



# THE Grapevine

Coronation Edition

May 2023

Your community guide for Colton, Easton and Marlingford



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Longwater – Link Road shelter	10.08am	Bawburgh – Church Street	1.19pm

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Easton – opp. school	10.40am	Easton – opp. Bawburgh Rd	12.38pm
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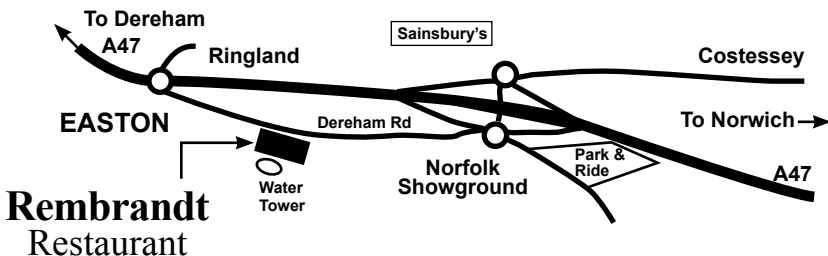
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## Take The Grapevine Coronation Challenge!

**In this historic Coronation year how much do you know about our Royal Family and their history? Have a go at our fun quiz and test your knowledge!**

**Answers on page 26.**

- 1** What are the first names of King Charles?
- 2** In what year was he born?
- 3** In what year was his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, crowned?
- 4** What is the name of the crown that will be placed on the King's head at this coronation?
- 5** Which king was crowned on 19 July 1821 at Westminster Abbey, at a cost of nearly £240,000 compared to the Coronation of his father, which cost less than £10,000 in 1760?
- 6** Which queen of England and Ireland was never crowned and reigned for only nine days?
- 7** Who is next in line to the throne after King Charles?
- 8** How many reigning queens of England have there been?
- 9** Who was the first and what year was she crowned?
- 10** Which king of England abdicated in 1936?

**11** How many coronations have there been in Westminster Abbey since 1066?

**12** Who was declared King of England on Christmas day in 1013 and ruled for five weeks until his death on February 3 1014?

**13** Which boy king who was never crowned was believed to have been murdered in the Tower of London along with his brother?

**14** How old is the Coronation Chair (*pictured*) believed to be?



**Deadline for items for the June issue: Wednesday, May 24  
Email as word doc to: [annettegh57@gmail.com](mailto:annettegh57@gmail.com)**



## Colton village hall

### ● **Coronation Celebration Tea** **Sunday May 7, 2-4pm.**

Come along for a free tea including sandwiches, scones and cakes to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

● **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

## Marlingford village hall

### ● **Big Picnic Lunch**

**Marlingford Celebrates  
the Coronation of  
King Charles III**

## The big picnic lunch

**At Marlingford Village Hall  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Starting at 12:30 to 15:30**

**Bring a picnic**

Painting Competition  
Decorate a crown competition  
Childrens Craft Tent  
Traditional Games  
Cash bar Tea and coffee  
Free Loyal Toast and cake 15:00

**Donations Welcome**

**Sunday May 7** to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

Residents and families of Marlingford are invited to bring their own picnics and the village hall will provide tables and chairs outside. (inside if weather is bad).

● **Thursday Talks – 7.30pm start**  
Here is a list of forthcoming Thursday talks at Marlingford village hall.

**May 18: When Birds Sing** with **Saffron Summerfield** - a birdsong recordist. The how, why and when a bird sings.

**June 29: Tombland Norwich – a long and colourful history** with **David Berwick**.

**July 27: The Magnificent Seven** with **Jim Stebbings**. Fascinating and shocking facts of the lives of seven American songwriters.

**August 24: Running a B&B in a farmhouse in rural Turkey** with **Jenny Gibbs** and **Mustafa Bas** – plus traditional handicrafts for sale.

## Easton village hall

### ● **Easton Good Companions**

The upcoming events:

**May 3:** outing to **Highways**

**Nursery** for a lunch at 12 noon

**May 11: Coronation Celebrations** with cake and wine.

# Community and Fundraising Events

**May 25: Horse Racing**

**June 8th: Swinging Sixties with Angela Bishop**

The group is open to all over 50s.

We welcome

members **every two**

**weeks on Thursdays** at Easton

village hall from **2pm-4pm**. Pop

along and meet us!



*Tony Perry*



## It's Showtime!

at Bawburgh School on  
Saturday, May 13.

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and neighbours to celebrate the  
Coronation of King Charles III



## Flower Festival

### May 13-14

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Easton

### 10am - 4pm

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# Community and Fundraising Events

## Elona's fundraiser proves to be a great success!

On a beautiful spring day, on Sunday April 16, young and old residents alike turned out in force to support Elona Moore's excellent work to raise funds to improve the Colton amenity area. As part of her efforts, the event, previously

publicised in *The Grapevine*, the *Colton and Marlingford Newsletter* and even the *Norwich Evening News*, Elona had managed to persuade many local businesses to support her initiative. These included Viking Nurseries who donated a large number of rhododendron plants, Norwich City Football Club, The Goat Shed, Next, Barnham Broom Hotel Golf & Spa, Artful, Go Ape, Namco Bowling from Bowthorpe, Congo Rapids (formerly Norwich Family Golf Centre), UEA Sports Park and Morrisons in Wymondham.



Some items at the fundraiser.

These donations, which were all gratefully received, plus the many local residents who kindly donated cakes for sale and the excellent craftwork made by Elona herself, helped raise over £620 towards her fundraising activities.

This amount, in addition to earlier donations, has raised a total amount to date of over £1300. We would like to thank everyone who generously bought coffee and cake, plants, craftwork, raffle tickets and even submitted bids for the silent auction. This magnificent sum will now be added to the money being set aside by the parish council to be spent on improvements to this important facility.

These will be based on a review of the responses to a questionnaire currently being completed by Colton residents.

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## A busy weekend at Colton village hall

Colton villagers gathered on Saturday April 15 with mops and buckets to give a much needed spring clean to the village hall before the fundraiser hosted there the following day.

As well as a general sprucing up, there was the assembly of a brand new picnic table to be tackled. After the scratching of heads and organising of tools, the table finally appeared in all its glory! Money for



Colton volunteers take a well-earned break after their hard work. Below: the newly assembled picnic table.

this was by way of a grant from South Norfolk Council and thanks are due to Councillor Margaret Dewsbury for making it happen. The bench should last for years as it is made using recycled plastic waste.



## News from Easton Women's Institute

### Panic stations...

I am writing this the morning of the day of our April meeting and I have recently been told that our speaker for the meeting tonight will not be coming.

This is causing a certain amount of panic but as usual the WI members will all pull together so we can have a pleasant evening – I sincerely hope so anyway!!

However, I can say that **Rosie Wilkin**, the speaker that we have booked for our meeting on **Thursday May 11** is so far OK and we hope she will be there to talk to us about '**Historic Braids**'

and will demonstrate how to make them.

### Upcoming talks

Looking further ahead to **Thursday June 8**, we will be having a talk on '**Skincare**' and we will also be going for an afternoon tea on the **North Norfolk Railway** on **June 15** as part of our 70th birthday year celebrations.

Easton WI is always pleased to welcome new members and people who might just want to know more about the WI are very welcome to attend a limited number of our meetings.

*Mary Blathwayt*

## Meet the cat who doesn't have nine lives...

Police are asking the public to take care after catalytic converter thieves targeted cars parked mainly in driveways across Norfolk. Of the targeted vehicles, 43% were either Toyota (mainly Auris and Prius) or Honda (predominantly Jazz, Civic or CR-V) models.

In the most recent thefts, they have noted:

- A team of three is often used – one lookout, one driver, and one cutting person.
- Thefts occur in residential streets.
- A distraction can be used, loud music, for example.

Generally, police suggest parking near a wall or fence to make access to the emission control devices more difficult and within CCTV or doorbell camera range, if possible.



Keep vehicles in secure buildings or garages where possible, or in well-lit, less isolated areas. People can also look at getting a catloc device fitted which makes it far harder for thieves in a hurry to detach the unit.

Vehicle owners can also get their catalytic converter protectively marked from some car

garages. Officers say the thieves sometimes pose as people who are doing maintenance working on a vehicle. As well as taking measures to protect your vehicle, prompt reporting is also key to catching the criminals.

**Anyone spotting suspicious activity is advised not to make an approach and to call 999 immediately.**

### A message from your local police officer, PC Vicky Bailey

I will be conducting an engagement surgery at **The Costessey Centre, Longwater Lane, Costessey NR8 5AH** from 1pm-3pm on **May 23**.

Come along and have a chat if there is a local policing issue or concern you wish to discuss or if you simply just want to talk to an officer serving

your community. I look forward to meeting you!

**Community Engagement Officer Vicky Bailey PC 1425**

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## The Grapevine report

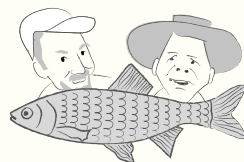


*The Grapevine* has had a good year and we are pleased that we were able to regain printing of the magazine quarterly in 2022. In 2023 we will continue to produce 10 issues: double issues for August/September and December/January. We hope to print a magazine every alternate issue, so enabling more of the villages' residents to take advantage of the news we bring them. We have 900 printed, of which 650 are for Easton, 110 for Colton and 100 for Marlingford with extra for leaving in village halls, church porches, etc. We have volunteers who deliver a copy to each home and business in the villages but we could use more volunteers to help distribute the magazine. The online version goes out every month and is distributed to all contributors, advertisers and committee contacts as well as those who have asked to be added to the online distribution list. The magazine is also uploaded to the parish councils' websites and a link is put on the Nextdoor website which covers Easton, Marlingford and Colton as well as part of west Norwich. October and November are busy months for us when we need to renew advertisers' interest in the

magazine. This year we were able to offer colour or black/white options. We are fortunate to have a good amount of loyal supporters and now a few new companies to add to our advertisers. In July, Easton Parish Council offered to help us with an annual contribution of £1000. We also received an annual payment from Marlingford & Colton Parish Council and a donation from Colton Village Hall Committee. Many thanks for your support. In October, we were presented with a £1000 grant from Persimmon homes as part of their Charity Community Fund. Our advertising revenue amounted to £3382.00. The brown envelope donation scheme, which is our only other source of income, raised £568.80. The magazine has developed over the year and hopefully readers are happy with the new version. The editor is always pleased to receive any articles with local interest and news. Our voluntary committee members are: Felicity Maton, Assistant Editor, Sally Neale and Carol Chiles, Treasurer. We would welcome others who wish to help us.

***The Grapevine Committee***

## Gone fishin' – with Dom and Milt

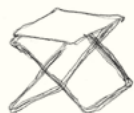


### A River Runs Through It...

The unflappable Milt is in a flap. As Dom appears to pick him up for the last day of the river fishing season, he is all over the place. "I'm all over the place!" he confirms as he heads off in three directions at once to fetch his gear, his clothes and his Scotch egg. Turns out that our man went to cricket nets the night before in Loddon and managed to lose his keys. All of them. Tracy, in bed and poorly, had to rescue the situation but Milt has been seriously discombobulated by the events of the night before. Eventually the car is filled with the astounding amount of gear that Milt and Dom feel they need and they head off, to Loddon, ironically. Dom hates river fishing.



A number of times Milt has dragged him to a couple of the county's allegedly finest waterways and on each occasion has selected the day when the fish were all faffing around in another part of the river or were not hungry or were simply taking the mickey.



On their last foray, to the Bure at Bramerton, Dom made the sole catch of the day – a disposable barbecue. You don't see Mortimer and Whitehouse setting out to nab

one of those on an idyllic stretch of the River Wye, do you?

Loddon Staithe in late winter is mostly empty; there's a scruffy resident boat at one end occupied by a wild-looking woman with anger issues who took Milt and brother Paul to task for fishing near her vessel when they visited a few days previously; there's a towering gin palace and a boat with a couple of amiable northerners aboard.

Milt and Dom select their spot and begin the lengthy business of ferrying their gear mountain from the car to the quay.

Dom wonders if there are such people as fishing porters; he would happily pay to avoid the hernia that will surely one day pop out.

The fishing begins, and seven seconds after his first cast Milton has a fish.



"Well done!" says Dom, genuinely thrilled that this river does appear to have some piscine life in it.

It's "well done again, Milt!" a few minutes later... and again, and again... and it's all Milt.

There's a moment's excitement for Dom – the rod twitches and he strikes. But Milt has cast across

his line, entangling it, and the fish, insultingly, is actually on Milt's hook. Milt is thoroughly sporting about the whole morning. "It's not a competition," he says, unhooking another fat bream, "But if it was I'd be thrashing you." Smug.

It's three hours before Dom feels the pull of a fish on the line; a nice perch. It brings a visit from the local 'colour', one of a group of the town's characters who have occupied a bench 10 metres behind our men all morning. They are the kind of chaotic folk who walk down the street bellowing out their conversations as if they were on opposite sides of town instead of two feet from each other. "GAAAHH! \*\*\*\* TERRY\*\*\*\*HAHAHAHAHA!"

But they are unthreatening; the only risk is Milt and Dom getting high on the clouds of secondhand weed smoke drifting across the staithe. "Niceperchwhatdidyouuselcaugh-onejiggingbutdoneitdifferenttoyou" gabbles the hooded one, his black eye and scuffed visage suggesting that a previous conversation had not ended well.

Satisfied with Dom's noncommittal response about the merits of jigging, he stamps back to the meeting of the \*\*\* TERRY! fan club. And so the afternoon passes, with Dom catching more and Milt less.



There are no barbecues but Milt does snag what appears to be an outsized condom, provoking much hooting laughter from the bench. Dom lands a sock.

"Can we stop off at the White Horse on the way back?" asks Milt. "For an end-of-season pint?"

Good idea," says Dom.

"No," says Milt.

"The landlord has my cricket bat. I lost it last night."

Dom has no response.

On the way home, the weary anglers, happy with their day's travails, are discussing life post-employment.

"You'll dream about work," says Milt. "I did. For ages."

Dom is sceptical.

He has plenty of dreams but his work as a magazine editor has never featured in them and he dismisses Mystic Milt's prediction as the raving of a madman who can lose a set of keys and a cricket bat on the same evening.

And that night he dreams a panicky dream about the magazine designers asking him about a competition page that they can find no content for – and it's two minutes before the deadline. Blast that Mystic Milt...



# Marlingford and Colton Parish Council

## Your Parish Councillors:

**Mr J Morse, Chairman**

**Dr Paul Hammerton,  
Vice Chairman**

**Cllr Mr Steve Clarke**

**Cllr Prof Carole Farrow**

**Cllr Mr David Woods**

## Annual parish meeting

The annual parish meeting was held on Tuesday April 11 from 7pm at Colton village hall.

Reports were heard from Colton and Marlingford village halls, *The Grapevine*, Marlingford PCC, Colton PCC, Colton Art Group, Marlingford Cricket Club, Colton Fuel Allotment Charity and the Community Car Scheme.

Updates were also given from the parish council, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council and the police.

It was great to have so many local groups together discussing what has been happening in the villages over the last 12 months. Reports are available to view on the website at Marlingford and Colton Parish Council - Minutes & Agendas – [marlingfordandcoltonpc.co.uk](http://marlingfordandcoltonpc.co.uk)

## Council election

Following the nomination period, there was an uncontested election within the parish. This happens when there are the same number



Marlingford Cricket Club. Picture: Annette Hudson

or fewer nominees than there are places on the council.

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council can have seven councillors and there were four nominations received from John Morse, Paul Hammerton, David Woods and Deborah Perfect. They will take up their roles following election day on May 4 with the parish AGM being held on May 16. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.

There will still be a district election

on May 4. **Don't forget – you now need ID to vote.**

### Council vacancy

Due to only four seats being allocated, the parish council still has vacancies and is looking for residents to join. If you are interested in local issues and want to make a difference in your

community, being a councillor could be for you. If you are interested in seeing what the role entails, come along to one of our meetings. Alternatively, feel free to contact our clerk, **Maria Hutson** on **01603 850118**, or email: **marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com**

### Parish council meetings and public inclusion

Parish council meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

The next meeting will be held on:

- **Tuesday May 16, 7pm**,  
at Colton village hall.  
(pictured right)  
Address: **Norwich Road, Colton NR9 5BY**
- Parish Council AGM  
**Tuesday 13rd June, 7pm**,  
venue tbc

At each meeting there is an opportunity for members of the public to speak and raise any issues they may have. You are also welcome to simply come along and listen. Councillors look forward to welcoming residents to the next meeting.



**Maria Hutson**,  
Clerk to Marlingford and Colton  
Parish Council,  
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# Easton Parish Council

## Your Parish Councillors:

**Cllr Ben Moye – Chairman**

**Cllr Peter Milliken –  
Vice Chairman**

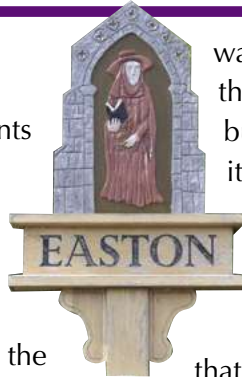
**Cllr Stuart Renders**

**Cllr Peter McCarter**

**Cllr David Lewis**

## Welcome!

A big welcome to the new residents of Easton. Residents are reminded that they need to get on the SNC housing list to stand a chance of an Orbit home. If they are having issues with SNC getting on the list, they need to speak with the clerk or Cllr Milliken to see if we can help them navigate the SNC bureaucracy.



walk-through video as to what the outside and inside of the building will look like when it is finished.

Residents have raised concerns as to what will happen to the existing hall and we can confirm that we are committed that it will continue to be used to benefit the community. It will not

## New community centre

Work on the community centre continues to move forward at speed. The steel superstructure for the main hall is now up and the base will now be able to be finished. The rainwater harvesting tank is in and the drainage pipes are laid. The main building walls and roof will be constructed in May and June. Full details of the progress can be found at [eastoncommunitycentre.co.uk](http://eastoncommunitycentre.co.uk) as it is being updated on a very regular basis. Lots of pictures and videos of the progression of the build can be found on the website. We have also included a



Aerial view of the Easton Community Centre construction.

be sold for development as some individuals suggest.

### **Local elections**

The elections on the May 4 are now solely for the district councillor position. Remember, you will now need to take ID along to vote in this election.

### **Parish councillors**

After receiving no extra nominations for the parish council elections, no new potential councillors came forward. Therefore, the current parish council members will be elected unopposed. The next meeting of

the parish council is on May 18 starting at 1.15pm. Please note, this meeting will not be open to public participation due to the matters that need to be resolved on the agenda. The annual meeting of the parish will start at 3.00pm and public participation will be available in that meeting. We are looking forward to receiving reports from the local groups in the area.

### **Speeding issues**

Lower Easton continues to be blighted by speeding cars, litter and HGVs using unsuitable roads. The police have reported that, after undertaking speed monitoring on Marlingford Road near the school, they have found several vehicles continue to drive at speeds well over the stated speed limit and they will be deploying extra resources to deal with speeding in our community.

### **Children's play areas**

If you spot a problem in any of the children's play areas we have a quick way to report it via the parish website [eastonparishcouncil.co.uk/children-play-parks](http://eastonparishcouncil.co.uk/children-play-parks)

### **Litter**

As the weather is now improving please remember if the park bins are full please take your litter home with you.





# The Rambling Vine



## Our new king – a passionate man of faith

The country is counting down to the Coronation of our new monarch, King Charles III on May 6. I don't know if you are a Royalist or not but whatever your views on the monarchy, it will undoubtedly be a national celebration to lift public spirits at a time when it's most needed.

Of course, we don't know yet what sort of king our new king will be. Kings of the past have been a bit of a 'mixed bunch', – some were renowned on the battlefield, like Richard the Lionheart and some were wise and strategic leaders like Alfred the Great. Then there were the kings whose reigns had a difficult end like Harold with an unfortunate arrow in the eye, Charles I whose beheading heralded the only time in British history when we didn't have a monarch, and Richard III whose bones were found under a car park and to whom history, rightly or not, has not been kind.



Coronation of King Richard I in 1189.

And then there was Henry VIII, a bit of a radical whose reign saw six wives, the abolition of the monasteries and a break from the Catholic church to found the Protestant Church of England, the church which the parishes of this

benefice belong to.

It is unlikely that our new king will be showing his prowess on the battlefield, as kings of old did, but what do we know about what King Charles is passionate about?

Well, it is widely known that he is concerned about the environment, sustainability, organic farming and halting deforestation.

He is an advocate of young people, having founded the Princes Trust.

He is a patron of the arts and is a published author himself showing a creative spirit and is passionate about inclusion in our multi-cultural Britain.

But Charles III is also a man of faith. Like his mother, his life is underpinned by a belief not in his



## Church services May and June 2023

May		
Sunday 7	10.00am	<b>Easton</b> – A service of Holy Communion to mark the Coronation of King Charles III
Saturday 13 Sunday 14	10.00am - 4.00pm	<b>Easton</b> – St Peter’s church open for the Flower Festival
Sunday 14	10.00am 3.00pm	<b>Colton</b> – All age communion service <b>Easton</b> – Coronation Songs of Praise
Sunday 21	10.00am	<b>Marlingford</b> – Ascension Benefice Communion
Sunday 28	11.00am 1.00pm	<b>Bawburgh</b> – St Walstan’s Day with the Bishop of Norwich followed by Bring and Share lunch at Marlingford village hall
June		
Sunday 4	10.00am	<b>Easton</b> – Trinity
Sunday 11	10.00am	<b>Colton</b> – All age communion
Sunday 18	10.00am	<b>Marlingford</b>
Sunday 25	10.00am	<b>Bawburgh</b>

own human kingship but in the Kingship of Jesus Christ. Jesus was the Servant King, who encouraged the young, spoke up for the marginalised and served those who were ‘outsiders’ in society. Jesus was the King who, at the beginning of time, saw creation in its new and perfect state and weeps as we spoil it. Jesus is the King who died for those he came to serve and rose again so that we could have life everlasting. Jesus is the King who is forever the bridge by which we can one day be with God. Perhaps, by working to protect the

environment, encourage the young and speak up for the marginalised, our new king seeks to live out his faith by following in the footsteps of Jesus, King of Kings.

As the words of a well known hymn say:

*Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.*

*This gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.*

So as Coronation day approaches, let us pray that our new king will be a wise monarch who continues to serve both our country, the Commonwealth and the King of



St Walstan from a rood screen at St Mary Magdalene, Norwich.

Kings, Jesus Christ in the ways of justice, peace and service to all. We have special benefice services and a flower festival at St Peter’s church to commemorate this historic event and do hope you will be able to join us.

Later in the month we remember another special servant who had his own links to royalty (albeit Anglo-Saxon royalty!) St Walstan. The Bishop of Norwich will be joining us for this service.

**Rev Laura Montgomery**

## Mobile library 2023 – May dates

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18: Colton Road near Home Farm	2.10pm	2.25pm	NR9 5HS
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### Colton –Route: CEN 319

### Wednesday: May 17

38: Ex post Office	5pm	5.15pm	NR9 5DB
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### Easton –Route: CEN 419

### Thursday: May 11

6: Parkers Close	10.45am	11am	NR9 5EE
8: Marlingford Road	11.05am	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	NR9 5HF

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

**Answers to quiz on page 11; 1** Charles Philip Arthur George; **2** 1948; **3** June 2, 1953; **4** St Edward’s crown; **5** King George IV; **6** Lady Jane Grey; **7** William, Prince of Wales; **8** Seven; **9** Queen Mary I – 1553 (also known as Bloody Mary); **10** Edward VII ; **11** 39; **12** Sweyn Forkbeard, Google him!; **13** Edward V; **14** 700 years old

## Promote your club or business at the St Peter's Church Flower Festival this month

St. Peter's Church, Easton is holding a **Flower Festival** on the weekend of **Saturday 13** and **Sunday 14 May** which will culminate in a special Songs of Praise service.

All clubs, societies and businesses in and around Easton are invited to participate using the space to advertise their society or business with a floral display and flyers showing details of what they do. The church will be open from 10.00am until 4.00pm on Friday May 12 in order to set things up. (Alternative times by arrangement).

The theme is **Royalty** or **Coronation**

as it is the year we celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Your display does not have to be large – indeed, 'small is beautiful'. The organisers will supply a card to accompany the display with details of your business or club in order to promote it.

● **If you would like to take part in the festival, please fill in the form below and send it by post to:**

**Anthony Perry,  
Secretary, St Peter's Church,  
7 Pegg Close, Easton NR9 5JB**  
or email the details to:  
**perryanthony00@gmail.com**

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## Marlingford Church 50 Club

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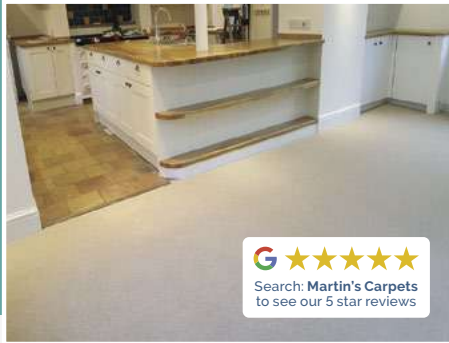
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