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The Grapevine

your community news

Colton, Easton & Marlingford

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The Rambling Vine

What's in a Name?

Last month, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex (also known as Harry and Meghan) celebrated the arrival of a daughter, a sister for their first child Archie. As you probably can't have missed, they've decided to call her Lilibet Diana. 'Lilibet' as a tribute to the little one's great-grandmother, Queen Elizabeth, who was known in her family by that name as a child, and 'Diana' after her grandmother, who died when her father was still a child himself. Both names are freighted with significance, and tie her in closely to her family history.

Figures in the public eye, like the Royal Family, are often responsible for bringing particular names into favour. There are quite a few Williams and Harrys of a very similar age to the Dukes of Cambridge and Sussex. I remember meeting quite a few Kylies in the 1990s, when the Australian soap 'Neighbours' was at the height of its popularity. I wonder whether in a few months' time vicars will find themselves being asked to baptize a new crop of Lilibets and Dianas?

Names are important, and a lot of thought and care goes into choosing them. When my children 'came home' I knew I was allowed, once adopted, to change or replace their middle name and that they would take my surname to show they were now part of my family. I thought



long and hard about this – what would fit and what wouldn't. Some names had happy associations, and others less so. Sometimes (as in Harry and Meghan's case) parents choose a name that connects a child into their family's history. There may be a tradition of the oldest boy or girl bearing a particular

name. And it was for this reason, both my children kept their first name (or I was allowed to add to it) as these were names that were bestowed upon them both by their 'other' Mother's, their birth Mum's and will forever be a link to them as well as part of their identity, a reminder to them that they have roots elsewhere. Perhaps the name chosen for a child expresses something about the hopes that parents have for their precious child. Most of the time, I guess parents simply go with names that they like.

For many people, a baptism (or christening) is seen as the occasion on which a baby 'officially' receives their name — although it's actually more about using that name to welcome a new person into the family of the Church, as our sister or brother in Jesus Christ.



My relationship with my own name has been an interesting one. Many of you know I changed my surname in my mid twenties and my parents have a different surname. There was a lot of speculation as to why this was in my last parishes but very simply it was a name I had always hated and been teased at school for having. As a teacher I had to hear myself be called by my surname daily, until the point I decided I couldn't take it anymore! Psychologically it had a dramatically positive effect when I changed it (to another name within my Dad's family tree), more than I ever realised it would. Names hold power and they can be a part of our identity – negative or positive.

Names are important in the Bible too. Sometimes God give people new names. When he chose a couple called Abram and Sarai to be the founders of a family through whom God's blessing would flow to the whole world, he changed their names (Genesis 17). 'Abram' means 'exalted father', 'Abraham' means 'Father of a multitude. Sarai and Sarah both mean 'Princess', or 'woman of strength' (I love that meaning!); but in Hebrew the second form, Sarah, emphasises that she will be a woman of strength not just for her immediate family, but for the world.

Another apparent famous name change is when the zealous Pharisee Saul becomes the apostle Paul. But the story there is somewhat different. Saul/Paul always possessed both names, as was not uncommon in those days. It seems appropriate that when he first appears in the pages of the Bible, as a Pharisee keen to stamp out a fledgling movement perceived as a threat to the true people of God, he is known by his Hebrew name, Saul. This changes after his eyes had been opened to the amazing thing that God had done through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and he starts to share the good news with people outside his own faith community. From then on he is referred to by his Roman name, Paul, as he travelled farther and farther into the world of the Gentiles (non-Jews).

In this month of July we celebrate the Patronal Festival of one



of our churches in the benefice – St
Peter's. One of the most important parts of
the story of Peter was that Jesus, who had
chosen Peter to be one of his closest
friends amongst his disciples, of course
also changed his name. It was changed
from 'Simon' (which means 'listen' or
'hearing') to 'Peter' (which means 'rock').
The change in name showed the part that
Peter was going to play as the leader of
the disciples. Jesus said: 'On this rock I
will build my church' (Matthew 16 verse
18), and Peter was to become the leader
of the early Christian Church.

So as we in the Benefice celebrate Peter, formerly known as Simon, I wonder what your own name means to you? Is it

positive? Has it been changed along the way (may be through marriage or may be you've become known by a nickname, or may be you're more commonly known as 'Mum' or 'Dad' or 'Nanny/Grandma' or Grandad?)? How did that change affect you?

We might share our name with one or more people, but that doesn't make us any less special in God's eyes. However we have come upon them, our names mark us out and identify us as unique individuals, each made in the image and likeness of God but gloriously ourselves.

Rev Laura Montgomery eastonbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Church Services in July

Subject to change as restrictions lift!

10am Service of Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Colton

6pm Sunday Zoom services

(contact Rev Laura for details.)

Grapevine: Your Community News

Our Editor, Clare Howard, welcomes contributions for Grapevine from any local individual or group.

For the next edition, covering August and September, the **copy deadline** is **18th July**. Please send your information and ideas to **clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk**

Please forward Grapevine to others who would like to receive it, or if you are aware of someone nearby without email it would be wonderful if you would print some, or all, of it and deliver it to them!

See page 17 for more news about Grapevine...

Marlingford & Colton Parish Council

https://marlingfordcolton.wixsite.com/mcpc

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

Parish Website

The new Parish Website (*address above*) is continuing to be developed and will include information on local organisations and clubs. If you would like your organisation or club to be included please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Swing at Colton Amenity Area

The play areas in Marlingford and Colton are inspected weekly and undergo a comprehensive inspection annually. Through these inspections it has been highlighted that the swing in Colton is in need of remedial work. We are seeking to get this work undertaken as soon as possible, however the swing will be out of action until it is made safe.

Compost Bins

Norfolk County Council have teamed up with Get Composting to offer cut price compost bins to Norfolk residents.

Prices start from just £10 plus delivery (220 litres) and you can buy a bin online at www.getcomposting.com or by telephone 0800 316 4454.

Compost bins are also available to purchase from all 20 Norfolk Recycling Centres, including Ketteringham Recycling Centre, Station Lane, Ketteringham NR9 3AZ.

This offer is limited to 2 compost bins per customer.



South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan

South Norfolk Council (SNC) is currently preparing a housing allocations document that will shape development within the District's villages, identifying land for a minimum of 1,200 new homes. This plan will be called the **South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan (VCHAP)**. This plan covers Marlingford and Colton

The VCHAP has now been published for public consultation. In addition to the consultation document itself, a number of supporting documents have also been made available and there is an opportunity for new sites to be submitted for consideration.

This public consultation is an opportunity for you to provide your views on the sites that have been promoted to South Norfolk Council (SNC), the assessments undertaken so far, SNC's suggestions for overarching policies that would apply to these allocation sites and the supporting evidence that has helped to prepare the emerging Plan.

You may also wish to tell SNC if you feel the development of a particular site needs to address a specific issue (for example, a footpath link). During this process SNC have also taken the opportunity to review the existing development boundaries (or 'settlement limits') throughout the District and your comments on proposed changes to these are also welcomed.

An exhibition is being held online and you are invited to view at https://vchap.exhibition.app/ Comments may be submitted using the 'Have Your Say' console. A planning officer will be available online via the webchat accessed in the exhibition hall between 10am and 2pm on a Tuesday and 2pm and 6pm on a Thursday throughout the consultation period. Outside of these times you can contact the Local Planning Team by phone between the hours of 8:30am and 5pm or via email: 01508 533805 or lp@s-norfolk.gov.uk.

The consultation will run until 5pm on Monday 2nd August.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm (except August). The meetings are now being held face to face in accordance with Coronavirus restrictions with social distancing, track and trace in place and masks needing to be worn. The next meetings will be held on:

- Tuesday 13th July
- Tuesday 14th September

At the time of writing the venues were not confirmed, please contact the clerk for more details.

Maria Hutson, Clerk to Marlingford and Colton Parish Council, telephone: 07759 534885 email: marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com website: marlingfordandcoltonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Looking Back: from Grapevine July 1999 "Picnic – and All That Jazz"

That was the headline chosen by Mary Rudd in the EDP. She continued: "If you want to round off American Independence on July 4 in a truly British style then you can pack up your picnic and head for what promises to be an entertaining evening at Marlingford cricket ground near Norwich. Not only will High Society Jazz Band be top of the bill but during the interval there will be a demonstration of Ceroc. With its roots in Lindy Hop, this French adaptation of jive was introduced by the American GIs in the 1940s. There will be a raffle with great prizes: a colour TV. pleasure flight, a day's carp fishing. Ceroc lesson for two, a magnum of champagne. Tickets are £6 for adults, £3 for children: the Cricket Club bar will be open and ice-creams will be on sale. Proceeds will be shared between the EDP We Care 2000 Appeal and St. Mary's Marlingford Fabric Fund. Bring family and friends with a picnic for a really enjoyable evening!" All this used to happen!! Maybe after Covid we'll get back in the 'swing'.

Felicity Maton

Colton Little Owls



Many will remember that in September 2019 we started Colton Little Owls, meeting weekly on a Monday (9.30 - 11am) during term time eaby & Toddler Group at Colton Village Hall.

Like all community events we had to close last March.... but now that we are all enjoying a slow re-opening we are restarting Little Owls. The plan for the summer is to meet outside in the play area behind Colton Village Hall while the good weather lasts

All parents and carers and their young children (0-5 years) - from any of the local villages, not just Colton, are welcome to come along for fun, chat, stories and singing.

We have set our weekly limit at 15 parents and, for Covid reasons, are asking that parents/carers book their attendance through our website



https://pennynixon17.wixsite.com/coltonlittleowls

We look forward to welcoming you

Liz Plater, Penny Nixon and all the team

Marlingford Church 50 Club

The quarterly Draws for this year so far:

March

1st (7) Jane Knights £50 (12) Dorothy Bailey £35 2nd

3rd (35) Carol Hammerton £25

June

(5) Beryl Lockey £50 (19) Sally Neale £35 1st 2nd

(16) Dougal Broom £25 3rd

Norfolk Day

Tuesday 27th July

TEA & CAKES

from 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Served from the Coach House The Old Hall Bawburgh Road, Marlingford

bring a garden chair if you wish

Raffle

Outdoor seating will only be socially distanced if Covid restrictions still apply

Donations: £5 Adults, £2 Children for Marlingford Church

The Grapevine for Every Home

Sadly, many residents have been without the local Community News for 15 months as the pandemic made it unsafe for our volunteers to do their work and not everyone is able to access email. However a printed and delivered edition of Grapevine will definitely return by the end of the year.

Spread the News! Get Grapevine Out and About

We need to get our wonderful volunteer team back together. Please pass this article on to anyone you think might be interested!

Easton: do you enjoy connecting
with people, have access to a car, and
are able to lift boxes of magazines? If
so, you could be the essential volunteer
we need to co-ordinate the process of
getting Grapevine out to every house in
the village (appe Covid regulations permit



the village (once Covid regulations permit us to do so)!

The process involves communicating with the other volunteers, collating the printed pages, then bundling up the right number of copies for each delivery volunteer and dropping the magazines off to them. It takes just a few hours at the end of each month (not August or December), and is a great way to make a valuable contribution to the community and catch-up with your neighbours.

Please contact Elizabeth and Ian Giddings, 01603 882179 if you might be able to help - they will brief their successor.

• Colton: could you help deliver Grapevine through your neighbours' letterboxes? It isn't a big job, but it is a very important one! Please contact Liz Plater on 01603 880556 for more information.

Felicity Maton, 01603 880846

Easton Good Companions

We have had to change lots of dates due to the new rules, but we are hoping that all be okay for these events:

Tuesday 27th July 10am - mid-day Sale of knitted items in aid of funds at the Pop-In in the Village Hall

Wednesday 28th July Good Companions **lunch** at Bawburgh Golf Club

Thursday 29th July 2pm - 4pm Recommence Good Companions **meetings**

Thursday 16th September
Good Companions coach trip to Hunstanton
for **show** at Princess Theatre.

Lots to do once we all get together again! I know we all can't wait: what a day it will be to get back to the club.

Join us! If there is anyone 55 years or over who would like to join us, or to find out more about the Club, please give us a ring on **881215 (Carol)** or **880867 (Pamela)**. You will be made very welcome.

Jean Ditton

Easton Crafters

In line with government advice Easton Crafters have postponed the opening of the club from July 13th to August 10th.

Hopefully by August the government will have relaxed restrictions and we can get back to crafting and next year start planning how to raise more money for local charities as we have in past years.

Janice Barnston

Easton Parish Council

www.eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.

Play Areas

The Parish Councillors are pleased to confirm there has been much work completed at the different play areas owned by Easton Parish Council.

Jubilee Playing Field has had a complete refurbishment with several pieces of new equipment and is now open with many local children enjoying the new facilities. A temporary boundary fence has been erected as the Contractor has been delayed because of a supply issue. The current fencing was put in to ensure children did not miss out on using the equipment and to ensure safety. The permanent fencing will be installed once available from the supplier and the current fencing re-used at the allotment site.

Multi-Use Games Area is being fitted with extension sides to help keep balls within the area when play is underway. The surface will be refreshed and new lines painted on over the new few weeks.

College Heights - The Under 5's play area has also benefitted from new swing seats and surfacing. The play equipment at College Heights main area has also had swing seats replaced and repairs to the multi-play unit. The new Teen shelter and extra play equipment will be fitted at the end of June.

St Peters Drive Play area will have new equipment installed, hopefully, before the end of June.



Cardinal Close Play area will have new equipment installed, hopefully, before the end of August.

It is lovely to see all areas being well used and enjoyed by local children and their families.

Persimmons Homes

The new development by Persimmons Homes will start with Phase 1 at the beginning of July

New Village Hall

The new Village Hall project is on schedule to apply for planning approval late August. Once completed this will be a wonderful community asset which will benefit all residents. We will be placing the plans on the Parish Council Website shortly.

Orbit Housing

Discussions are continuing with Orbit Housing after Orbit decided to apply to alter its planning application. A consultation process will be undertaken in the near future to bring forward a mix of around 60% social rented with the remainder shared ownership. They are looking to increase housing numbers from 64 to 72, with an extra 14-20 units if the purchase of the land next to Cardinal Close is agreed. The properties will be a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units. We will be working with Orbit Homes to ensure as many people from Easton as possible that are eligible to apply will be on the South Norfolk Council housing list.

The Parish Council can find no planning reasons not to support this application even though it will mean the loss of around £125,000 in CIL payments. Currently we are working with Orbit to resolve how this loss of future revenue can be overcome.

Litter

Easton Parish Councillors are happy to see everyone enjoying the Village and open spaces, however, there have been some recent issues with litter, particularly from family picnics. Please be considerate and take your litter home with you where possible to ensure Easton remains an enjoyable and tidy Village.

New Mail box

A new mail box is being installed at the Village Hall for all Parish Council mail and will be in use from the beginning of July.

The address for all mail will be Easton Parish Council, Village Hall, Marlingford Road, Easton, NR9 5AD



General Handyman

The Parish Council often requires small jobs to be undertaken within the Village and are seeking to employ a General Handyman for these tasks on an "as and when" basis. If you feel you could offer your services please email the Clerk to Easton Parish Council at clerk@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Easton Parish Councillors wish all our residents a happy, Covid 19 free and restful summer

Gina Lopes, Acting Clerk, Easton Parish Council Email: clerk@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk Telephone: 07879 379181

Support your Local Bats

Many people enjoy spending long summer evenings sitting in their gardens, watching as daylight turns to dusk and bats begin to fill the night sky.



These small and fascinating creatures often live in close proximity to us, using our gardens as an important source of food, water and shelter. As their natural habitats become more scarce, our gardens are playing a more important role in securing a future for bats. Bats are a sign of a green and healthy environment, so creating a garden that's good for bats will also be good for people.

Now go to page 24 for some batty gardening ideas!

Bat Conservation Trust: www.bats.org.uk

Easton Pop-In

The Tuesday Morning Cafe

we hope to open in Easton Village Hall on

20th July

10am to 11.45am

Coffee 80p. Tea 60p.

Do come along - I'm sure there will be scones or cake to go with the coffee!

We will follow any Government regulations to help keep us all safe.

Brenda and I will be in charge on the 20th July but we will be looking for

Help!!

Easton Community coffee morning needs some help. The two organisers are stepping down, so we need one or two people who would:

- Unlock and get the hall ready,
- help the coffee person of the day
- make sure the hall is clean and tidy at the end,
- shop for the tea, coffee and biscuits,
- provide information for the Grapevine,
- look after the money.

If you would like to take on this voluntary job please call in to the Pop-In on the 20th July or get in touch on 07583025525.

Many thanks.

Anne Dunbar

Easton Women's Institute

They say that the best laid plans of mice and men etc etc!! Our plan to meet on July 8th has been scuppered by the continuation of the Covid restrictions until 19th July. However, this is probably the correct decision for the country so we are just going to have to work round it and change our plans yet again. This is something we are all getting very good at as for so long there have been no certainties to help us to plan.

This email went to our members on June 18th to let them know what our revised plans are for reopening the WI:

Hello everyone,

The WI committee met yesterday and have agreed the following arrangements for meeting up.

Due to the continuation of Covid restrictions we shall not be able to meet on July 8th as planned so, as long as we are allowed to, we are going to meet on Thursday 22nd July at 2pm to 4pm in or outside the Village Hall for an informal meeting with a cup of tea (or coffee) and a chat.

This is the very last day on which Elizabeth can collect subscriptions for this year so she will be very glad to see those people who have yet to pay (reminder ...this year's subs are £30). If you prefer you can bring your own refreshments but we will be providing tea and cake served to you at your table!!

We then plan to have a WI meeting on Thursday 12th August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Juyna Lewis talking about "Norfolk's Indian Princess".

We shall be complying with all the Covid safety measures whether or not they are actually required when we meet in July and August. There will be hand sanitiser in the hall and if members feel happier wearing a mask, that is fine. It will just be good to get back to meeting again. It will be good to see you all on July 22nd at 2pm. If you are unable to come at 2pm feel free to drop in when you can during that afternoon.

I have been a WI member since 1974 and I think I have seen more changes in the whole WI movement in the last year and a half than in all the previous ones. It will be very interesting to see how many of the different ways we are now having to work will be carried on into the future and how many of the old WI tradition remain intact.

However, nothing will ever take the place of members meeting together once a month to listen to speakers or watch demonstrations as we used to be able to. The sooner we can return to that the better.

I just hope that the latest version of our reopening plans is the one we will be able to stick to and that we can continue to enjoy our WI for many more years to come.

Join us! If there are any ladies who have moved into Easton during the last year or so who would be interested to know more about the WI, please feel free to drop in to the Village Hall on July 22nd between 2pm and 4pm to meet us and have a cup of tea with us.



Mary Blathwayt

Turn your Garden into a Bat Haven

- Plant night-scented flowers
- Build a pond
- Let your garden go a little wild
- Put up a bat box
- Create linear features i.e hedgerows/treelines
- Reduce or remove artificial lighting
- Keep cats indoors at night



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If you get a call like this from someone purporting to be a police officer it will be a scam. DO NOT hand over any personal or financial details. Hang up and report the call to Police.

Please share this information with friends, family and neighbours.
Be Scam Aware



Community Safety

Have your say about community safety in Norfolk. The Norfolk Community Safety Partnership (NCCSP) is made up of local councils, policing & fire services, probation, youth offending, health & housing providers and they want to hear your views on community safety priorities for Norfolk.

Chair of the NCCSP Mark Stokes said: "We want to engage with the people of Norfolk to understand what matters to them when it comes to community safety. We have developed an evidence-based plan that we believe will make Norfolk a safer place to live, work and visit. It is important that the plan reflects the views of the residents of Norfolk."

Help shape the Partnership's community safety priorities by taking part in this consultation: http://ow.ly/Pabq50Fax2F. The deadline is 16th July.

PC460 Andrew Hudson South Norfolk Engagement Officer Tel: 101 Ext 2951

Summer Sonnet

I love to see the summer beaming forth
And white wool-sack clouds sailing to the north
I love to see the wild flowers come again
And mare blobs* stain with gold the meadow drain
And water lilies whiten on the floods
Where reed clumps rustle like a wind shook wood
Where from her hiding place the Moor Hen pushes
And seeks her flag** nest floating in bull rushes
I like the willow leaning half way o'er
The clear deep lake to stand upon its shore
I love the hay grass when the flower head swings
To summer winds and insects happy wings
That sport about the meadow the bright day
And see bright beetles in the clear lake play

John Clare

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