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The Grapevine your community news

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The Rambling Vine

Ah, August!

Long lazy days of summer holidays ahead. Time for relaxing, and to rest from the usual things that get us up in the morning... unless you have small children that is (I've been told it gets better?!). August seems to take on a different pace though, slower somehow, it's



almost as if God goes on holiday too!

God doesn't of course. God never leaves us, is always there for us but will encourage us to take time out from our schedules. Psalm 46 verse 10 says:

Be still and know that I am God.

This Psalm is often used to take the reader to a place of quietness within themselves, a way of finding rest that the mind, body and spirit need. It's God's encouragement to take a holiday or Holy Moment as it were.

Perhaps we should look at Psalm like this though. 'Be still' is translated in the Hebrew as 'Let go'. This suggests that we allow God to take the reins of our life instead of trying to keep control for ourselves. The



interesting thing is as we let go, little by little even, we find ourselves freed from the constant stresses and anxieties that plague our culture. Fancy, surrendering actually bringing

freedom? That sense of freedom is like being on holiday all the time.

So then . . .

Be still and let it go.

And whatever you do this August may you have a wonderful and blessed time.

Rev Laura Montgomery eastonbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Church Services

We are asking people to choose to wear masks unless exempt

August

All services will be Benefice Services at 10am

1st Colton

8th Marlingford

15th Colton

22nd Easton

29th Colton

September

All services will be Benefice Services at 10am

5th Colton

12th Bawburgh

19th Marlingford

26th Easton

Looking Back: The Grapevine 1996

The Vicar's Rambles - Children's Pilgrimage

What a scene for Marlingford on 8th September. About five hundred pilgrims assembled on the parkland beside the church, welcomed and stewarded by Marlingford people. Some bore banners, children carried flowers, a dozen donkeys frisked in the fields. The sun shone as two horned park cattle, their white coats gleaming, arrived to lead the procession. "Is this a Bacchanalian orgy or the Pamplona bull-run?" someone asked, eyeing their wide horns. No! They were graceful beasts and two oxen had been friends of St. Walstan, whose well is at Bawburgh, as the Bishop of Norwich explained was our destination.

Donkeys wore garlands. Four from our area: Esau, Ruth, Gracie and Neddie, and Maria and Rosie arrived from the Convent at Ditchingham, led by Sisters Rhonda and Karen. Some genial dogs came too. St. Walstan, born wealthy in Bawburgh, had chosen to work



as a peasant in 900 AC. He loved animals and is considered the patron saint of small farmers.

Jane Knights sounded the church bell as, from the church we turned to the Mill. There residents stopped traffic and the amazed occupants gaped at 'oxen', donkeys, bishop and a huge crowd that stretched on and on. We walked like a nation on the move, over the water-meadows south of the Yare. Later it was a Galilean scene as young and old sat down together to picnic on the hillside overlooking Marlingford in the valley. We each were given a ginger-bread donkey, made by a local baker. On through the woods until we saw the rounded tower of Bawburgh Church. In the farmyard beside, the 'Pilgrim Players'

enacted the last scene of a play 'St. Walstan' – about the burial of the Saint near the place where the well is, and the Bishop spoke about wells, water and baptism.

For the weary, Bawburgh people served teas in the beautiful gardens of Church Farm and I was able to thank all those who had helped to put all the parts together of this wonderful day.

Written by Rev Jonathan Lumby remembered by Felicity Maton

Thank You Marlingford

I would like to thank you all at Marlingford for being such great friends to Vera. Your support never wavered throughout the years. She had a support group second to none - her special people (they know who they are!) who went the extra mile. Now her ashes are with Alan her journey is complete.

I was unable to see her the last few months due to Covid, however I knew she was in good hands. Apart from her last few months she lived life to the full.

Warmest regards to you all,

Muriel Faith

Grapevine: Your Community News

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

For the next edition, covering October, the **copy deadline** is **15th September**. 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 in your village

Marlingford & Colton Parish Council

https://marlingfordcolton.wixsite.com/mcpc

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

Broadband

In 2011 there was only had 42% Broadband coverage in Norfolk. In 2012 funding was obtained and the Better Broadband for Norfolk project commenced. Coverage has gradually increased over the years, in 2020 Norfolk County Council became the Digital Council of the Year. They believe they now cover 95% of Norfolk and are entering Phase 3 of the project which hopes to provide for the remaining 5% in harder to reach locations.

If you know of an area where they are having difficulty in accessing Broadband you can report it to bbfnpublicenquiries@norfolk.gov.uk and they will investigate the coverage and see what can be provided. The department will need as much information as possible to identify the exact location where there is a problem eg. Road names. Postcodes, house numbers.

Because digital connectivity played a major role in helping people during the last year or so Norfolk County Council are also aiming to get 100% mobile phone coverage. Norfolk County Council and local operators are working together to provide SRN (Shared Rural Network) to enable the operators to share masts, and use some of our high buildings, to try to reach the 'not spots' and areas of partial coverage.

South Norfolk Council Sports Grants for aspiring athletes and coaches

The Sports Champion Grant supports South Norfolk athletes who are performing at a high standard. Training and competing at this level takes time, money and commitment. The grant

recognises this and offers help towards some of these costs.

Aspiring sports stars from South Norfolk who represent their sport at regional level or above can now apply for a Sports Champion Grant to support them with outgoing costs for things such as coaching costs, training, physiotherapy, equipment or competing. The grants of up to £300 are given on a one-off basis. To be eligible, applicants must live in South Norfolk and be competing in a discipline recognised by Sport England. Athletes who have received a grant from this scheme in the last two years cannot apply.

For more information and to apply for a grant go to https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/downloads/file/1397/sports-champion-grant-application-form Applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis. The grant fund is limited and subject to availability, we can therefore not guarantee that your application will receive support.

The Community Coach Bursary Scheme will provide maximum funding of £300 or 75% of total costs, whichever is lowest. For

example, if a coach undertaking the Lawn Tennis Association's Level 3 coaching course, at a cost of £450 with £40 travel costs, applied for funding a successful applicant could be awarded the maximum grant of £300. Similarly, if a coach wanted to



undertake the Football Association's Level 2 qualification at a cost of £320 with £20 travel costs, a successful applicant could be awarded £255 (75% of £340).

Payments from the Community Coach Development Bursary will be made to coaches on the successful completion of the course and certification provided. It is not advisable for applicants to book and pay for courses prior to the outcome of their application being known.

Application forms can be found at https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/downloads/file/13
96/community-coach-development-bursary-application-form
For more information on these grants please contact the communities team grants@s-norfolk.gov.uk or call 01603 430570

Speeding

The parish council are aware of the ongoing problems with speeding within the parish. As traffic flow increases so is the incidence of speeding. The parish council are looking at ways to help combat this. It is essential that data is collected to help ascertain the most suitable intervention. The Parish Council is looking to set up a Community Speedwatch team to monitor the speed of motorists. For it to be successful there must be at least 6 volunteers aged over 18 years old willing to commit to at least one hour a week. Training for the role will be given. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the Clerk.

Scams

Unfortunately, there are increasingly more scams out there at the moment online, in the post, by phone and text. Scams can be difficult to recognise, but there are things you can look out for

It might be a scam if:

- it seems too good to be true for example, a holiday that's much cheaper than you'd expect
- someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly
- you suspect you're not dealing with a real company for example, if there's no postal address
- you've been asked to transfer money quickly
- you've been asked to pay in an unusual way for example, by iTunes vouchers or through a transfer service like MoneyGram or Western Union
- you've been asked to give away personal information like passwords or PINs
- you haven't had written confirmation of what's been agreed

More information and who to contact for help visit https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/scams

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 meeting will be held on

Tuesday 14th September, Marlingford Village Hall 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

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Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Slow Down, Save Lives

Slow down, save lives – that is the simple message this year as police in Norfolk launch their annual speed operation. The campaign launches runs between 26th July and 9th August and will see an increased amount of checks and enforcement across both Norfolk and Suffolk.

As part of the operation, officers will be speaking with drivers during the campaign; aiming to highlight the dangers of speeding and informing drivers of the risks and consequences that driving above the limit can have



through education and enforcement.

In Norfolk, speeding was a contributing factor to approximately 12% of collisions where someone was killed or seriously injured within the past year (41 out of 239). With speeding one of the main contributors in collisions and one of the fatal four driving offences, this campaign aims to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the county's roads.

Motorists caught speeding will be issued with a TOR (Traffic Offence Report) and face a fine, points on their licence or even court action. Some drivers can opt to take part in a speed awareness course.

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time. John Lubbock

The Grapevine for Every Home

Sadly, many residents have been without the local Community News for 16 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.

Down Your Way

Grapevine is a community newsletter: could you help build our community network? Our volunteer team is wonderful, but after the long break, we need a few more helpers as we work towards delivering a paper version. 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? Could you spare a few hours at the end of the month? If so, you could be the essential volunteer we need to co-ordinate getting Grapevine out to every house in the village. This involves communicating with 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 (not August or December). It is a great way to make a valuable contribution to the community and meet 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 put 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

Joy

Earth her summer wealth is bringing, Every bough is, like a lyre, Answering to the wind's low singing -Sweet as bells from Fancy's spire! Milder light is on the fountain, Softer bloom upon the flower; Joy comes dancing down the mountain, Joy with roses wreathes the hour. See the stars in golden dances O'er the fields of azure glide; See, the ocean soft advances -**Sparkling light with fairy tide:** Flowers with fond and gentle motion, Leaves with grace no storms annoy; All around - earth, heaven, and ocean Feel the influence of Joy!

Charles Swain

Easton Parish Council

www.eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.

Village sign

We are very pleased that the new village sign has been completed and we would like to thank Ian Wickham for all his hard work as well as those who helped support this project. Ian's next task is to refurbish the bench next to it and we hope that this will be done shortly.

Bus Shelter

The bus shelter near the Easton B&B has been looking tired for some time, so we are aiming to make some improvements in that area. The first step is to refresh the paint work and create a blank canvass. Once complete Harper Art Services will design a fresh mural for the shelter which we hope will show the history of our village. If you have any ideas please let our clerk know. We are also looking at installing a cantilever shelter area at the actual stop to save those waiting in the rain getting too wet.

Play Areas

The Parish Councillors are pleased to confirm that in these difficult times the play areas owned by Easton Parish Council have continued to be improved.



Jubilee Playing Field - work is nearly complete on this park, and it is great to see how much it is being used. We had expected to have the new fencing in place for the summer holidays but due to the contractors having staff issues due to illness this work has been put back until September. The MUGA area will be painted as soon as the contractor has an opportunity to do so and we are pushing hard to have this done in the very near future.

College Heights - The Under 5's play area new surfacing has

blended in well to the grass surface. The play equipment at College Heights main area has also seen some improvements with much more to come. The rope bridge has been installed and the new Teen shelter has been installed. At this time we are awaiting the surfacing contractor to make good this area and then it can be opened up. The new climbing equipment is delayed and is likely to be installed in early September.

In the autumn we will be erecting a fence and gates for this play area, we are looking to move the outdoor gym equipment to another part of the site.

Cardinal Close play area will have new equipment installed, hopefully in September: the specialist timber needed is in short supply as it comes from South Africa. We will get this area completed as soon as we can.

St Peters Drive play area has a bespoke, hand-built on site, ship wreck theme and we hope will be open by the end of this month. In September we will also have a springy fitted, again we are awaiting on this due to supplier issues.

Persimmons Homes

The start date for the new development by Persimmons Homes has slipped and they are now hoping that Phase 1 will commence sometime in August.

New SEN School

This wonderful, much needed facility has been granted planning approval and work is hoped to start around the end of September.

New Village Hall

The new Village Hall project schedule is still on track for applying for planning approval in 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 once the final design is agreed.

Orbit Housing

An online consultation was held between residents and Orbit

this month. We hope residents took this opportunity to voice their feelings before the revised application is submitted.

Litter

Easton Parish Councillors are happy to continue to see everyone enjoying the Village and open spaces, however, there continues to be some 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 vllage.

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



Easton Crafters

Easton Crafters will be restarting club meetings in the village hall from **August 10th 2021**. For the safety of our members we will be following previous Covid guidelines with hand sanitisers at both entrances and wiping down tables and chairs. Masks are



at the discretion of members. Refreshments will be available but members are free to bring their own.

Due to Covid we had to cancel our trip to Crafters Live last year. We are hoping to organise a trip to Crafters Live at Peterborough on 16th October 2021.

We meet in the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the village hall, 1.30 - 4pm. Everyone welcome!

For more details, contact Janet on 01603 471144.

Janice Barnston

Easton Good Companions

All members are well and we are getting nearer to the date we start back, so after the meal on the 28th July we meet on Thursday 29th September. I'm really looking forward to it! I know you all are. Times are as usual: 2pm at the Village Hall and just to remind you we will be collecting Subs on that day.

The outing on 16th September to the theatre in Hunstanton has been booked. If you have any queries about this, and need an answer before we meet up, please ring Brenda on 744412.

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 very welcome.

Jean Ditton

Easton Women's Institute

I am very happy to say that Easton WI was able to hold a social meeting for the first time since March 2020. It was lovely to see so many of our members in Easton Village Hall getting together for a cup of tea and a chat. We are very lucky to have so many loyal members who have decided to return to the WI after such a long time when we have been unable to meet. It was also lovely to welcome a new resident of Easton to join us for the afternoon as a guest.

We will hold our first evening meeting on **Thursday 12**th **August at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall to hear a talk by Juyna Lewis about "Norfolk's Indian Princess". We can only hope that we shall then be able to continue to meet as we used to on the second Thursday of each month.

Looking further ahead we are planning to meet on Thursday 9th September to hear Anne Bridge's talk about the "History of the Flower Seller"



We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings.

I will end this with best wishes for everyone for the rest of the summer.

Mary Blathwayt



Easton Pop-In

The Tuesday Morning Cafe is back at the village hall, every week 10am to 11.45am. All welcome! We follow Government guidelines to help keep us all safe.

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- Speeding
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Burglary / Theft

If you have any information or concerns then please contact the local Policing team.

Norfolk's Police and Crime Commissioner wants your views to help shape the county's policing and crime priorities. You can take a short online survey (closes 20th August 2021) at https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PoliceandCrimePlanConsultation22-24/.

PC460 Andrew Hudson, South Norfolk Engagement Officer



A Great Big Summer Extravaganza

September 11th 10am until late

A great day out, at Barford & Wramplingham Village Hall, raising funds for the new roof and replacing the children's play area! Alongside inflatables, and craft stalls you will find Battle Stations Activities and a a miniature ride-on steam train. Model railways, steam vehicles and antique military vehicles will be joining Deborah, a WW1 tank. More recent attractions will include a Police Riot Vehicle, the Fire Brigade and a Porsche Chase Car. BBQs, ice creams, bars and a cafe will keep you fed and hydrated and the entry fee is a bargain £2.50 per adult with children under 15 admitted free of charge.

Sundown Festival: Norfolk Showground

3rd-6th September

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Should you have any concerns regarding the event between those dates please contact Sundown and all issues will be passed onto the management team for resolution.

Road Closures: Please note that Dereham Road will be closed to vehicles on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September between the hours of 8pm and midnight, to provide for a safe pedestrian exit from the event.

As in previous years, we have worked with The Showground, officers of the Local Authority and members of the Safety Advisory Group to build on last year's success. Ultimately our goal is to deliver a safe event that can be enjoyed by all whilst managing disturbance to local businesses and residents.

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