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online edition

## The Grapevine

your community news

Colton, Easton & Marlingford

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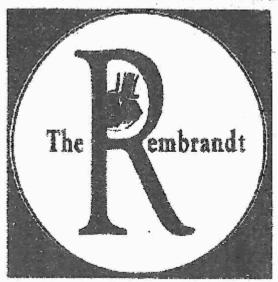
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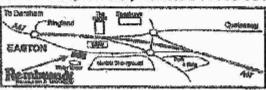


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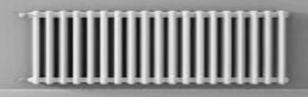
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## The Rambling Vine

As I write we are nearing the end of October. The nights are definitely drawing in and it was a very gloomy walk to school this morning. Given the situation in our country and across the world right now it could be easy to lose hope and give in to despair.

In our cultural calendar we have a couple of events coming up – Halloween and Bonfire Night – that are usually a tonic for families as we approach the dark days of Autumn and Winter. This year however, there is obviously a lot of discussion around how these events can now be made "Covid-safe". If you typically celebrate these events with your family then I hope you have managed to find a way to enjoy them despite that challenge!

As a Church we also are looking towards some major events and again our thinking has very much been on the same lines

of safety. Firstly our annual service of Remembrance which will take place in Bawburgh this year. This will be taking place outdoors within the graveyard, whatever the weather, and will be focused on the war memorial. There is a number limit of thirty people and different household groups or 'bubbles' must socially distance within the graveyard. Afterwards, those who wish to can come inside the church for a service of Holy Communion.



Then of course the 'Big One': Christmas. We are usually putting together our benefice-wide plan of Christingles, Carol services and Crib services about now. This year, however, it has become increasingly obvious we cannot plan as we would usually. Due to the vast number of people who attend these services throughout our communities we simply could not put

on enough socially distanced services to cater for all who usually attend. Therefore we are hoping to do things a little bit differently.

We are planning an online Community Carol Service and an online DIY Christingle both of which we hope to broadcast on YouTube. The idea being that you can join in, watch and *sing* from the comfort of your own home – either when it 'premieres' or at another time convenient to you. You might like to gather with your 'bubble' or household with a glass of something and watch it together. This is a new venture for us – we have just got our heads around Zoom services, but YouTube is another step on in this new increasingly online world (pray for us!). We are hoping to have some familiar faces for young and old alike involved and will have more details in the Christmas edition of the Grapevine.

In addition to this we are still having Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Holy Communion Services. Given the fact we cannot sing carols as we would usually, these are likely to be quiet reflective services with some carols to listen to. Places for these will be on a first come first served basis until we reach capacity. This, of course, is subject to change depending on how government regulations stand in December.

The Church of England's focus for the Advent season this year is 'Comfort and Joy'. Our aim is to embrace the new whilst still offering that age old message of hope that the coming of Jesus brings. And in doing so, we very much hope we will bring some 'Comfort and Joy' to you all this Christmas season.

Rev Laura Montgomery

For details of Services and open Churches please see page 10

### **Sunday Services**

10am \* Benefice Communion, Colton Church6pm Zoom Agape Service.

\* Apart from Sunday 8th November

10.45am **Remembrance** at the war memorial

in Bawburgh churchyard, followed by

Benefice Communion in the

church.

#### **Churches Open for Private Prayer**

Bawburgh: Thursdays 9am - 3pm (apart from

5<sup>th</sup> November, which will be replaced

by Wednesday 4th)

**Marlingford:** Fridays 9am - 3pm

Easton: Saturdays 9am - 3pm (apart from

7<sup>th</sup> November, which will be replaced

by Friday 6th)

"Some of the days in November carry the whole memory of summer as a fire opal carries the color of moon rise." Gladys Taber



## The Grapevine: Your Community Newsletter

During this time of Covid-19 the Grapevine has continued to be issued each month, not printed but in digital format. The government rules prevent our wonderful volunteers who usually print, collate and staple from gathering together, so it has been emailed to those who gave their email address to us, and the Parish Councils have put it on their websites.

In order to reach **every** home in Easton, Colton and Marlingford we have decided to have the December/January issue professionally printed. We thank, in advance, those who will be delivering around the villages.

Contact Details: For this special edition, which includes Christmas and New Year, we ask for an update of contact details for all our village clubs and societies. Please send details to our Editor, Clare Howard, clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk by 15th November.

Donations: We want to keep our local News Magazine going for all our neighbours and your donations in support of this are greatly valued. We are not sending round envelopes this year but would welcome donations to The Grapevine bank account:

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Articles: This is YOUR newsletter, and anyone can send in an article, news, views, chats to clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk. Many thanks to everyone who has submitted articles for this month. The next deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Best wishes to all our readers, The Grapevine Committee

## Marlingford & Colton Parish Council

www.marlingfordandcoltonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

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

#### **Coronavirus Support and Information**

If you are in need of support or cannot access essential items, or need to speak to someone immediately regarding Covid-19, please call 01508 533933.

If you are a resident and need financial support please call 01508 533933, Monday to Friday 08:15 - 17:00.

#### **City of Norwich Half Marathon**

Following the postponement of the MHA Larking Gowen City of Norwich Half Marathon in April 2020, new dates have been announced.

The organizing committee have rescheduled the 2020 half marathon to Sunday 11 April 2021, the originally planned date of the 2021 half marathon. The 2021 half marathon will now take place on Sunday 31 October 2021.

Further details on these races including road closures and timings will follow in the spring.

#### **Parish Budgets**

It is coming to that time of the year when the Parish Council consider their budgets for the forthcoming year. Parish councils receive a Precept from the district council, South Norfolk District Council. The precept is determined by the Parish Council and forms an element of your council tax bill.



Marlingford and Colton Parish Council are responsible for the maintenance of the amenity areas in both villages, paying for the emptying of dog waste bins and also contribute towards the grass cutting of the parish churches. The parish council have also:

- purchased SAM 2 machines for monitoring speeding motorists,
- support the ongoing costs of consumables for the 2 defibrillators
- and recently purchased an additional dog waste bin.

In setting the budget for next year the Parish Council will be considering what the priorities for the community are. Please let us know if you have any suggestions on how you believe the money should be spent within the parish, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please either contact one of the councilors or contact the Clerk, Maria, on the details below.

#### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm virtually via Zoom.

Members of the public who would like to attend can do so using the link or meeting ID and passcode below.

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77120236419?pwd=WnBUbHdnbIR

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Maria Hutson,
Clerk to Marlingford and Colton Parish Council,
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#### Colton (CEN319):

17:00–17:20 Ex Post Office 4-weekly on a Wednesday:

7<sup>th</sup> October 2<sup>nd</sup> December

4<sup>th</sup> November 30<sup>th</sup> December

#### Marlingford (CEN317)

14:10–14:25 Cotton Rd (near Home Farm)

14:30 - 14:45 Mill Rd

4-weekly on a Wednesday:

28<sup>th</sup> October 23<sup>rd</sup> December 25<sup>th</sup> November 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021

#### Easton (CEN419)

10:45-11:00 Parkers Close

11:05-11:25 Marlingford Rd

11:30-11:50 Marlingford Close

11:55-12:10 Kennedy Close

12:15-12:45 St Peters Drive

4-weekly on a Thursday:

29th October 26th November 24th December 21st January 2021

#### We hope to see you soon!

www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

### **Easton Good Companions**

As we have been unable to have our meetings for most of this year, we have kept in touch with our members by sending out a newsletter from time to time.

Some of our members are involved in the Knitters & Stitchers Organisation and because of the shutdown we are knitting squares which we make up to small blankets for Vets and care homes or for dogs and cats etc. It has been good and at least we can keep busy. We are now able to get our knitting to the Organisation but we will still continue knit the blankets.

A good tip for steamed up glasses when you wear a mask:
- Rub the lens with a very small drip of fairy liquid only (not diluted with water) then wipe with a clean tissue until all smears are gone. This will now keep your glasses from misting up.

It was Gwen's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and as we were unable to celebrate at club, a cream tea was sent to her and a few members sang 'Happy Birthday' to her in her garden, keeping to social distancing restrictions.

We hope our members are keeping well and look forward to when our club can meet again. At the moment we are setting our sights on 2021 but realise with changing conditions it may not be possible till well into the year. However we will keep positive and trust by then there will be less restrictions for everyone.

Q: How does an elephant get out of a tree?

A: Sits on a leaf and waits for autumn!

## **Easton Parish Council**

#### www.eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.

#### The Emergency Plan

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and the Easton Community Emergency Plan is there ready to be used, operating through South Norfolk Council's Help Hub's contact telephone number **01508 533933**. Please do use the parish website as a resource, as there will useful information posted up relating to new government guidance and any changes affecting parishioners.

At a South Norfolk and Broadland (SNAB) Community Links meeting on 25th September it was reported that a new system had been implemented to provide support for residents who have tested positive for COVID-19, or are required to self-isolate.

The centralised Track and Trace teams will be referring cases that they have not been able to contact directly, to the district authorities for doorstep checks by one of their representatives. A doorstep check will be undertaken to make the resident aware of how long they are required to isolate for, and what assistance is available locally. In the first instance those residents would be given the Community Help Hub number to make requests for help. These requests could be handed over to the Emergency Planning Groups in the resident's local area for shopping and other basic level support. When referring the resident to the local group, the Help Hub will be made clear whether they had received a positive test or were isolating as a precaution.

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

Persimmon are looking to resubmit plans which would go to SNC's planning committee in Jan/Feb 2021. It is hoped that

there will be support for the ban on shared roads proposed in the scheme, with planning officers taking into account the Equalities Act 2010 when considering the application.

#### **Council meetings**

For the foreseeable future, Easton Parish Council will be holding virtual meetings on the first Monday of every month online via Zoom. The next meetings will be on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>, both at 7.30pm.

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. Please contact the Council if you need any further help with this.

Francis Woodcock, Easton Parish Clerk Flat 2 Kimberley Hall, Barnham Broom Road, Wymondham Email: clerk@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk Telephone: 07879 379181

#### **Autumn Leaves**

Do you know how leaves change their colour in the autumn? They contain substances that convert light into food for the tree. These substances are different colours (pigments): chlorophyll is green, carotenes are yellow and anthocyanins are shades of red.

Depending on the weather conditions, the colour and intensity of the leaves changes. The cold nights reduce chlorophyll and yellow carotenes start to dominate. However, if the weather is cold and dry but not freezing, anthocyanin levels rise and the red shades increase - particularly if it is also bright and sunny.

Most trees shed their leaves in the autumn so that they can grow new healthy ones in the spring. The old leaves will have been damaged over the summer and they would be damaged more in the winter as the water they contain would freeze and expand, bursting the cells. Dropping the leaves also makes the tree less likely to be blown around and damaged by the winter storms.

#### **Easton Women's Institute**

It is very difficult to know what to say this month. All the hopes we had for Easton WI getting back to a more normal life have gone and we are back to something a bit like it was in lockdown. It is with great regret that we have had to cancel our speakers for November and December and a big question mark is hovering over what happens after that.

The WI County Federation are trying to provide talks for members that can be accessed online and all our members should have received details of these from me. That leaves our members without any access to the internet with very little contact with the WI in any form. I am really sorry about that and if there is anything else I can do to make you feel included please let me know.

We are in contact with each other informally. If you have had a birthday since we last met you should have received a card hopefully, but not always, on the right day!!

I have still not managed to set up a Zoom member chat as so few people have let me know they are interested in doing that. I am still happy to set this up, just for a chat and at a time which suits the people interested. It costs nothing and is fairly simple to do. If you have a computer, tablet or phone with a camera and sound then you should be able to connect.

All our thoughts at the moment are about what we do at Christmas. Usually all the family come to us for a few days and the house is full of noise, presents, excited children and a traumatised cat (she does not like people). This year it is looking increasingly likely the cat will have a good, quiet Christmas and we shall be missing seeing either of our sons, plus their wives and our grandchildren, for the first time since our eldest son was born in 1978. I am not looking forward to that with much enthusiasm so I am working on a principle of hoping for the best and preparing for the worst and this week I

am going to make our Christmas cake and hope I don't have to make two more to put in the post to each branch of the family!!

I do hope that next month when I sit down to write the WI notes for the Grapevine there is some good news about Covid19 being under control and our family Christmas can happen in some way.

Mary Blathwayt

### **Easton Community Land Trust**

#### www.easton.org

#### **Easton CLT Annual General Meeting**

The first AGM of Easton CLT took place by Zoom meeting on 21st October at 7.30pm. The Land Trust is up to 54 members and it is hoped that over the year this number will increase still further, so please join (for a £1) and support Easton residents to shape the future development of the village amenities and services.

At the meeting Peter Milliken, Jan Hudson and April Caton agreed to remain as board members, which has now expanded to include Jo Burrage, Julia and Benjamin Moye, with Alan Moll agreeing to be Chairman. David Lewis and Margaret Dewsbury have also joined, representing the Parish Council and South Norfolk Council respectively.

Francis Woodcock, Easton Parish Clerk

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Q: What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?
A: Squash!

### **Beat News: Safety First**

It is a very sad fact that many of us have been in receipt of some form of scam either through email, telephone call or doorstep cold-calling.

These frauds can take many forms but I would like to bring to your attention a particularly worrying scam which has been doing the rounds. It targets our vulnerable and elderly community members and I would like to appeal to you tp share this article with your friends, family and neighbours who may not have access to social media in an effort to forewarn and prevent loss of significant amounts of hard-earned savings.

The scam involves the fraudster telephoning the potential victim and claiming to be a detective from a London police station. The caller may have some personal details such as the name of the potential victim and can sound very convincing. They may say that they have arrested someone who is in possession of stolen bank cards or that they are working with the banks investigating a possible cloning of the victim's bank cards. They then ask the victim to call 999 to verify the authenticity of the claim, however the fraudster keeps control of the phone line and the victim will receive a false message confirming the scam. The victim may then be asked for the bank account or card details or to withdraw a sum of cash from their bank and to hand this over to a courier who will be sent to their address.

Some victims who have fallen prey to this scam have been conned out of thousands of pounds. These fraudsters can be very convincing and I would appeal to all of you to pass on the advice that the Police and Banks will **never** cold-call people and ask for bank account or card details or request that cash is withdrawn and handed over to a courier.

If you receive a call like this **DO NOT** give out any personal details, hang up and call Police on 101 or report the incident via our online reporting forms at <a href="https://www.norfolk.police.uk">www.norfolk.police.uk</a>.

As I mentioned at the top of this article, scams and frauds can take many different forms and you can get further advice from Citizens Advice Bureau and Action Fraud at

https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/reporting-a-scam/ and https://www.actionfraud.police.uk

PC460 Andy Hudson, South Norfolk Engagement Officer
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### At Day-Close in November

The ten hours' light is abating, And a late bird flies across, Where the pines, like waltzers waiting, Give their black heads a toss.

Beech leaves, that yellow the noon-time, Float past like specks in the eye; I set every tree in my June time, And now they obscure the sky.

And the children who ramble through here Conceive that there never has been

A time when no tall trees grew here, A time when none will be seen.

Thomas Hardy



### Support to help people self-isolate

Information from Norfolk County Council & Public Health England

## Community and volunteer support to help you with your everyday needs while you self-isolate

The Norfolk Community Directory: groups, befriending, and shops and restaurants that offer delivery. Search for Community Directory on the Norfolk County Council website: www.norfolk.gov.uk

**Community:** networks of volunteers, local council community hubs and community groups for Wellbeing, Necessities, Home needs and more:

#### Wellbeing

Weekly check-ins

Befriending Services (via phone) Contact with local community

groups

Support to register as vulnerable with services

Offering reassurance and advice on staying well

Guidance and signposting on how to keep active

#### **Necessities**

Food ordering

Arranging food collection &

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Picking up prescriptions

Walking pets

Sharing applicable benefits and

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Advice on what to do in an

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Access to hardship funds

#### **Community Response**

#### **Home**

Arranging emergency home and heating repairs

Advice on keeping warm/heating the home efficiently

Make the property safe and secure Housing advice and homelessness advice

Registering for assisted bin collections

#### Other

Employment support & rights advice Issues relating to self isolation such as MOT delays etc.

Accessing online services where homes do not have the internet Acquiring documents or NHS numbers

Enhanced debt & budgetary support General advice, information and signposting

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#### "To protect our community, we need to continue to keep safe from infection and prevent further coronavirus outbreaks"

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- Providing essentials like fridges, cookers and beds
- Gas and electricity costs

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**www.norfolk.gov.uk** where you'll be asked a few questions to check whether you're eligible.

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For more information search Test and Trace Support Payment on the Norfolk County Council website: **www.norfolk.gov.uk** 

For local council discretionary payment information, please contact your local authority.

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