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Your community guide for Colton, Easton and Marlingford



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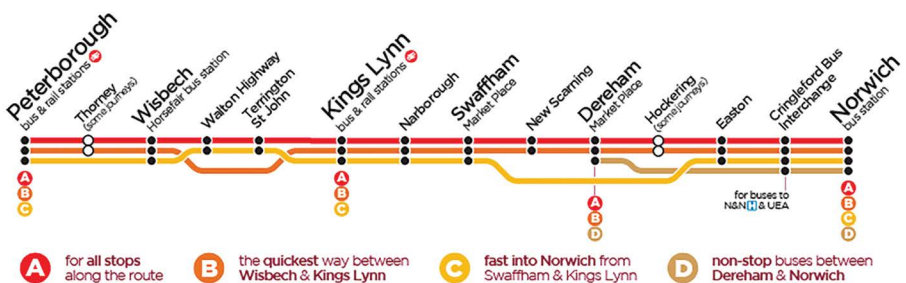
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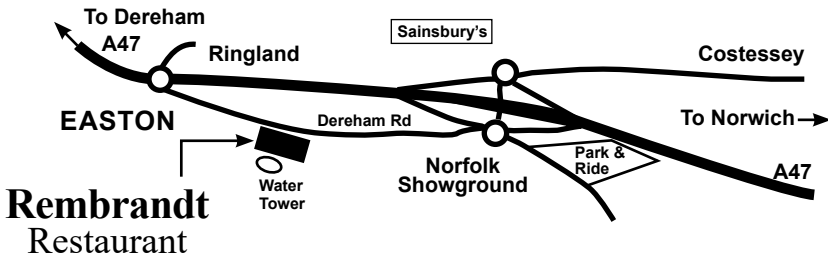
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Know any useful tips you can share?

I'm sure we all have little tricks for making life easier. Here are a few.

1 Avoid losing your gardening hand tools by tying a brightly coloured ribbon to them so that you can always spot them among the bushes and weeds.

2 Try cracking eggs on a flat surface to avoid breaking the yolk.

3 Discover **maps.me** – an app that gives you maps anywhere in the world and guides by satellite rather than being connected to the internet. You need to be connected to the internet initially to download the app and the maps of the area you require but after that, you're away and it's very reliable.

4 Apple Airtag is a small disc you can attach to your luggage, handbag etc. Then download the app '**Find My**' from the App store or the Playstore. It's good for finding all sorts of devices, items and people and can be used to track your luggage just in case it gets lost.

5 what3words - This has been featured before in *The Grapevine* but now, police, ambulance and fire services are using this app to

pinpoint people in an emergency and find their location. The app is designed to identify any place on the surface of the earth. It works by dividing it up into approximately three metre squares. The system encodes geographic co-ordinates into three, permanently fixed dictionary words. For example, the front door of 10 Downing Street in London is identified by

///slurs.this.shark.

By putting these three words into the app on your phone, it will navigate straight to that location. This is especially good for delivery drivers as many of the properties in our villages have house names and share the same postcode, so giving them the 'three words' of your address means they can easily locate you.

Try for yourself – download the app and then see if you can identify these three well-known locations:

1 ///hops.harder.fired

2 ///runner.being.avoid

3 ///argue.leaflet.stale

● **Have you got any clever little tips you can pass on? If so, email me: annettegh57@gmail.com**

Deadline for items for the July/August printed issue: Wednesday, June 14
Email as word doc to: annettegh57@gmail.com

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Colton village hall

● Coronation tea

After a dull start, the weather brightened up for the afternoon of Sunday, May 7 allowing Colton residents to enjoy the Coronation tea in the village hall.

It was warm enough to sit outside and a few basked in the sunshine while eating and drinking. See page 15 for more.

● Thursday coffee morning

All are welcome to the coffee morning every **Thursday** in Colton village hall from **10am to 12pm**.

Marlingford village hall

● Thursday Talks – 7.30pm start

Here is a list of forthcoming Thursday talks at Marlingford village hall.

June 29: Tombland Norwich – a long and colourful history with **David Berwick**. £5 including refreshments and raffle.

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

We had a Coronation Buffet Lunch on May 11 and all agreed the food was “Fit for a King”

The upcoming events:

● June 8: Swinging Sixties with Angela Bishop



● June 22: Jewellery by Christine Chapman

● July 6: Games afternoon

● July 20: Hazel’s birthday party

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

● Easton Pop In

We’ve had a busy few weeks with people being fed up with the wet weather! We still need more helpers. Maurice and Mick are always a popular duo and we get a full house when the two boys are serving. We meet every Tuesday from 10 until 11.45 and if you are over 50 and at a loose end, we’d love to see you.

Brenda and Tony

Community and Fundraising Events

Bloomin' lovely!

St Peter's Church Flower Festival took place on the weekend of May 13-14 following an idea by Margaret Seely to raise money for repairs to the church roof. After a lot of hard work sending letters to organisations and clubs we had a fabulous response – particularly from the College Floral Department and various organisations all contributing great displays. Thanks to those who served teas and coffees and cakes (mustn't forget the cakes) culminating in a Songs of Praise presided by Laura Montgomery who spoke of the history of the people's choice of hymn. We managed to raise £650. Many thanks to all who helped.



Flower festival display. Picture: Margaret Seely

The Friends of Barford Primary School invite you to

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Coronation celebrations

Marlingford Big Picnic – a crowning success!



Marlingford villagers tuck-in to their tasty picnics.

Pictures: Caroline Whiting.

What an asset the beautiful new terrace and marquee behind Marlingford village hall are proving to be. The green, backing onto the water meadow, was a delightful setting for children of all ages to run around in the sunshine playing a rumbustious game of cricket and making glittering paper crowns covered in jewels, stickers and stars to rival the King's. The sun shone and villagers enjoyed celebrating the Coronation

together and catching up with neighbours and friends as a small but happy community. One visitor was heard to remark: "This is why I'd like to live in a village – it's like real Olde England".

The bunting and flags flew as glasses of bubbly were raised in a royal toast and for the dedication of the new Coronation bench, which we hope will witness many more such jolly occasions.

Caroline Whiting





Colton residents make the most of the good weather.

Pictures: Annette Hudson.

Colton celebrates with cream teas and cakes

Colton villagers turned out in force to enjoy a free afternoon tea at Colton village hall to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Most had watched the historic occasion the previous day and many remarked on the amazing precision of the whole event. Colton village hall committee members provided the sandwiches, cakes, scones, tea, coffee and soft drinks in what proved to be a very popular afternoon. Thankfully, after a dullish morning, the weather brightened up considerably and folk were able to enjoy the food and sunshine outside in the amenity area.



Gill and Dennis Mickleburgh fly the flag for Colton!



The spread laid on by Colton village hall committee.

News from Easton Women's Institute

Hurry up summer!

It seems very strange to be about to write about what will be happening in June when we don't seem to have fully turned our backs on winter yet!

I hope many of you saw the WI entry into the Easton Church Flower Festival called **Tea with the WI**. We are grateful to Brenda Daynes for her skill in staging it.



WI display at the festival. Picture: Margaret Seely

Easton WI will be welcoming **Emma McGuinness** to our meeting on **Thursday, June 8** to give us a talk about skincare.

On track for afternoon tea

The following week, on June 15, some of us will be having afternoon tea on the **North Norfolk Railway** to further celebrate our WI's 70th Birthday year. We will be meeting at Sheringham station at no later than 3pm.

The train leaves the station at 3.15pm and we finally finish our journey and our tea back at Sheringham at 4.30pm.

Lets hope the sun shines and the east wind has abated by then!

Getting to grips with braids

I mentioned last month that our speaker in May, **Rosie Wilkin**, would be giving us a demonstration about making historic braids.

Thanks to her, I can now braid with three, five and nine strands which look to be almost correct!

Most people had a go and had some level of success, so a good evening was had by all.

Looking further into the future

On **Thursday July 13**, **Susan Cranmer** will be coming to talk about and demonstrate the art of spinning. Her talk is called **A Spinster's Tale**.

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.

We meet on the second Thursday of every month except August in Easton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Mary Blathwayt

Natural habitats need our protection too

We are lucky in Norfolk to have some amazing bluebell forests and it's a pure delight to take a walk through on a lovely spring day. It may look very tempting to pick the flowers



Bluebell woods.

Picture: Herbert Aust

but it is an offence to uproot any wild plant. Bluebells are afforded additional protection so enjoy the spectacle but please do not take these wild flowers.

If you want to do your little bit now is a great time to plant some wildflower seeds in that corner of the garden you don't use or even just in a pot on your patio, it will provide pollen for our bees throughout the summer and will put on a real display.

If you step into our woodlands at this time of year, particularly in the early morning, you're welcomed with an absolute chorus of birds, it's enough to put a spring in anyone's

step if you ask me. Many of our native birds are now in full swing – looking after egg clutches and rearing young as the month goes on, please keep your distance from nests. Also, be mindful some smaller birds (always seems to be blue tits from experience) like to nest in obscure places (letter boxes, cigarette disposal bins, and even bins themselves) wherever they nest they are protected and need our help.

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Health and Well-being

Menscraft is a men's mental health and wellbeing charity. Steve Hunt, the charity's Breckland co-ordinator, tells you more about it.

"The charity is run by a non-clinical team based at Norwich's Maddermarket. We know rural isolation and mental ill health exists in our rural communities, and Menscraft runs a variety of activities and programmes. As well as providing one-to-one support for those facing life's challenges, they also run social groups called Pit Stops, and around these, other activities and programmes such as fishing, walking, snooker, music appreciation, woodland experiences, and anything else you can think of or suggest.

There are 13 Pit Stops running weekly across Norfolk and I run the Dereham branch on Tuesday 2-4pm



Picture: James Baldwin.

at the Memorial Hall, Watton on Wednesdays at The Charlotte Harvey Community Centre 2-4pm, and Thetford on Thursdays at the Charles Burrell Centre 2-4pm. The idea for the Pit Stop came about by using a metaphor for men and cars. "Some of us are old bangers (like me!), but there's room in our garage for shiny new models too. A lot of us need a good valeting... but, being blokes, we tend to put it off for as long as we can. We're not always that careful about the quality of the fuel we put in the tank and an oil change is overdue. Above all else, we need our Pit Crew: a group of other people to help maintain ourselves and enable us to be our best selves so that we can be better brothers, sons, partners and fathers."

The Pit Stop brings men together through activities and conversation to build friendship, connection, and a sense of belonging.

The inspiration for these Pit Stops is the idea of men functioning best when they have the solidarity of their own pit crew: other men who they can regularly check-in with for support, understanding, laughter, light-hearted and stimulating discussion and activity.

For more information, Click here: communitydirectory.norfolk.gov.uk

Dom (left) and Darren dressed to thrill.



Dapper chaps cruise out for a good cause

Colton bikers Dom Castle and Darren Minns put on their Sunday best for the recent Norwich Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, part of a global event to help support men's health issues.

The DGR is a series of motorcycle ride-outs; riders are encouraged to dress up for the event – tweed, cravats and moustaches are par for the course – and meet up with other like-minded souls for a gentle trip into the country with many riders on classic or retro-styled machines. Dom and Darren joined 160 other bikers for a (slow) Sunday morning spin out from Norwich Harley-

Davidson dealers Lind in Ber Street to Stody Hall gardens near Holt.

"It was a great event," says Dom. "We had the weather, the outfits and the bikes and people seemed delighted to see the convoy rumbling along. With all the tweed we definitely looked more like the Mild Bunch than the Wild Bunch!" The Norwich DGR has raised around £17,000 so far.



The money will go to support prostate cancer and men's mental health charities.

The DGR originated in Australia in 2012 and there are now rides in 121 countries with over 340,000 bikers raising millions for the cause.

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors:

Mr J Morse, Chairman

**Dr Paul Hammerton,
Vice Chairman**

Cllr Deborah Perfect

Cllr David Woods

Annual meeting of the Parish Council

The Parish Council held it's annual meeting on Tuesday, May 16.

John Morse was appointed chairman and Paul Hammerton Vice-Chair. Deborah Perfect and David Woods also took seats on the council. Three vacancies remain on the Parish Council, 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

Amenity areas

Grass cutting has re-commenced at both the amenity areas making it a great area to take the children. The annual safety inspection will be undertaken during June. As a result of the amenity area questionnaires distributed to Colton

residents, three companies have quoted for improvement works. It is hoped that new equipment will be installed in time for the summer holidays!

Dog fouling

There have been a number reports regarding dog waste being left on footpaths. Please can we remind dog owners to ensure that they clear up after their dog and dispose of the waste either home or in one of the dog bins across the village.



Coronation Grants

The parish council was allocated £200 from South Norfolk Council for coronation events. The money was split between Colton and Marlingford village halls and the parish council was delighted to be able to support the events held on Sunday, May 7.

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 June 13, 7pm,**
at Colton village hall.
- **Tuesday July 11, 7pm,**
at Marlingford Cricket Club..

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.

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Have your say on green spaces in Greater Norwich

The Greater Norwich Growth Board is inviting people to take part in a consultation on green spaces in and around Norwich.

Well-designed green spaces are vital to our way of life. They include features that can be natural, like woodland and rivers, or man-made like parks, allotments, hedgerows, playing fields, cycleways, footpaths and even road-side verges.

We value your views on green spaces, their benefits, and how you would like to see them improved. Your views are essential to informing the Greater Norwich Growth Board's new Green Infrastructure

Strategy which will cover the areas of Norwich, Broadland and South Norfolk.

The new Green Infrastructure Strategy aims to deliver:

- A fresh approach to managing and improving existing green spaces to make sure they benefit as many people as possible, with a focus on inclusive access.
- A strategy for creating new green spaces in the area that will benefit people and nature.

The consultation is open for six weeks from 10 May to 21 June. Everyone who responds to the consultation will be entered into

a prize draw to receive an annual family membership pass for the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. To participate in the survey, click:greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk

Should you have any questions about this consultation, please feel free to send an e-mail to: greaternorwich@norfolk.gov.uk



Cyclists along the Marriott's way.

Mobile library 2023 – June dates

Marlingford – Route: CEN 317 Wednesday: June 7

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20: Mill Road	2.30pm	2.45pm	NR9 5HU

Colton –Route: CEN 319

Wednesday: June 14

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

Thursday: June 8

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

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Easton Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors:

Cllr Ben Moye – Chairman
Cllr Peter Milliken – Vice Chairman

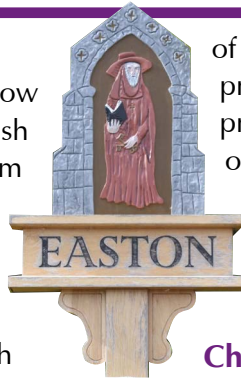
Cllr Peter McCarter
Cllr David Lewis

Elections May 2023

The election process has now concluded and Easton parish councillors for the new term are confirmed as Ben Moye, Peter Milliken, David Lewis and Peter McCarter. There are several vacancies for parish councillors and if anyone is interested in taking up this position please contact the clerk to the council for more information - clerk@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Annual meeting of the council and Easton annual parish meeting

Both were held on 18 May 2023. The first item of business at the annual council meeting was to elect the new Chairman and Vice Chairman. Cllr Ben Moye was nominated and accepted the post of Chairman and Cllr Peter Milliken was duly elected as Vice Chairman. The annual parish meeting followed and several members of the community attended, providing updates on the organisations they represented. The chairman



of Easton Parish Council provided a report on the previous year. The minutes of these meetings will be available on the Easton Parish Council website and the chairman's report is provided below.

Chairman's Report

"It has been another busy year for Easton Parish Council. We have continued to work tirelessly in the best interests of parishioners. Firstly, I would like to thank councillors Milliken, McCarter and Lewis for putting their names forward for election. Secondly, when considering the amount of change in the village and the number of vocal residents, it was surprising and disappointing that no one else in the parish put themselves forward to be a parish councillor. The parish council has been operating efficiently with the aforesaid councillors and I hope we can continue in this manner. But we are only volunteers with jobs and commitments, and are therefore very stretched by our workload. We were disheartened

no other residents stepped forward in the interests of our community. At the end of my report last year, I identified five key priorities and we have made considerable progress in these, alongside other matters.

College Heights: We have completed the improvements to the play areas. The new equipment makes use of the green space and has proved popular with the older



children in the village.

Traffic calming: We continue to push for traffic calming measures along Dereham Road, the Longwater Interchange and Marlingford Road. The extension of the 30mph speed limit and the reduction of the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph will be coming

into force along Dereham Road soon. We have also made several representations to improve the safety of the Longwater Interchange and Norfolk Showground entrance as part of the development of the Food Hall and Market Garden at the Norfolk Showground site.

As part of the new Easton Community Centre, we will be making changes to Marlingford Road so it becomes safer for all.

Planning: We have made numerous comments on planning applications of various sizes across the village. This includes small residential applications, the Food Hall and Market Garden development at the Norfolk Showground and the specialist school at the Diocese site.

Easton Community Centre: Significant progress has been made building the new community centre. The delivery of the project has been hindered by South Norfolk District Council's disinclination to release their part of the funding for the project, but thanks to Councillor Milliken's tireless efforts we have now reached an agreement and the build-out of the scheme is continuing to progress.

Neighbourhood Plan Review: The Neighbourhood Plan review

has made substantial progress and the proposed updates to the document underwent consultation for six weeks earlier in the year. The comments received are being reviewed before an updated Easton Neighbourhood Plan is submitted to South Norfolk District Council. Going forward we will:

- Continue in discussions to improve the Longwater Interchange and other areas of the parish where there are traffic problems
- Continue to act in the best interests of the village when responding to planning applications
- Complete the construction of the new community centre - complete the review of the Neighbourhood Plan
- Establish the management of the new community centre

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to Councillor Milliken for all his efforts over the last year, especially in relation to the new community centre. The time and effort devoted to the project, especially in relation to the funding issues, have been instrumental in the its delivery.

I would like to thank Councillor McCarter for his work on the new community centre and his indefatigable litter-picking efforts,

and Councillor Lewis for his work monitoring the defibrillators across the parish. Finally, I would like to thank our parish clerk Gina for her support over the last year. We have also received assistance from other individuals, but I cannot name everyone, what I can confidently state is that without this small group of dedicated people the parish of Easton would be a worse place."

Cllr Ben Moye

New community centre

Regrettably in mid-May, Easton parish councillors were advised the main contractor for the new community centre, WT Construction, went into administration. While this will inevitably result in a delay to the building of the new community centre, the parish councillors are working extremely hard with advisors and solicitors HCR (top 60 law firm) to move the project forward with a new main contractor to ensure building starts again very quickly and this wonderful new facility is delivered. Councillors are confident the build will be back on course soon and the support already received from the subcontractors and others on the project has been phenomenal. Easton parish councillors wish to

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Celebrating two special Norfolk people



Stained glass window depicting Julian of Norwich.

On May 8 this year, it was 650 years since the Lady Julian of Norwich had a near-death experience with visions taking her to the crucifixion of Jesus and impressing on her the ever-present love of God.

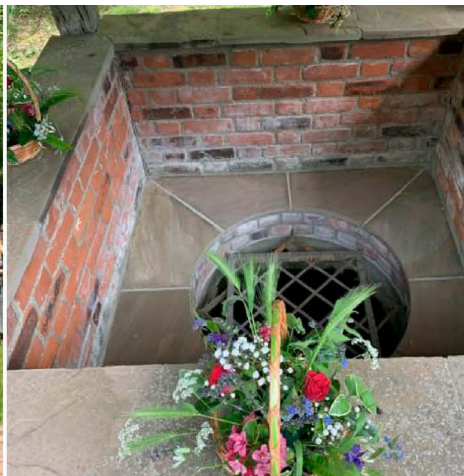
Julian wrote the words of her Revelations of Divine Love and we still read them today.

Her name is taken from the dedication of the church of St. Julian, which still exists between Rouen Road and King Street. Like others at that time she opted to live in a small room attached to a church, becoming an anchoress, a person of deep spirituality and from her window to the alley outside she gave counselling to those who came to her in trouble and distress.

Norwich was prosperous and creative then, but there were wars, outbreaks of plague and the Peasants' Revolt.

People would be fearful of rough justice in this world and the next. But Julian gave hope with words such as these:

'Because of our good Lord's tender love to all those who shall be saved, he quickly comforts them, saying "all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well".



Bishop Graham giving the blessing at The St Walstan Well.

This year is also more than 1,000 years since St Walstan was born. He came from Bawburgh, brought up in rich surroundings, but at the age of 12 gave up his privileged position and left home, walking to Taverham to take up work as a farm labourer.

He gave all his possessions away to the poor and worked hard on the farm for over 30 years.

There were stories of sick animals being brought to him for healing, and people claimed to have been cured through his prayers.

He was rewarded with a cow

which gave birth to two white bull calves and he was given a small cart. He had been told in a vision from God that he should keep these and then he was told that he was about to die; a spring of water appeared. He died on May 30, 1016; he had asked his fellow workers to put his body on the cart and allow the oxen to wander at will. They moved as far as Costessey, another spring appeared, then on to Bawburgh where the spring, known as Saint Walstan's Well is today.

Felicity Maton

Church services June 2023

June		
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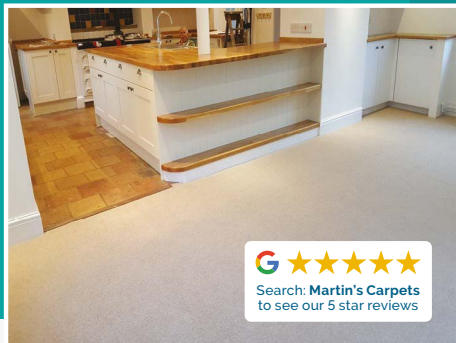
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