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# The Rambling Vine

As I write we've lived through ten weeks of TIER 4 lockdown. It's two weeks since Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent in the Churches' calendar. I'll let the Bishop of Norwich continue. This is from his letter to Clergy and Churchwardens:

"In many ways it feels as if the last 11 months have been a long sad Lent. As we enter Lent again with the words, ***remember that from dust you came and to dust you will return***, we do so with a renewed sense of our own mortality and the vulnerability of those we minister amongst, as well as the fragility of businesses and institutions. The 40 days of Lent are a season for unwinding us, stripping back the



layers with which we surround ourselves, and helping us to discover again what it is that is at the heart of God's call in each of our lives. Yet, many of us already feel stripped back with covid-exhaustion and our personal resources are running low. This marathon seems to stretch even longer, though now with some signs of hope.

During this latest lockdown, we have seen a decrease in transmission and a major roll out of the vaccine. This combined effort on both fronts has been incredible, though not without immense cost to people. Loneliness, isolation and mental wellbeing all remain causes of concern, as do the financial pressures on individuals and the demands of learning at home for many families. I know that I have found this lockdown much harder and I yearn to be able to get out around the diocese and be with our congregations and chaplaincies.

In local communities and chaplaincies we are sharing the peace and love of Christ in ten thousand situations. Wherever we are in this pandemic when Easter comes, I



look forward to singing a joyous and hope-filled Alleluia in thanksgiving for our life together, transformed by the Resurrected Christ.

With my prayers and every blessing.

*The Rt. Revd. Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich*

In this Benefice of four Parishes we echo the Bishop's words and have a care for everyone. Digital connection has enabled us to hold Services on Zoom which are recorded for general view on Easton Benefice YouTube.

We are still opening our Churches for quiet prayer and meditation:

Bawburgh	Thursdays 0900 – 1700
Marlingford	Fridays 0900 – 1700
Easton	Saturdays 0900 – 1500.

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*Felicity Maton*

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# The Chat Line

There's a group of us that keep in touch during these Covid times with all kinds of stuff. Someone sent a video with a funny scene in a pub called Cheers. A comment from one of us set off a train of memories: (Initials protect the innocent from legal action ....)

**G** It harks back to the TV series Friends – set in a bar in Boston USA. You're all too young to remember it!

**M1** I wish G!

**J 1** You're too kind, G. I can remember when the milkman had a horse drawn cart and my mother had a washboard and a mangle! I can't believe I've just written that but it's true...



**S** I went to a primary school for a while where we wrote with dip-in pens!!

**G** I remember horse drawn trams ...

**P** I remember coal being delivered by horse drawn cart. We also had a double wooden privy at the bottom of the garden; gas mantle for lighting, a single water stand pipe for our row of houses – we didn't have running hot water. Bath night was in front of coal fire topped up with kettles of hot water. Our milk was delivered via measuring jug from churns of milk into your own jugs.

**J1** Wow, P. I think this wins the prize! Especially since I know you weren't born in Queen Victoria's reign.

We were taught to do "joined up writing" with dip in pens and with little ink wells set in our desks – woe betide any girls with hair long enough to be carefully dipped in the ink well by the boy sitting behind!

- P** I remember the great new invention of the 'biro' which was frowned upon by teachers as it affected quality of handwriting!
- S** Yes! Birus were the invention of the devil !! I remember the twin tub (washing machine) coming into our family home with as much excitement as a TV inside a wooden cabinet. My dad was an engineer who made a television. Them weren't the days.
- P** My Mum used to wash sheets in the bath and put them through the wringer to be hung out on the line every Monday. Tuesday was ironing day.
- M2** Never had a washing machine until I had children, just an outside copper and a wringer! Those were the days!
- G** We lived in a three-storey block of flats in Sydney. It was art deco with a flat roof and that's where the shared laundry was. A returned soldier was employed to pump up the water and carry up the coke for the boiler. The sheets were pegged to the line. Sometimes the wind carried the sheets away and they landed in the harbour!
- J 1** Sounds like that's where the design of the Opera House came from – your Mum's sheets blowing away across the harbour! I remember my excitement when I got my own little transistor radio – I loved it!
- S** Ah yes J, listening to pirate radio under the sheets!
- P** Radio Luxembourg always tuning in and out!
- S** Yes! Radio Caroline.
- P** Writing on slates. Pencils were for big children
- G** Don't waste paper. Old newspaper torn into squares for toilet paper!



- J 1** We sometimes used that if my mother ran out of Izal  
**P** Izal toilet paper – ugggh. We used it as tracing paper.  
**G** So did we, and we were given lumps of charcoal to sketch with and drew moustaches on each other – when the mistress wasn't looking!
- M3** I remember calling home from a phone box and having a little pot of coins. I also remember my father putting a lock on the phone dial at home so I couldn't call my friends.
- J 2** O how cruel of him!  
**S** I can remember the toes being cut out of shoes. And we weren't a poor family. It just happened.
- M2** What about those glowing green X-ray machines in shoe shops that measured children's feet? I loved those. Health and safety what's that!!
- J 2** I loved those machines in shoe shops – ah Clarke's school sandals – so comfy. Less impressed by the thick grey knickers at senior school ....
- P** Pretty bows in your hair. White Sunday knickers with a pocket for handkerchieves! Liberty bodices – anyone remember those? Only worn in the winter!
- J2** Yes, I was fascinated by a girl in my class who wore a Liberty bodice. She was the only one who did. And we had next door neighbours who had a mangle – that was fascinating as we had a twin tub machine. Our "daily" Mrs Gill had all her teeth out for her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday!
- S** Liberty Bodice was an essential piece of kit growing up in chilly North Country! It was an over vest, made of some blanket material and was very itchy!



**M1** Ha! Many of these strike a chord with me. Yes I wore a Liberty bodice with rubbery buttons, used nasty Izal loo roll but it was a bonus after using squares of newspaper. I remember living in a house with no inside or flush toilet so at night the loos were emptied! Pocket money – Saturday sixpence. Paper was in short supply so at school we wrote in exercise books in pencil first then when we got to the end, turned it upside down and wrote in pen – stick pen – over the pencil! They were the days eh?

**J 1** I remember being fascinated by sticky brown flypapers hanging in people's kitchens.

**M1** I still use the modern version of these J!

**P** I remember taking bottles back to the shop but not papers to the chippy – none near us. I was sent to the greengrocer to get a cabbage or a lettuce but not being sure which one I had been sent for – story of my life! They were interchangeable in my mind!

Oh and the delicious sweets I was introduced to by children at school. That sharp/sweet yellow powder in a paper bag that you stuck your damp finger into ...

**M1** Sherbet crystals!

**M2** Yes and snowballs, they were chocolate coconut balls covering gooey white marshmallow, yum.

**J 1** I liked flying saucers - I think they had sherbet in them!

**M1** Still eating snowballs, and flying saucers and I love a sherbet fountain. Obviously still a kid! Or maybe reverting to childhood in my dotage!



**J 2** Oh Millie Molly Mandy books – did any of you read them??

**J1** I was brought up on Noddy books

**S** There was a Kate Atkinson book, called Scenes at a Museum or similar, ages ago. Full of 1950/60 memories which blew me away!

**M3** What was that terrifying stick creature that lived in the woods?

**M2** Oh yes Noddy and That Magic Rubber gave me nightmares for weeks. Where do you get your snowballs M1?

**M1** They're Just Morrison's! Gluten free so when I fancy a treat yum! Trouble is someone in the house usually gets there before me!!

Just to think this lot, years ago, used to criticise young ones for never ending texting. Now we find it keeps us happily together during this time of separation.

*The With-It Acrylics*

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## *from* **Lines Written in Early Spring**

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,  
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;  
And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and  
played,  
Their thoughts I cannot  
measure:—  
But the least motion which they  
made  
It seemed a thrill of pleasure...

*William Wordsworth*



# Marlingford & Colton Parish Council

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The council is now looking at further developing the play area. Following comments from residents we are looking at what equipment would appeal to older children. To make the area as attractive as possible we would appreciate feedback from young people in what they would like to see in the play area. Please pass your comments and suggestions on to the Clerk on the details below.

## **Colton Amenity Area**

Colton Amenity Area has undergone a deep clean and the build-up of algae and moss has been removed. The Parish Council are looking at replacing the baby swing seats as they are in a poor condition due to their age. Regular grass cutting will be recommencing in the spring and we hope many local families are able to enjoy using the area.

## **Council Vacancy**

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council consists of seven councillors representing both villages. A councillor has recently

stepped down and we are looking for another resident keen to get involved. in your community and local issues. For an informal chat please contact the Clerk or an existing councillor;

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- Evening: 4<sup>th</sup> March 6pm
- Morning: 5<sup>th</sup> March 10:30 am

For joining details see <http://www.arthritisaction.org.uk/media-centre/events>

## Next Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Meeting are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm (except August) and are currently being held



virtually via Zoom. Members of the public who would like to attend can do so using the link or meeting ID and passcode below.

9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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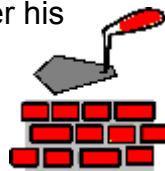
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## Challenges and Joys

There is no denying that lockdown since Christmas has been tough for every one of us. Moments of feeling lonely and longing for the hugs of loved ones; the incredible demands of working from home while teaching children; the constant worry of being exposed to Covid; the massive pressures for key workers whatever their area of service. Added to this has been the cold, wet and snowy weather, not to mention the mud (and rather too many areas of flooding in our villages) and it has been a challenging two months, probably unlike any we have experienced before in our lives.

And so I asked a few friends in our village communities whether there had been any joys, new discoveries, new opportunities or things to be thankful for and I was delighted that there are many. A recurring theme is thankfulness for the countryside in which we live – certainly the numbers of people walking past my house, in all weathers, seems to be greater than ever and the glimpses of spring have given an even greater incentive to being outside. One friend has started using sticks and stones to write words on the paths and verges – if you find ‘hope’ or ‘love’ written in twigs on your walk you’ll know they are deliberately put there to encourage us all. I don’t think I’m alone in being able to say I have had more conversations with passing villagers when out on walks than I ever had before lockdown. I really hope this sense of community will continue in more ‘normal’ times.



Many tell me they have finished those ghastly jobs that are always being put off. Tidying and sorting has brought back many happy memories and reminded us of things we never knew we had. Cupboards are tidy, garages are clear and sheds look orderly. Recipes have been shared and successful bakes quietly left on neighbours' doorsteps. Many have shown commitment to Village projects, some with unexpected consequences – in one of our villagers a lady was kindly clearing a communal stream, clearing back overgrown vegetation, when both her wellies got stuck in the mud, water filled the boots and only by going up to her elbows in water could she extricate the boots!

I write this before the Prime Minister outlines his 'roadmap' for the future. But I am not alone in hoping that the reminder this lockdown has brought of the pleasure we can have in small things– in nature, in community, in the beauty of small gestures and encouragements – that this will last for many years to come.

*Liz Plater*

## **Easton Good Companions Club**

Another month of shut down, but hopefully we will be able to see a light at the end of the tunnel. Members keep in touch as best they can but the weather is a bit cold at the moment as most of us meet when we go for a walk around the village. This would have been our AGM this month but we have done the necessary book work to give us a fresh start when the Club starts again. We had no birthdays this month but at the beginning of March we have a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, the first in the history of the Club: our Birthday Girl is Ivy Marsh. The Club has been running now for about 65 years and this would have been a really lovely day for us all, still we will celebrate the moment we return.

*Jean Ditton*

# Easton Parish Council

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*Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.*

## Planning Issues

**Proposed Special Education Needs (SEN) School.** The Parish Council fully supports this development for Easton. It reviewed and approved planning application 2020/096 with, some concerns over the implications for Bawburgh Road traffic, at its February council meeting. Details of the Scheme can be found on the South Norfolk Website within the planning portal under its planning and building section. To date there have been issues raised by the Local Lead Flood Agency regarding its situation, and so the dates for infrastructure works to start in May 2021 and school building work starting in November 2021 are currently under review.

## **South Norfolk Council approved planning application 2019/1251 Land to the North of Dereham Road Easton**

**Norfolk, on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.** This is the project initiated by the Parish Council for the residential development of 64 dwellings, together with associated open space, highway and landscaping works. Again, please take a look on the planning portal for all the details for this Scheme. Dates for the commencement of works will be communicated as soon as available.

## **Adoption of the Armed Forces pledge**

Norfolk County Council and the Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant are supporting the Ministry of Defence in promoting the Covenant Pledge among local councils and businesses in Norfolk. The Armed Forces Covenant Pledge is a promise from the nation ensuring that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces,



and their families, are treated fairly. At the February Parish Council Meeting the Parish Council agreed to sign the Pledge, the first meaningful step taken to support the armed forces community in the local area and to partner with the Ministry of Defence.

More details of the Pledge can be found at [www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk](http://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk)

## **Annual Parish Meeting and Council Meeting**

Easton Parish Council are arranging for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held by virtual Zoom meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April, the first Monday after Easter Weekend, at 7.00pm and scheduled to last for an hour.

The meeting will be available to view live on YouTube, and if you would like to participate please see the Parish Council Website for the ID, password and full joining instructions. These will also be posted on the Village Hall noticeboard by the Post Office.

If you have any questions or queries on participation the Council will be happy to help. We hope you can attend or watch online via YouTube and find out about forthcoming plans for the Village by the Parish Council and Community Groups in Easton, as we all emerge out of Lockdown.

If you represent a group and would like a slot on the agenda, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The April Parish Council meeting will take place immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm and you are very welcome to stay for this.

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# Easton Women's Institute

Another month has passed since the last time I sat down to write something for the Grapevine. This time there is a bit more optimism creeping in that one day the WI might be allowed to meet again as we once did. I well remember the Birthday meeting we held in March 2020, just before the first lockdown where we all sat and sang along with Martin Schulz with his Songs from the Shows and enjoyed a buffet together. To me that all seems to have happened in another life!

Just as soon as we can all meet in the Village Hall safely we will do so again. We have speakers booked from April onwards and my fingers are firmly crossed that we shall be able to go ahead with all or part of the 2021 programme from then on.



I know some of our members are concerned that they will be asked to pay a full subscription this year albeit that it will be due in April and not January as in previous years. The latest good news is that the committee have been given some discretion about how much the subscription for 2021 will be and we have the power to vary it in all subsequent years, subject to a minimum amount below which we cannot go. The committee are currently looking at this and will be recommending a figure to members which should show a significant reduction from the full amount, to take account of what we have not been able to do for the last twelve months.

We must remember that the WI movement is not just a local group but have both the County Federation and the National Federation who have continued to work despite the pandemic. The WI movement is a significant pressure group that works on behalf of women and families and which does get consulted and listened to in high places and that work continues regardless!

As far as our local WI is concerned, the committee need to think hard about what our members want but we also have to make sure that our programme follows the aims of the WI movement. If we reduce our share of the annual subscription too far we shall not be able to have as many good speakers as we do now and we shall have to organise more fundraising events in future than we have been doing. Members will have been consulted about all of this before the March Grapevine is circulated.

Meanwhile, the vaccination programme is being rolled out and hopefully it will make us all feel safer soon. Research published today seems to indicate that the vaccines all work well. However, the fact that not everyone is taking up the offer because of the misinformation that is circulating is a big worry for all of us. I got my first dose at Bowthorpe Surgery on the Monday morning that the roads were all covered in snow and the Police were urging people not to go out unless it was totally necessary. I was amazed that there were elderly people there who had come from Poringland and Hellesdon and other areas around Norwich and I was told that very few people had not managed to get there. I just hope they all got home safely!

Looking out of the window I can see that the sun is now shining and the spring flowers are beginning to put in an appearance. This is always a welcome sight after the winter but this year is especially significant as we all need something to look forward to to raise our spirits.

*Mary Blathwayt*

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## **Mad March Hares**

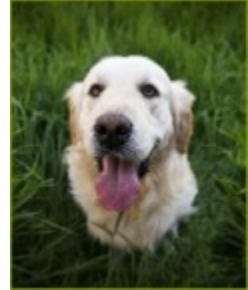
Look out for hares boxing in the fields this month! The best time to see hares is in the early morning or evening, and there seem to be quite a few about this year. They are larger than rabbits with longer, more tapered, ears. The reason they box? The female hares are fighting off unwanted advances from the males.



# Beat News

## Dog Theft

The theft of dogs is an incredibly emotive crime. More often than not our dogs are simply not just a pet, they become a huge part of the family. So, when people have their loved pet stolen, it has a huge impact on their lives. Please check your dog's microchip is up to date. It is a legal requirement for your dog to be micro-chipped when they're eight weeks' old as well as to keep your details on the database up to date. Such information is vital to us, vets, RSPCA and other organisations that routinely scan chips to help identify stolen dogs. If your details are out of date on the database we may be unable to get hold of you.



### Crime prevention advice:

- Review the security of outdoor kennels. Security measures to prevent thefts include good quality locks and lighting, while consideration should be given to CCTV and sensors as these offer an early alert to the presence of intruders.
- Gardens should be well secured with fencing or hedges, while gates should be kept locked.
- Owners are advised not to leave dogs out in open gardens and yards when they are not at home and, if possible, they should be brought into the house overnight.
- Ensure your dog is chipped and, if neutered, mark the dog's tag as such, as this makes them less attractive to thieves who may want to steal them for breeding.
- When out walking, if you let your dog off the lead, don't allow it to leave your sight.
- Don't give away your personal details online. Consider your security settings on social media and avoid giving away details that show your address and the fact you have a dog which could be attractive to thieves.



- Be vigilant of anything that looks suspicious. This includes people you do not know hanging around your property, or any cold callers. **Please report such activity to us on 101 or via our online reporting form**, with descriptions of the individuals and their vehicles.

## **Public Meeting: 7pm Saturday 20th March**

Costessey Safer Neighbourhood Team are holding a virtual public meeting via Microsoft Teams (Teams app is available to download free to your device). We are very keen to hear from as many of you as we can so we can focus our policing around your issues where you live, work or visit.

To be a part of this meeting, have a say about policing in your area and find out what your local team have been focussing on, please email us for a link to the meeting and joining instructions. If you cannot make the meeting, please email the team your concerns or thoughts on the priorities that we should concentrate on over the next three months. For more details, email **SNTCostessey@norfolk.police.uk**

*Andrew Hudson, PC460  
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## **Grapevine:**

### ***Your Community Newsletter***

- *Please help your community by forwarding Grapevine to others who would like to receive it, or if you are aware of someone nearby without email it would be wonderful if you, would print some, or all, of it and deliver it to them!* You could be bringing a message of 'someone cares' to a lonely neighbour. We hope that we will be able to resume the printed edition before too long!
- **We would love to hear from you!** Please send your contributions to Clare Howard, Grapevine Editor, **clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk**. **Copy Deadline: 20 March** for the next edition of Grapevine, to be circulated 1 April.

## Keeping Account

Prior to the pandemic, I regularly attended each of four churches of the Easton Deanery. My local church used to have more services per month and initially I was more involved there so I made a monthly standing order plan, but at the other churches I put cash into the envelope scheme with Gift Aid as I am still a tax payer.

I keep regular accounts of my finances on my computer and compare annual outgoings to avoid waste. My donation column was a lot less this year as I had not met 70% of the payments to the churches, but I know that they have commitments to meet the Diocese shares for clergy salaries and expenses. I also found that my mileage was halved, saving on fuel costs and an insurance refund may be due.



I made some phone calls and found the church treasurers and bank details for the churches and tried to add transfers to them from my bank. This was difficult as banks now phone your mobile to check against fraud, and I am not good with a mobile so had to abort my plans. I wanted to get the payments in the financial year but my phone call to the bank on New Year's Eve was on hold and the bleeps continued for 15 minutes, 30 minutes and a full hour whilst watching TV: it became a game to see how long I'd have to wait. At two hours the bleeping stopped but no one spoke, the line was closed. I tried in the New Year and after five minutes I got a clerk who took me through the process of adding payments in 20 minutes, so now I can send regular payments to the three churches.

I hope others check their accounts and find savings that can be passed on to charities and churches that we may not have realised are missing our regular giving.

I am looking forward to the day we can return to church with hymns being sung, and to our coffee mornings at village halls - tea for me please!

*Fred Creed*

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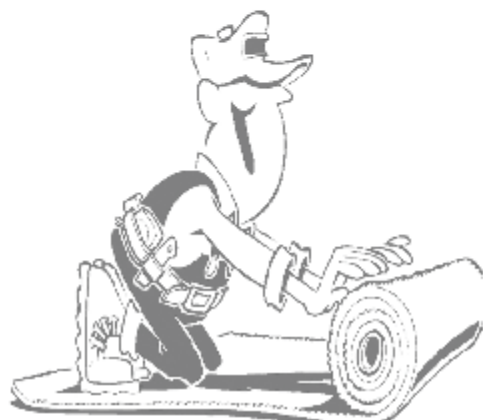
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