

Your community guide for Colton, Easton and Marlingford



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Colton – village hall	9.50am	Easton – Bawburgh Rd	1.04pm
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Easton – opp. Bawburgh Rd	9.58am	Colton – village hall	1.11pm
Longwater – William Frost Way	10.06am	Marlingford – Bell	1.15pm
Longwater – Link Road shelter	10.08am	Bawburgh – Church Street	1.19pm
Tuesday and Thursday			
Colton Village Hall	10.30am	Longwater Link Rd shelter	12.30pm
Marlingford – opp. Bell	10.35am	Longwater – William Frost Way	12.32pm
Easton – opp. school	10.40am	Easton – opp. Bawburgh Rd	12.38pm
Easton – Chez Denis	10.41am	Easton – Chez Denis	12.39pm
Easton – opp. Bawburgh Rd	10.42am	Colton Village Hall	12.40pm
Longwater – William Frost Way	10.48am	Marlingford Bell	12.45pm
Longwater Link Rd shelter	10.50am	Bawburgh – Church Street	12.50pm

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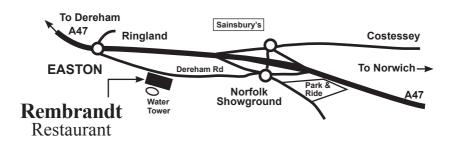
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So it's September already – and there are a few things, looking back, that have made this an unforgettable year – a war in Europe, soaring energy prices, runaway inflation and a contest to find a new prime-minister. Well, the leadership challenge was probably always on the cards...but who imagined a women's football team would lift the Euro trophy in such spectacular style thrusting women's sport right into the media

spotlight? Girls in our community who want to follow their football dream can read how on page 24. Meanwhile, the year end means new advert rates for the Grapevine which are printed here. Anyone wishing to renew their advertising for 2023 – or who is interested in advertising their business with us – should contact Carol Chiles on 01508 578352 or email:carolachiles@gmail.com for more details.

Grapevine adverts 2023 – sizes and prices per year (10 issues)

Inside	Size	B/w	Colour	Design (if required)
Full page:	124mm w x 186mm d	£200.00	£400.00	£120.00
1/2 page:	124mm w x 92mm d	£125.00	£250.00	£60.00
1/4 page:	60mm w x 92mm d (portrait)	£75.00	£150.00	£30.00
	124mm w x 45mm d (landscape)	£75.00	£150.00	£30.00
1/8 page:	45mm w x 60mm d	£50.00	£100.00	£15.00

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1/2:	124mm w x 92mm d	£200.00	£400.00	£60.00

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Deadline for items for the October print issue: Wednesday, September 14 Email as word doc to: annettegh57@gmail.com



Easton

Easton Good Companions

Gal Tina (pictured below) entertained us at Mick and Gwen's Golden Wedding Anniversary.

We also celebrated Brenda Bell's 80th birthday, Kath Hollingsbee's birthday, Eileen Burrows special birthday then a lunch at Glen Lodge. Coming up, we have a talk on the 'Yellow Caravan', a 'Fish and Chip' lunch and entertainment by the Hatads on September 29, so we are having a busy summer!

Easton Good Companions is open to over 50s and takes place every two weeks, Thursday from 2pm.

Tony Perry

A note from Mick and Gwen on their Golden Wedding Anniversary celebrations

"We would like to thank all our good friends of the Good Companions for sharing our special day – the lovely



cards, the garden gift voucher, the lovely buffet and the cake made by Anne Dunbar." **Mick and Gwen**.

It's a great club....do join!

Easton Pop-In

Every Tuesday morning 10am – 11.45am. Come and meet your friends for coffee, tea and biscuits.

Brenda Daynes and Tony Perry

Colton

Colton Quiz Night

Saturday October 15, 7.30pm.

Exercise the brain cells on a variety of subjects! Teams of up to six are welcome. £2 per person. Bring your own refreshments - there will be an interval of about 20 minutes. Call Vicky on **01603 881336** to book a table or just turn up on the night.

Thursday coffee morning

All are welcome to the coffee morning every Thursday in Colton village hall from 10am to 12pm. Drink and biscuits: 50p.

Bacon roll: £1.50.

Hall for hire

The village hall has been newly refurbished and is ready for hire for your event with room for around 50 people. Wet afternoon? Hire the hall's table tennis table, or maybe try carpet bowls. Contact secretary:

Vicky Green on 01603 881336

Marlingford

Our forthcoming events

- Sun September 11: Open-air Table Top Sale/Car boot sale.
- Sat September 24: West Side Story The Movie
- Sat October 8: The VIP Chorus. Award-winning a capella group performing live.

Sat December 3: Christmas Fair

About the committee

The village hall committee is made up of volunteers who are responsible for the running and maintenance of the village hall. We run events throughout the year and the hall is available for private hire. Cutlery, crockery, tables and chairs are also available for external hire.

We are open to any ideas of interest to the village and, for that reason, would like to introduce you to the committee members who would be delighted to discuss any ideas you have for future events. Do get in touch if you would like to come and have a look at our recently refurbished hall and patio.

Marlingford village hall committee members

Chris Whiting. Chairman, who has lived in the village for 28 years. He runs his own consultancy business.

T: 01603 880489

John Bailey was born in Marlingford and went to the village school. He has been paramount in

overseeing the improvements and continued development of the hall.

T: 01603 880266

Sue Stubbs has lived in Marlingford for over 35 years and is a long-standing committee member. She organises the Christmas fair and monthly talks.

T: 01603 880479

Mary Wyndham has lived in the village for 35 years. She is the minutes secretary.

E: marywyndham@hotmail.co.uk

Sue Hester has lived in Marlingford for eight years and her background is in hotel and hospitality management.

E: susan.hester@btinternet.com

Keith Saunders has lived in the village for over 30 years. He is a scientist and works at the John Innes Research Centre. Keith is responsible for film nights.

E: k.saunders@jic.ac.uk

Carol Chiles. A former resident of Marlingford was our treasurer for many years and has now moved away. She is still kindly keeping the books while we look for a replacement.

Community and Fundraising Events





If you missed it at the cinema, here's your chance to see it!



Marlingford Movies present:

West Side Story

(12A 156 mins)

Starring Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler, Maddie Ziegler and directed by Academy Award winner Steven Spielberg from a screenplay by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner Tony Kushner.

"West Side Story" tells the classic tale of fierce rivalries and young love in 1957 New York City.

Saturday 24th September 2022 7.00 for 7:30 pm Marlingford Village Hall, Mill Road

Marlingford NR9 5HL

Tickets: £4.95 Box Office - 01603 880479



New craft group

Barford Village Hall is starting a new craft group – **Crafty Cake and Cuppa**. You may bring your own project to work on or you can take part in a **free bead-making** (from recycled paper) **workshop** with materials and guidance provided. Tea or coffee and cake will also be provided **free** for this first session only. The group starts on **Wednesday September 21** at **Barford Village Hall** from **10am**

- **12pm**. There's no need to book just turn up on the day.
- All are welcome!
- Barford & Wramplingham Village Hall is in Chapel Street, Barford, NR9 4AB.

Make use of your Community Car scheme

The Community Car scheme is run by Dave and Jean Ditton and is for residents aged 65 and over living in Easton, Marlingford or Colton. It's a great idea and a very useful service for those who need transport to doctor, dentist or the hospital. (Local buses are available for shopping trips - see page 5 for details).

So how does it work?

If you are going to need transport, you can ring **01603 880857** to arrange the pickup, but please try to give **two to three days notice** to give time for a driver to be assigned.

The cost for you will be 30p per mile and you will pay the driver at the end of your journey.

The scheme also pays the driver 30p each mile and is supported by both parish councils and South Norfolk council.



● The scheme is always on the lookout for new drivers in the area so if you would like to be a driver, please contact Dave Ditton on 01603 880422.

Community and Fundraising Events

News from Easton Women's Institute

Lots to look forward to

I hope you've all been enjoying this hot and dry summer. I'm writing this while it's raining in Easton for the first time since the heatwave began and it's lovely to see the rain fall – something I never thought I'd find myself thinking!!

The WI will meet again on

Thursday September 8 at

7.30pm in Easton village hall to hear **Juliet Webster** give her talk '*The Yellow Caravan*'.

Also in September, the Barford and District Group of WIs will be having its first meeting since September 2019 when meetings ceased due to Covid lockdowns. The group was then made up of members from Barford, Bowthorpe, Easton, Hethersett and Mattishall WIs who met twice a year to enjoy a joint meeting with a more expensive speaker than the individual, smaller WIs could afford. We have just invited New Costessey WI who are keen to join our group which will swell the numbers at meetings. The group meeting will be at

Mattishall memorial hall on Monday September 26 at 7.30pm, where the speaker will be ex-police officer Gary Powell, whose talk is entitled 'If I hadn't laughed I would have cried' about his experiences at work.

There will also be refreshments and a raffle. Price to members and their friends will be £3.50.

In October, Easton WI will be having a talk by

Simon White from Peter Beales Nursery about '*Gardens of*

about '*Gardens of East Anglia*'.

Hopefully he will give

tips on helping our gardens recover from heat

and drought!!

Easton WI is happy to welcome new members as well as people who would just like to come along to a meeting see what we do. We hope visitors will decide to come and join us but they are welcome to attend up to three meetings as a visitor.

We hope to resume our previous programme of theatre visits this autumn and going out for meals as we used to before the problems of the last few years meant we had to stop socialising.

Mary Blathwayt

Health and well-being

It's time to think about booking your flu jab

The best time to have the flu vaccine is in the autumn or early winter before flu starts to spread. It is available free of charge for those aged 50 and over, and for those who have a serious long-term health condition including:

- Chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, such as severe asthma (must be prescribed a steroid inhaler), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or bronchitis.
- Chronic heart disease, such as heart failure.
- Chronic kidney disease at stage three, four or five.
- Chronic liver disease.
- Chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone disease.
- Learning disability.
- Carers.
- Diabetes.
- Splenic dysfunction or asplenia.



- Weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment (such as cancer treatment).
- Morbid obesity (defined as BMI of 40 and above).
- All pregnant women (including those women who become pregnant during the flu season

If you are eligible for a free vaccination, you can book an appointment at your GP surgery or a pharmacy that offers it on the NHS.

 Flu vaccinations for over 65s are available at Roundwell Medical Centre on Saturday September 17 2022.

Have you enjoyed reading The Grapevine this month?

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of production for more printed editions of the magazine, you can do so by bank transfer.

Account name:

The Grapevine Magazine
Business account no: 20420956

Sort code: 20-99-08

Thank you!

Beat News

What to do about anti-social behaviour

The definition of anti-social behaviour is any behaviour that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to other people and can mean different things to each individual. This can include:

- Noise
- Vandalism
- Harassment
- Fly tipping
- Criminal damage
- Assault
- Racist or homophobic abuse
- Graffiti
- Nuisance neighbours
- Intimidation and threats
- Violence

Tackling ASB in Norfolk

Local Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been responding to reports and tackling ASB in a number of ways. In Acle, police received various complaints of ASB in and around Mill Lane. Youths had been playing knock-and-run at the bungalows causing anxiety for elderly residents and a vehicle with anti-social occupants frequently turned up in the area. The Beat Managers were able to identify the suspects and talked to them and their parents. They also identified the owner of the vehicle and issued



strong words of advice.

In Hellesdon and Horsford, reports of ASB at the recreation ground, including criminal damage to the play equipment led to the Beat Managers liaising with the safer schools officers and identifying three suspects. It has been arranged they will clean off the damage to the equipment as repayment and an increase in foot patrols has deterred ASB in the grounds.

Having evidence is a key factor in being able to issue warnings and taking action which results in positive outcomes like this. We encourage anyone with ASB evidence to come forward.

Reporting anti-social behaviour

- Email your local Safer Neighbourhood Team. The more information they have, the more they can help. Email addresses for your Safer Neighbourhood Team are given below.
- You can call **101** to record an incident that is non-urgent or **999** in an emergency.

- Report ASB on the Norfolk police website: norfolk.police.uk/contact-us/6-report-it. You can also use the live-chat function to record ASB.
- There is an anonymous service called StreetSafe to report public spaces where you feel unsafe . police.uk/pu/notices/streetsafe
- The Community Trigger gives victims the right to require action be taken where an ongoing anti-social behaviour problem has not been addressed.

 This can be found on the Police & Crime Commissioner website:

 norfolk-pcc.gov.uk

Your Local Safer Neighbourhood team

Community Engagement Officer Vicky Bailey PC 1425

T: 101 Ext: 1113

E: victoria.bailey@norfolk.police.uk



Updating you on issues in your area and co-ordinating volunteers, specials, speedwatch and cadets.

Meet Natasha, your local beat manager



PC Natasha Indans has recently taken up the role as local beat manager. She has spent

the last four years as a frontline response officer covering the South Norfolk area from Wymondham police station but she is enjoying taking on the varied challenges of a local policing role and getting to know residents and acting upon local policing priorities. Natasha will be sharing her initiatives, street surgeries and engagement events on social media, so look out on Facebook and Twitter and do say hello when you see her out and about.

SouthNorfPolice
SouthNorfolkPolice

In relation to the recent burglaries in the area, the police are offering the following advice:

- Window or door alarms are an effective deterrent
- A Ring doorbell camera is a simple to install but effective form of CCTV
- Does your security light work?
- A sign to warn that you have CCTV can make opportunists think twice
- Lock doors, windows, garages and gates
- Don't leave valuables on show, either in your home or car If you see anything you think is suspicious, please call Norfolk Constabulary on 101 or 999.

Easton Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors: Cllr Ben Moye – Chairman Cllr Peter Milliken – Vice Chairman Cllr Stuart Renders Cllr Peter McCarter Cllr David Lewis

New Easton Community Centre

Easton parish councillors are continuing to progress the delivery of the new Easton Community Centre with detailed engineering matters currently being resolved.

We hope planning permission will be granted by South Norfolk District Council soon so we can deliver the centre for the local community.

It will be a great asset for all our residents and is an exciting project for us all.

Orbit Housing

Councillors are aware of concerns regarding the dust from the Orbit site, as are South Norfolk District Council's Planning Enforcement team. Orbit have all the necessary dust suppression measures and protocols in place and are adhering to planning conditions.

Therefore, unfortunately little more can be done to solve the issue aside from some overdue rainfall!

Persimmon Homes

Persimmon are continuing to deliver their scheme.
Easton parish councillors

are working closely with

Persimmon Homes and South Norfolk District Council to enable the delivery to be achieved

effectively and in accordance with the necessary planning conditions. This site will provide much needed homes to the local area. The parish councillors wish to encourage residents to take an active part in the planning system by making comments on material considerations in planning applications within Easton to ensure their voice is heard. All planning applications and information is available on the South Norfolk District Council website. Home Page -Broadland and South Norfolk (southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk)

Play areas and open spaces

Councillors were pleased to see the council play areas and open

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spaces being well used during the recent school summer holidays. With the lovely sunny weather and wide choice of equipment a good time was had by all. There was unfortunately some damage to equipment at Jubilee playing field and this was quickly repaired by the parish council to ensure play could continue.

If you see any vandalism or antisocial behaviour, please report it to the police on 101.

As we move into autumn, we ask that you to continue to take rubbish home with you to ensure all areas remain clean and pleasant spaces for all to enjoy.

Councillor vacancies

Regrettably, Mr Bailey who was coopted as a parish councillor at the last meeting, has been unable to take up his new post due to work commitments.

There are still vacancies on the council so if you are interested, please contact the parish clerk at the email address below.

Easton Parish Council

The Village Hall, Marlingford Road, Easton NR9 5AD

W: eastonparishcouncil.co.uk E: clerk@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Mobile library 2022 – September dates

Marlingford – Route: CEN 317 Wednesday: September 28

Stop no		•	Postcode
18: Colton Road near Home Farm	2.10pm	2.25pm	NR9 5HS
20: Mill Road	2.30pm	2.45pm	NR9 5HU

Colton –Route: CEN 319 Wednesday: September 7
38: Ex post Office 5pm 5.15pm NR9 5DB

Easton –Route: CEN 419	Thursday: S	September	29
6: Parkers Close	10.45am		NR9 5EE
8: Marlingford Road		11.25am	NR9 5AD
10: Marlingford Way	11.30am	11.50am	NR9 5HB
12: Kennedy Close	11.55am	12.10pm	NR9 5EY
14: St Peter's Drive	12.15pm	12.45pm	

Please note this information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquiries call 01603 222303.

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors:

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Speeding

Speeding continues to be an area of concern in both villages for the Parish Council. SAM 2 (Speed Activated Monitoring) machines are located in both the villages and regularly rotated around a number of key areas flagged up as particularly dangerous. SAM 2 machines record the speed of cars that drive past and display it on a flashing display to notify the driver. This data is downloaded regularly and is analysed to look for specific times and areas where speeding is

more prominent.

The Parish Council is working with police to try and reduce speeding and make villages safer.

It also continues to campaign for more interventions to reduce speeding and hopes to be able to work with other organisations in future to enable this.

The Parish Council would welcome any residents that would like to discuss speeding in the villages and be involved in setting up a **Community Speed Watch**.

Please contact the parish clerk.

The Norwich Western Link

The Pre-Planning Application
Public Consultation is now live
and will be until midnight 8th
October. More information
about the proposals for this
priority infrastructure project for
Norfolk County Council has been
published and they are inviting
people to give us feedback before
they finalise and submit the
planning application next year.
They are consulting on elements
of the project which will be

included in the planning application, including:

- The design of the road and its structures, including the viaduct
- Environmental mitigation and enhancement measures
- Traffic mitigation measures on the existing road network

Visit the consultation website: norfolk.gov.uk/nwl, where there's a new fly-through video and images which show what the route could look like, as well as lots of other information.

Wildfires

Parts of the region have been badly affected by wildfires.

These are easily started by: camp fires, barbecues, bonfires, sparks from farm machinery, arson, discarded cigarettes, catalytic converters, glass left on the ground sparking a fire with the sun's glare and planned burning that gets out of control.

Strong winds, high temperatures or low rainfall can all leave trees, shrubs, fallen leaves and grass, dry and prone to the spread of fire.

How you can prevent wildfires

- Take your litter home.
- Don't throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows
- Don't leave glass lying around
- Don't have campfires or barbecues in the countryside. Only have them in safe designated areas

What to do if you see a wildfire

- Stay calm and put yourself in a place of safety (away from vegetation and smoke)
- Do not try to put out the fire
- If you are in your car, close all windows and vents
- If you are at home, keep doors and windows closed, but unlocked
- Call 999 and inform them of your location – you can use the What3Words app

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on

• Tuesday October 11 at Marlingford village hall, 7pm

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Broadland and South Norfolk Customer Panel

Become a panel member and have a say on matters affecting services the council provides.

You can share your views on how we can best provide and improve our services, and help us shape them for the future. Members of the panel will be recruited to be representative of the wider population of the districts in terms

of demographics and where they live. They will be invited to take part in at least three online surveys a year. Those who complete a survey will be entered into an annual prize draw to win one of three prizes.

• Sign up for the panel online via our online sign up form or by calling 01508 533633.



Wymondham Women clinch the Norfolk County Cup at Carrow Road in May.

Pictures: Mark Nicholls.

A great time for girls to start playing football

There's never been a better time for women and girls from Easton, Marlingford, Colton and beyond, to join teams in Norfolk and take up football for the first time. **Mark Nicholls** explains why.

Everyone is still bubbling at the success of the Lionesses in winning the Women's Euro 2022 tournament at Wembley.
But hopefully, this will pave the way for more girls to play football and enjoy the sport they love. It was a privilege to be at Wembley on July 31 as history was made with the women winning their first major trophy and an England team emerging victorious at a tournament for the first time since the 1966 World Cup.

I was particularly proud to see Lauren Hemp from North Walsham play such a key role in the Lionesses' 2-1 win over Germany, thinking about the fact that not so many years ago, my daughter Laura Nicholls and her were playing in the same Norwich City Centre of Excellence side.

Several other girls from that Centre of Excellence team have gone on to play for local clubs in the ERWFL (Eastern Region Women's Football League) and the FAWNL (FA Women's National League) in tier 4.

Here in Norfolk, there is a thriving network of teams for girls and women of all ages and levels to play football with well-supported league and cup competitions. Alongside the top teams of Norwich City Women and Wymondham Women, there are clubs in Thorpe, Sprowston, Dussindale and Hellesdon, and Horsford, as well as elsewhere across the county. Meanwhile, the innovative Weetabix Wildcats initiative is introducing many young girls to the game and has seen a number teams spring up in the last couple of years. Weetabix Wildcats football offer girls aged 5-11 a chance to try football for the first time and provides regular opportunities to play in hour-long sessions. All sessions are delivered by FA qualified coaches in a safe place for girls to try football and develop key football skills, as well as have fun



Wymondham Women celebrate a goal. and be active.

There are sessions at several locations across the Norwich area and in South Norfolk and other parts of the county, such as at Wymondham, the UEA Sportspark, Thorpe and the FDC in Bowthorpe.

• For more information visit: norfolkfa.com/players/youth/girls/ weetabix-wildcats

Celebrating the very best of our great county

On July 27 this year, we were able to celebrate our fine county and how fortunate we are to live here. Thanks to Jane Knights and her son, Edward who hosted an afternoon tea and Norfolk cakes event at the Old Hall in Marlingford.

They had baked Norfolk shortcakes, Norfolk stout cake, Norfolk vinegar cake, chocolate cake, scones and a creamy Victoria sponge was donated.



30 people came and £221 was raised to keep Marlingford Church in good repair.

Felicity Maton

The Rambling Vine 🕏

Sowing the seeds for a more secure future

September is here and we look forward once again to enjoying the colours of autumn all around us, the fruit trees heavy with fruit in our orchards and gardens, the leaves and seeds falling to the ground, perhaps walks through woods with the crispness underfoot that we associate with the season, the 'seedtime and the harvest' being sung about again in our churches and schools.

and all being well as we David Holgate at Norwich Cathedral. recognise the familiarity of the turning of the seasons.

But the recent heatwave and drought here in Norfolk, other parts of Britain and also in significant areas of the globe have meant that the browned, dry grassland and fields, hedges and verges have been with us for quite some time with wildfires breaking out across both field and forest.

The seasons seem less defined, the wildlife less prevalent and the lives we live just a little more precarious perhaps. What are we doing to our



Julian of Norwich statue by

world and what are we doing to mitigate disaster? The Millennium Seed Bank at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew suggests that two in five plant species are in danger of extinction – not just from this year's drought or fire but as a consequence of our failure to look after our world with respect and the devastating changes happening to the climate as a result.

The Millennium Seed Project is collecting seeds from as many species across the UK and the world as it can.

It will keep them at sub-zero temperatures in specially designed underground flood, bomb and radiation-proof vaults.

They currently have over 2.4 billion seeds and counting! a 'Noah's Ark' of seeds for the future, should we need it. Seeds are the precious treasurechests of life. They provide the food we eat as grain for bread and crops

of all kinds. They provide flowers and shrubs for our pleasure. They grow into trees for the cleansing and replenishing of the air we breathe. In so many ways they sustain life.

Julian of Norwich, the 14th century mystic and anchoress, in one of her many visions found herself holding a hazelnut in her hand, as miniscule in God's eye as a tiny round ball floating in space, and she asked God what it was, and the reply came "it is all that is made.....and God loves it". The seed is so important for the future of our world, so important for our survival, so important to God that we should be mindful to make sure that we do our best to protect and preserve it. This autumn, perhaps we could



ecosystems, to think about how we use the world's resources and to make the changes needed in our own lives to reserve our world. Perhaps also, we could sow, plant or grow something new for God and for the future of our world.

Rev Laura Montgomery

Sunday services in September

4th	Easton
11th	Colton
18th	Marlingford
25th	Bawburgh

Get on your bike and support our churches

find the space and time to reflect on the precariousness of our

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride is a great opportunity to visit some wonderful churches in the county and raise money at the same time. An amazing £130,000 was raised in 2021 and the Trust would like to thank everyone who took part in the event. The date this year is Saturday September 10.



For details on how to take part visit: norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk or www.dioceseofnorwich.org

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