Editor,**  
email: [clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk](mailto:clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk)





# The Norfolk Churches Trust

## Bike Ride and Walk

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

[www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride)

Here is a message from the Norfolk Churches Trust to those who would like to take part and are seeking sponsorship:



The webpage (*link above*) will be updated with any new information. In the meantime we suggest:

Take your own pen and don't worry if there is no register

You may find some of the churches are not open but there may be paperwork left outside.

Fewer churches may have people to welcome you

Sign your own sponsor forms if no one is available

We suggest you take a photo to show where you have visited and please send us any good pictures. You might win a prize!

For further advice on visiting churches during Covid-19 restrictions please visit the following websites

The Diocese of Norwich,

The Catholic Diocese of East Anglia

The Methodist Circuit in East Anglia

The Eastern Baptist Association

The United Reformed Church

The Quakers

**Have a great day! We thank you for your understanding.**

# Easton Parish Council

[www.eastonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.eastonparishcouncil.co.uk)

*Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.*

## **The Easton Community Emergency Plan**

The Plan is still available and operating through South Norfolk Council's Help Hub with the promise that the number **01508 533933** will be active for the foreseeable future during this "dormant" time.

The helper system will be left in place in case of a second wave of the virus hits later in the year, and the possible need to reintroduce lockdown or other measures.

As before, the Help Hub will take all calls for help coming in and reroute low dependency calls for assistance through to the parish emergency phone for basic help to those who are living alone, or without the support of friends and family. Help can take the form of shopping, collecting medicines, posting letters or even walking a dog, for people who are at risk and wish to limit their journeys outside, at this time.



## **Persimmon Homes planning application 2020/0962 – 890 dwellings**

This crucial planning application is going through the stage of reserved matters – i.e. potential changes made to the Scheme by Persimmon to clarify and provide detailed requirements.

Members of the Council discussed the application and a report presented to them by the Chairman, which detailed a number of major concerns that should be addressed before the Council can give its approval for the scheme to proceed. The Council resolved that it was unable to support the application on the basis of a failure to comply with a number of key planning

policies that are fundamental to meet the objectives of the Easton Neighbourhood Plan.

The report was a major undertaking but has been received with enthusiasm by the Lead Local Flood Agency and others with the District Council's Planning Department for the contribution it makes to improve the feasibility and quality of design for the development.

The report can be found on the Parish Council website. It is a recommended read for all Easton's residents – decisions made now will impact the Village for years and decades to come.

## **Playgrounds**

Playgrounds and play equipment are open again. Together with the allotments, the Parish Council will keep these services and amenities open subject to further government pronouncements.



## **Dog waste and bins**

The Gym Club have had a hard time not being able to open and some people seem intent on making things worse for them using their bins for dog waste. To anyone thinking about doing this as they pass by, please don't!

This plea to common sense has been made before so if you see anyone doing this please let us know. To quote an email received very recently *"During lockdown we moved the bins inside out of sight, but still more dog bags have been put in the bin. This means that they are also trespassing! We have cancelled our bin collection until we are allowed to open, so the bags are festering and smelling in the bins nobody wants to deal with this because of the health hazard"*.

## **Council meetings**

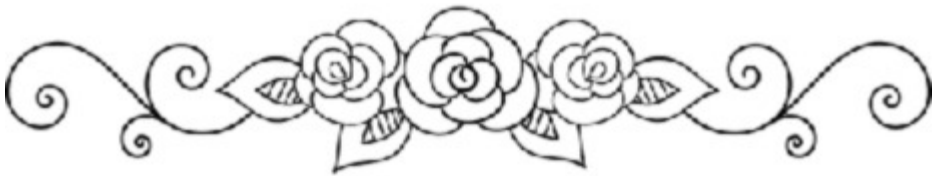
Easton Parish Council will now be holding virtual meetings on the first Monday of every month online via Zoom - next

meetings are due to be held on Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> August and 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

If the September meeting can be held in the Village Hall this will be notified on the parish facebook page and website. For a Zoom meeting, please see the parish council website to obtain details for signing up before 3pm on the meeting day. If you would like to log in to view or participate, a passcode will then be sent out.

Take care and be safe during the holiday season.

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## **Easton Good Companions**

Hope everybody's keeping well and not getting to fed up in being still home bound. Quite a few of us meet up when we go on a walk around the village having a chat from one side of the road to the other.

The committee are having a meeting this month so any news from that will be in the next magazine. Of course, if it's something you should know we will contact you.

Some of the Club and Committee members surprised Rita and sang Happy Birthday outside her front door to celebrate her 90th Birthday. Because we couldn't give her the usual party we had a cream tea sent to her from Marks and Spencer's.

All keep well!

*Jean Ditton*

# Easton Women's Institute

Easton WI is still in suspended animation!

There are now moves to talk about re-opening and we have had advice from the Norfolk Federation of WIs as well as the National Federation. Six members of our committee have now had two outdoor, socially distanced meetings to discuss the situation and are currently consulting our members about how they feel about when our monthly meetings should resume. It is very clear that this cannot happen before October and may well be later than that.

In order to re-open we should need to wear masks, stay at least one meter apart and not have refreshments at the end of the meeting.

Apparently, we are also not allowed to sing, which quite honestly in my case, is not all bad!! Having equipped ourselves with PPE in case anyone becomes ill at a meeting and hand sanitiser to prevent anyone catching the virus at a meeting and wiping everything down before and after the meeting we shall all be nervous wrecks, but if that what it takes to enable us to meet again we shall have to comply.



I have had the idea that we really need to compile some kind of record of our lockdown experiences, both negative and positive. It might prove interesting to future generations and could be quite fun to do. Our whole way of life has had to change radically in a very short time and it has amazed me how easy some things have been to do and how hard others are. I often wonder how many of our new habits will remain and how many we shall be glad to abandon.

Personally, I am quite content to spend less time in the supermarket, in fact I haven't set foot in one since March but I have discovered the attractions of farm shops and home deliveries from Sainsbury's.

My back-garden looks better than it has done for years and I have enjoyed spending more time at home than I used to. I have also spent far too much money on-line and hardly used any actual cash at all.

Zoom has enabled us to see our sons and their families in London every Sunday and I feel I know more about their London lives than I did before. It has been hard not to hug my grandchildren but we did get treated to a close-up view on screen of the gap that my five-year-old grandson's two wobbly teeth fell out of. I could have done without that to be honest.

Hopefully by the time the next edition of the Grapevine comes out in October, Easton WI may at least have a plan to meet again.

*Mary Blathwayt*

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In drooping leaves of the plane  
Hangs blue the early heat;  
Stirless, a delicate shade  
Sleeps on the parching street.

I wander this listless morning  
By the banks of the dazzling river;  
On the hot stones lean, where toward me  
Lights from the water quiver.

And clasping hands upon eyes,  
I plunge my thought in a dream  
Of days when the sharp air stung  
And the ice crushed cold in the stream;

Vainly! on body and mind  
Has the tyrant sun his will:  
And to me, on the hot stone leaning,  
The city is faint and still,

Is faint as listening sands,  
Where, awed by the heavy calm  
Of the desert heaven, listens,  
For ever alone, the palm.

Robert Laurence Binnyon

# Energetic fundraising for the Easton Benefice

For many years an important date in the Diocesan Calendar was the annual ArchDeacon's Charge where hundreds walked and ran around large Norfolk estates, such as Sandringham and Salle, to raise money for the East Anglican Air Ambulance and local churches. No Charge had been planned for this year but, never to be discouraged, Penny, our Associate Priest, decided a local Charge would be a great way to raise some money for the Easton Benefice. With lockdown, all Churches are suffering from reduced incomes and yet there are still many bills to pay.

So, on 23 July, Penny with her grandchildren Molly and George set off early to walk 10 miles through many beautiful villages visiting five churches near her home area around Aylsham.

Second and third breakfasts were eaten to keep the troops on the move and photos were sent as they ticked off the churches.



Meanwhile back in the Easton Benefice I set off from St Andrew's Colton, where Tony had put up bunting to mark the starting point of my 10 mile run. The bunting and Tony followed me to each of the other three churches with parishioners waving me on with flags and greeting me at St Peter's, St Mary's and St Walston's before the long pull up the hill from Bawburgh to Easton past Easton and Otley College and finally finishing at St Peter's School. It was a tiring two hours but made such fun by the support I received.

Thank you very much to all those who have already donated to the Benefice. If anyone else would like to, please go to The Diocese of Norwich's home page where there is a 'Donate' link at the top. Please give to Easton Benefice

*Liz Plater*

# Norfolk Wildlife: August

It's always a surprise in August, when summer still feels as if it's barely beginning, to find that northern-breeding waders and seabirds are already heading south after their nesting season. In August there are noisy green sandpipers on every scrape and in every ditch, while around the Wash high tides may bring spectacular flocks – numbering tens of thousands – of knot and other waders to shore.

But it is to the insects that August really belongs. Now every patch of short grass is loud with the chirps of field grasshoppers, patches of lank grass are full of the whine of Roesel's bush-crickets, and in tangles of brambles sound the quiet chirrups of dark bush-crickets. Also chirping now, though less audibly, are plenty of bats. An evening walk with a bat detector on a still night at this time of year is likely to prove successful. Large, fast-flying noctule bats are commonly seen near woods in the last half hour before dusk. After dark, soprano and common pipistrelles are common and low over water it is possible to see Daubenton's bat flying in straight, purposeful lines. Also after dark, August is a great time of year for running a moth trap and hoping to record a rare migrant species from the continent.

During the day insects are sometimes much in evidence too. At this time of year swarms of second-generation seven-spot ladybirds may occur and in some years large influxes of painted lady butterflies are seen.

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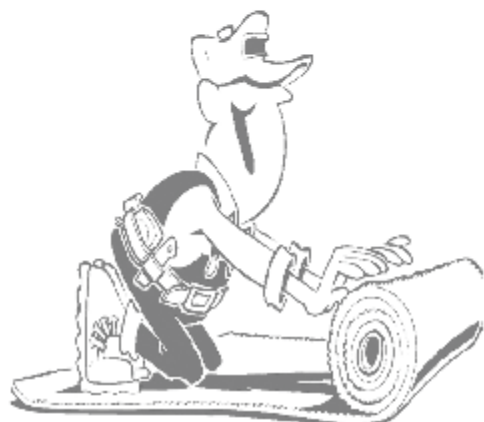
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