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September 2023

Your community guide for Colton, Easton and Marlingford

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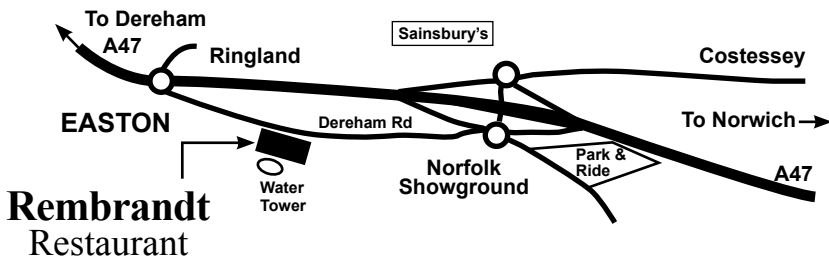
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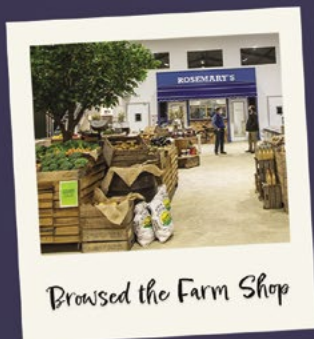
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So who's still waiting for a long, hot summer?

Well, where did the summer go? It seems that July and August flew by without too much sunshine and now the nights are drawing in again. Let's hope we have an Indian summer round the corner so that we can get some relaxing time in the garden before having to think about getting out our winter woolies!



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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Colton village hall

● **Save these dates!** :Saturday
September 16: Asian Curry Evening
 Call Vicky on 01603 881336 to book.

Saturday October 21: Colton Quiz
Teams of up to six. £4 per person.

● **Hall hire**

Colton village hall can be hired for events including birthday parties or wedding receptions. The cost per hour is £7.50 for residents and £15.00 for others.

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Easton village hall



● **Easton Good Companions**

We had a varied programme of events with a talk by the **Royal British Legion** on the July 3. Then **Hazel's celebration party** on July 20. On August 13, we celebrated **Kathleen Holingsbee's 85th birthday** with a fabulous party at the their home.

Coming up:

September 14: Fish & Chips

September 28: Games

October 26: Harvest Festival and a musical quiz.

If you are over 55 and wish to join us, we meet every two weeks at the village hall on **Thursdays** from 2pm until 4pm. Pop along and meet us!

Tony Perry



● **Easton Pop In**

We meet every Tuesday morning from 10am until 11.45am in Easton village hall. All are welcome.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out!

● **Brenda and Tony**

Bowls Club Open Day

Easton Bowls Club are having an open day for all who are interested in the game – bowlers and beginners – **Saturday, September 9 at 2 for 2.30pm.**

Free tea and coffee available.

All are welcome at St Athanaseus Coptic Church bowls green.

Peter Kidd

Community and Fundraising Events

Marlingford village hall

● Forthcoming Autumn Events

Friday October 6:

Cricket Club Race Night

Saturday October 7:

MacMillan Coffee Morning (and Steam Engines display at The Bell)

Thursday October 19:

"The Gal Tina" Talk.

Laugh your way into Autumn with "Life Poems n' Norfolk Squit"! Refreshments and raffle 7.30pm.

Friday October 20:

Bingo Night

7.00 for 7.30pm.

Saturday November 25:

Folk Music Evening with Saffron Summerfield. Refreshments and raffle. 7.30pm.

Saturday December 2:

Christmas Fayre

11am - 2pm.

Saturday December 16:

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Thank you.

News from Easton Women's Institute

Afternoon Tea event

I would like to thank everyone who made our Afternoon Tea in August such a success.

We made in the region of £200 for our funds and everyone, including the children who came, had a good time.

It is not a good thought that we are soon going into autumn after such an indifferent summer but let's hope for some lovely weather in September.

In any case, the WI will be busy as we have our own monthly meeting after which we will be hosting the autumn meeting of the Barford and District Group of WIs later in the month.

Coming up

At our own meeting on Thursday September 14 at 7.30pm in the village hall, **Cheryl Cade** will be coming to have a **“Cheesy Chat – with samples including vegetarian cheese”**. All cheese lovers are welcome to join us for this!

At the group meeting on Monday September 25 at 7.30pm in the village hall, **Susan Dawson's** talk will be on **“From Bed and Breakfast to Bed and Bondage!”**. This meeting will cost £3.50 and non-WI members will be welcome. Looking further ahead to October, our speaker will be **Julie Virgoe**



Merilyn Cossey – winner of the 'Guess the weight of the cake' competition.

and her subject will be **“Hand Reflexology”**.

New members

We would be very happy to welcome new members and as there is so much new building in the village, we hope that some of the new residents will come and find out about Easton WI. You are welcome to attend up to three of our meetings as visitors before deciding whether you would like to join us as members.

Mary Blathwayt

Meet your new Beat Manager, PC James Smith

He has been on response for the last three years and jumped at the chance to become the local neighbourhood officer when the opportunity arose.

"I'm thrilled to be your new Beat Manager for Costessey and the surrounding parishes; covering the area in the last few years on response and having personal connections means I have a lot of passion for the area and look forward to tackling issues to make a difference for the local residents. "Currently the most identified issue seem to be anti-social behaviour, so I'll be working closely with local partners to identify suspects and tackle problem locations. "I have established regular visits to



the library in Breckland Park and the Costessey Centre on Longwater lane, two places that have reported ASB previously.

"If you see me out and about, please do come and say hello!".

PC Smith has recently been made aware of a spate of cats disappearing, being shot or poisoned and

of anti-social visitors to the play area in Colton. He advises that these incidents should be formally reported to the police using this link: norfolk.police.uk/contact-us/6-report-it/08-anti-social-behaviour

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Jez Briggs about to set off on a cycle ride with his son, Jacob. Picture: BikeActiveNorfolk.org

are happy if people wish to tell us. We have a comprehensive website – BikeActiveNorfolk.org – that explains fully what we do, although further enquiries can be directed to me using the contact details below.

If you are someone with a disability who'd like to cycle with us, please do get in touch. If you are a parent or carer of someone who you feel will benefit from the exercise and fun of cycling, take a look at our website and contact us if you need further information.

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Gone fishin' – with Dom and Milt

A hot day for our heroic hunters

The forecast has the tabloids – all the prints in fact – howling about it being hotter on Friday than the centre of a McDonalds apple pie.

So, what do our men do?

They decide to go fishing.

There's the usual back and forth about where to go.

Dom wants to head for the familiar, welcoming bosom of Basil (sounds weirder than it is) but Milt is anxious for a change of scene – and,

yes, tench - and scours

the piscine opportunities before

settling on Taverham Mill Lakes.

Milt has thought ahead and booked the tickets and secured the entry

code for the gate lock; they navigate early rush-hour traffic and the eagle-eyed Luton man spots a likely entry.

“That’s the one,” he asserts.

Dom disagrees, puts the car into reverse, turns round and heads off up the road.

It was the one.

It's already warm as our heroes survey the three acres of suspiciously weedy water. There is not another soul on the lake.

A suitable spot is agreed and the hunters tackle up.

Another soul turns up; it is the bailiff. It's a good water, says

our man, earnestly, with many fish including three 20lbs+ carp and tench.

“You should catch plenty,” he says.

Floats bob and dip; small fish are brought in and things are looking good for Dom and our newly-minted pensioner, sitting comfortably in his fancy new chair.

As befits the senior partner,

Milt takes the lead on forgetfulness. He has forgotten his sweetcorn and Dom supplies willingly, as he does the method bait mix (banoffee, chocolate and orange, krill and squid) and maggots.

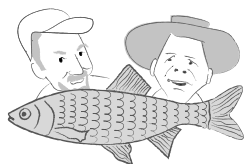
Snack time and a peckish Milt starts to look for his grub. He has left it all at home, apart from a six-pack of chilli crunchy snacks.

“You can share my cheese sandwich if you like,” says Dom in a quiet voice, laced with concern that Milt might actually take up the offer. He doesn't and Dom quickly

hoovers up his lunch in case of a change of mind.

“Have a biscuit,” he says, proffering a dry Garibaldi, by way of assuaging his guilt.

The afternoon simmers on and



as the mercury climbs, the fish disappear. Milt crunches through another bag of snacks. Has Dom anything to drink? He passes over some tepid water. Milt opens another bag of snacks. There's so little happening that Milt leaves the comfort of his new seat, which is better upholstered than a Laz-E-Boy, and wanders off to try his luck on an adjoining peg. Dom falls asleep.

He wakes with a start as the rover returns, with no action to report from the rest of the lake other than seeing some fish lolling about. Milt settles down with another



bag of snacks and the pair steam quietly for another couple of hours, untroubled by having to do anything fishy.

Milt shakes the last crumbs from his sixth bag of chilli treats - 'he'll pay for that in the morning', thinks Dom – and our pair pack away their gear as the speedboats of the water-skiers thrum up and down the adjoining lake.

A hot day but a cool reception for this new venue; perhaps if Milt had remembered his Scotch egg and custard tarts it would have all been different...



My summer break

Compared to some countries, we've had a good summer – sunshine without wildfires, some rain – although too much on Norfolk Day which meant tea and cakes were enjoyed in Marlingford village hall instead of the Old Hall.

In June, I took a short break and flew from Norwich to Amsterdam



to meet up with cousins who'd arrived from Australia. We drove to Friesland in their hired car. It's just across the sea from north Norfolk.

I noticed links between the two, such as Dutch gables on old houses and hearing the locals sounding like old Norfolk people! Our family group met in Harlingen, a fishing port, where the smaller boats sail into the town in canals. It's full of pavement cafés and restaurants in old warehouses. There's also a museum, planetarium and old churches. I recommend a holiday – it does you good.

Felicity Maton

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors:

Mr J Morse, Chairman

**Dr Paul Hammerton,
Vice Chairman**

Cllr Deborah Perfect

Cllr David Woods

Does your local community group seek additional funding?

At our the parish council meeting, it was agreed that organisations serving Marlingford and Colton would be able to apply for a grant to support their activities.

An application form and instructions on how to complete the process was approved.

If any group is interested in making an application, could you please get in touch with the clerk using the contact details on page 22.

Maria will be pleased to supply the necessary paperwork.

Organisations should however note that there is a time limit.

Applications will close on Friday September 8 and be finalised at our next parish council meeting on September 12.

Speeding in Marlingford

As previously advised, we have continued to monitor traffic volumes and speeding though Marlingford. Over the past four months, we set up both our SAM2 cameras at the entry points into the village, on Mill Road, Barford Road

and Bawburgh Road (twice).

Regrettably, we must report that on all occasions, we see speeding traffic entering the village from all directions.

Traffic does seem to recognise the presence of the outer camera because, in all datasets, the speeds recorded at the innermost camera do show a reduction. However even there, a significant number of vehicles are still travelling at more than 30 miles per hour.

Could we therefore remind all residents always to observe the posted speed limits on these narrow and dangerous roads?

Calling all Marlingford residents (again) – your village needs you

We apologise for going on about this, but we are still looking for interested volunteers to serve on Marlingford and Colton Parish Council. To reiterate our previous articles, the parish council does have an important role in overseeing issues such as highways and planning applications, along with responsibility for care of the amenity and play areas in



Colton amenity area.

both villages.

Councillors have no political affiliation. Serving on the council is a rewarding experience, getting to know the residents and helping to maintain a sense of community in our villages.

We are particularly keen to invite residents in Marlingford to join us. As we summarised in our previous newsletter, our only current representative, Paul Hammerton, is due to stand down in early 2024 and unless another volunteer is found, there will be no representation from the village. Please do come along to our meeting, in Colton village hall, on September 12.

See what we do, who we are, and how you could help

Neighbourhood plan?

We are aware that Marlingford and Colton does not have a current neighbourhood plan.

We have been in contact with Richard Squires at South Norfolk Council who is their lead officer for this.

He has offered to come along to either the September or October parish council meeting to give more details about how one is created, and whether there is a demand for one.

However, the creation of such a document is a significant undertaking and would only be feasible if some of our residents were to provide additional resources to complete it.

We would therefore be pleased to hear from you:

- a) if you think such a document would be useful,
- b) whether you would be prepared to volunteer to help.

Please contact us if you would like more information, and/or, you could help.

Neighbourhood Plans – Broadland and South Norfolk [southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk](https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk)

How to create a Neighbourhood Plan: Your step-by-step roadmap guide - Locality Neighbourhood Planning.

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 September 12, 7pm,**
at Colton village hall (*pictured*).

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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● Please note new times for each stop

Mobile library 2023 – September dates

Marlingford – Route: CEN 423 Thursday: Sept 5

Stop no	Arrives	Departs	Postcode
18: Colton Road near Home Farm	10.25am	10.45pm	NR9 5HS
20: Mill Road	10.50am	11.10am	NR9 5HU

Colton –Route: CEN 319

Wednesday: Sept 4

38: Ex post Office	9.45am	10.00am	NR9 5DB
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Easton –Route: CEN 423

Thursday: Sept 5

6: Parkers Close	11.15am	11.35am	NR9 5EE
8: Marlingford Road	11.40am	12.00pm	NR9 5AD
10: Marlingford Way	12.05am	12.25pm	NR9 5HB
12: Kennedy Close	12.30pm	12.50pm	NR9 5EY
14: St Peter's Drive	12.55pm	13.15pm	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.

In loving memory of Colton villager, Joyce

Joyce Ireland was at the heart of community life in Colton, her home for more than 50 years.

Born on March 8, 1945 in Morningthorpe, Joyce went to school in Long Stratton. The family, including her sister and brother, moved to Hempnall when Joyce was about 10; her father died when she was quite young. At 15, she worked in the village shop.

Like many rural villages, Hempnall had a fortnightly dance on a Saturday, and it was at one of these that she caught the eye of young Barry Ireland. They fell in love and were married three years later.

For a short while they lived in Barford – Barry working in the village as a gardener and Joyce at Lambert's Delicatessen in the city. They moved to Great Melton, where Teresa and Tracy were born, then to Colton in 1971, just a week after next-door neighbours Roger and Sue Rix. "Our children grew up together," recalls Barry. Joyce started work at the village fruit farm. When the farm closed, she worked at Honingham with a mobile firm company after which she retired.

Away from work, Joyce was an excellent carpet bowler, joining



forces with Barry to make a formidable pair. They both represented the county and in the English Pairs, they made the last eight two years running.

Joyce joined the St John Ambulance group and, once trained, travelled to

events around the county. Barry recalled an eye-opening moment when Joyce was at Snetterton for a motorbike race.

"One of the riders came off, right where Joyce was," said Barry.

"They unzipped his leathers to check his injuries and Joyce said: 'I didn't realise they only wore pants under that!'"

Joyce and Barry ran a regular bingo evening in the village hall and the Thursday coffee morning. They remained on the hall committee until the start of this year.

Joyce enjoyed her garden and for a while the family kept three goats. Daughter Tracy was a county golf champion at 17, and Joyce and Barry travelled the country supporting her in tournaments.

Joyce passed away on May 31st and her funeral was at Greenacres, Colney, on June 27.

As well as Barry, Teresa and Tracy, she leaves three grandchildren, Megan, Holly and Sam.

Easton Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors:

Cllr Ben Moye – Chairman

Cllr Peter Milliken –
Vice Chairman

Cllr Peter McCarter

Cllr David Lewis

New Easton

Community Centre

The new community centre is making great progress and is scheduled to be fully watertight by October. Once the scaffolding comes down, the remaining civil works will be completed. The first fix plumbing and electrical works should start mid-September. The externals of the building should be finished by November with the final fit-out of the building to be completed in December. It is envisaged bookings for the new centre can commence from January 2024 onwards.

Easton Parish Council will be recruiting a caretaker and cleaner in the near future. If you are interested in this opportunity, please look out for the jobs being advertised in *The Grapevine* once they are available.

The council regularly uploads updated information on the new community centre which is available to view at

eastoncommunitycentre.co.uk



Grass cutting in the village

Councillors are aware there have been problems with some areas of grass cutting around Easton. Residents will have noticed that we have been badly let down compared to previous years in the standard of the work by the contractor.

Councillor McCarter, supported by other councillors, has been working hard to try to resolve the matter with the Contractor CGM but this has proved difficult and is ongoing. The council has received some individual complaints and can only say we are in the hands of the contractor.

However, if you would like to join the parish council to help resolve this issue and other matters you would be welcomed.

Please contact the clerk:
clerk@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk
and your application will be considered at the next parish council meeting.

Please note, only certain areas in the village are maintained by Easton parish council, not all.

Many areas are managed by other authorities and any issues must be referred to the correct authority.

Wild camping, fires and other issues

Easton parish councillors have been alerted to “wild camping” and fires in the local woods.

This is private land and if you see anyone involved in these activities, please do not engage with them. If it is safe to do so, please take a photo of them and call the police immediately.

Councillors have spoken to the land owner and regrettably it is being considered that the track down to the woods and the woodland itself should be closed to the public. These areas are not public rights of way and as such, if the areas are not respected, it is likely the current access will be lost.

Councillors have been informed that an individual has been cutting the stock fences and allowing the sheep to get out. Once the adult male has been formally identified, they are likely to be prosecuted and their details made public. This reported incident is very disappointing and is no way to respect the countryside which everyone wants to enjoy. If you witness a similar incident, please

report it to the police straightaway. Some residents have raised concerns about smells coming from the animals in the fields behind their homes. Grazing animals in fields is an integral part of village life in the Norfolk countryside. Councillors would encourage residents to embrace the countryside and what it has to offer.

Anti-Social Behaviour Order

South Norfolk Council is about to adopt an Anti-Social Behaviour Order across the whole of the South Norfolk area. This will mean parking on the pavement can be regarded as anti-social behaviour and this comes with an automatic £100 fine. Councillors are waiting to hear if parishes will be allowed to carry out their own enforcement via a private company or if this will be undertaken by South Norfolk Council Traffic Enforcement Officers. Once the details are confirmed signs will be erected warning that the Anti-Social Behaviour Order is in place. This order will give several powers to the local councils to enforce against rule breakers and will be a big step towards eliminating anti-social behaviour which is good news for all residents.

The Rambling Vine

Norfolk Churches Trust bike ride and walk 40th anniversary celebration

I wonder if the pioneering people who first did the Bike Ride in 1983 would believe that it is still going strong in 2023 and that the event has raised over £4.2 million for churches in the county.

The bikes, the clothes, the world has changed enormously but one thing hasn't changed – we still have our magnificent churches and I don't think we have lost any in the last 40 years. The Bike Ride, the Norfolk Churches Trust and our amazing supporters can take a lot of credit for this.

However, the challenges facing our churches are still enormous and I

hope you will celebrate this 40th anniversary year by making a huge effort to support a church of your choice and the Norfolk Churches Trust by joining in this year's event. We would love to hear from anybody who took part in that very first bike ride.

All funds raised are split between the participant's nominated church and the Norfolk Churches Trust. However, all proceeds go to help maintain our wonderful Norfolk churches.

As an added incentive to take part, there is a bonus of £1,000 for the 'most improved church' of



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Church services September/October 2023

September

Sunday 3	10.00am	Easton
Sunday 10	10.00am	Colton
Sunday 17	10.00am	Marlingford
Sunday 24	10.00am	Bawburgh

October

Sunday 1	10.00am	Easton
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Riders and supporters of the Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride and Walk.

the year and the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for the person who raises the most money not to mention the Wall of Fame for the competitive amongst you who want to visit the most churches on the day!

We love to see your photographs, and images of those taking part as well as the churches visited and the wonderful things inside them.

We have three prizes of £50 to those we enjoy the most and they

may end up being published in the Eastern Daily Press.

Email stories and photos to us at: **info@norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk**

So, whether you cycle, walk or drive, we hope you can help us make our 40th Anniversary event the best ever.

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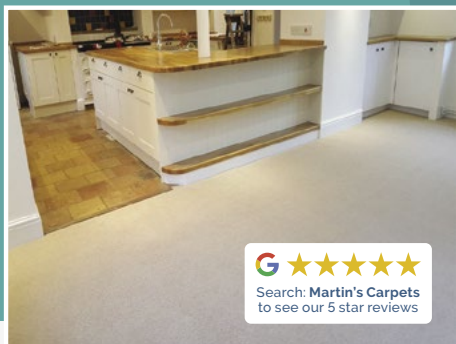
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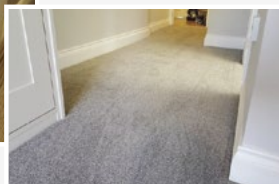
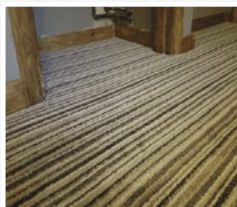
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