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Easton, opp Bawburgh Rd	9.58am	Colton, Village Hall	13.11pm
Longwater William Frost Way	10.06am	Marlingford, Bell	13.15pm
Longwater, Link Rd Shelter	10.08am	Bawburgh, Church St	13.19pm

Tuesday and Thursday

Colton, Village Hall	10.30am	Longwater, Link Rd Shelter	12.30pm
Marlingford, opp Bell	10.35am	Longwater William Frost Way	12.32pm
Easton, opp school	10.40am	Easton, opp Bawburgh Rd	12.38pm
Easton, Chez Denis	10.41am	Easton, Chez Denis	12.39pm
Easton, opp Bawburgh Rd	10.42am	Colton, Village Hall	12.40pm
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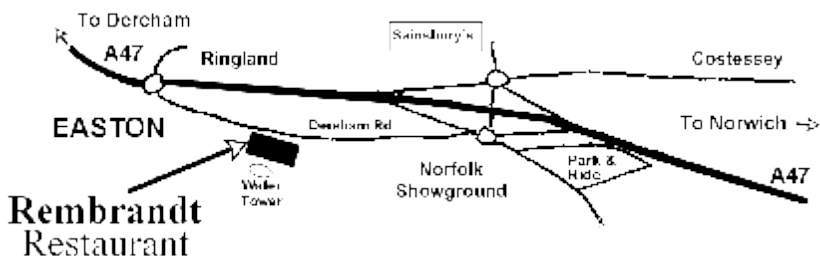
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Colton **Route No CEN 319.** **Wednesday**
Stop no. **23 February 2022**

38	17:00 - 17:15	Ex Post Office, NR9 5DB
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Easton **Route No CEN 419.** **Thursday**
Stop no **17 February 2022**

6	10:45 - 11:00	Parkers Close, NR9 5EE
8	11:05 - 11:25	Marlingford Rd, NR9 5AD
10	11:30 - 11:50	Marlingford Way, NR9 5HB
12	11:55 - 12:10	Kennedy Close, NR9 5EY
14	12:15 - 12:45	St Peter's Drive, NR9 5HF

Marlingford **Route No CEN 317.** **Wednesday**
Stop no. **16 February 2022**

18	14:10 - 14:25	Colton Rd, Nr Home Farm, NR9 5HU
20	14:30 - 14:45	Mill Rd, NR9 5HU

“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.”
Andrew Carnegie



Grapevine: *Your Community News*

We hope you enjoyed the printed double issue of Grapevine for December/January. Thanks to all who made it possible, including those who delivered the copies to every home in our villages.

We plan to have three printed issues this year: **April**, which includes Easter; **August/September**, holiday time, and **December/January 2023**.

For the other months digital editions will be circulated to those who give us an email address: contact Felicity Maton, f.maton@btinternet.com. We ask that if you are aware of residents without email, please print off items that might be helpful to them.

Please continue to share your news, information, observations, memories and activities!

Deadline: For the next edition, covering March, the copy deadline is **9am on Saturday 19th February**. Please send your contributions to clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk.

Donations towards the production of the Grapevine are always welcome! Our Bank Details are

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Please put your name as the reference

With best wishes

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“While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch.” Patience Strong

Beat News

Safer Neighbourhood Team

- Beat Manager Terry Ash PC 36
- Community Engagement Officer Vicky Bailey PC 1425

Contact us: sntcostessey@norfolk.pnn.police.uk Tel: 101

Facebook: South Norfolk Police. Twitter: @SouthNorfPolice

I have been asked 'What exactly is the role of an Engagement Officer?', so here is a brief description of the role.

I am the Community Engagement Officer for the Broadland and South Norfolk Policing Districts which is made up of some 74 parishes in Broadland and 145 parishes in South Norfolk. I work closely with Inspectors, Sergeants and Beat Managers across the District, supporting them in setting-up and running local community engagement surgeries and events.

The role is to facilitate communication between police and communities and provide updates across these areas with all the latest news, witness appeals, police engagements, campaigns and Police recruitment. We also co-ordinate and support our Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speedwatch Teams, our Special Constabulary, Police Support Volunteers and Police Cadets. We act as a liaison for key community contacts and monitor events and incidents which can cause tensions and concerns within the community.

As you can imagine the role is varied, being invited to attend public events and meetings, keeping in contact with our partner agencies and engaging with our diverse communities. Over the past 18 months due to the Covid pandemic, and restriction on police attending public face to face events, the role has changed: we have turned to using social media platforms to engage and attending online meetings.

If there any crimes you have concerns about then you are welcome to contact your local Beat Manager, who'll be better informed on what the circumstances of the crime are.

Since the first lockdown we have been holding Policing Priority

Setting Meetings online, where members of the community are invited discuss any policing issues or concerns, they may have. During these meetings Policing Priorities are discussed and set for the following 3 months. These Priorities are voted-in by the public via face to face engagements and via social media online polls. The meetings are advertised via social media and invitations will be sent out via email to all our contacts, with the link to the meeting.

*Vicky BAILEY, Broadland & South Norfolk Engagement Officer
Police Constable 1425*

Could You be a Special!

Norfolk Police are recruiting Special Constables across Norfolk.

What is a Special? It's about doing the work of a police officer, having the powers of a police officer, but serving as a volunteer, but why would you do that? Because you're looking for another challenge. Because you could give 16 hours a month to help your local community. Because you want that sense of pride, togetherness, or satisfaction in learning new skills. Because you want to make a difference. Because... you can! Whatever



your reasons for being a special constable, come and join a team of dedicated volunteers from the local community who provide tremendous help and support to regular police officers.

If this is something you or someone you know might be interested in, then come along to our **online information evening on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7pm to 8.30pm.**

To book your place please email us on

bespecial@norfolk.police.uk or call us on 01953 425699 ext 2371. An event link will be sent to you confirming your place.

For further information:

www.norfolk.police.uk/join-us/volunteers/police-specials

Valentine's Run

Norfolk Gazelles are excited to be holding their annual Valentine's 10k running race through the beautiful villages of Easton, Marlingford and Colton on Sunday 6th February 2022. Following a difficult 2021 in which the race was temporarily switched to the Norfolk Showground, this year they return to the original route starting and finishing at Easton College.



The race will start at 10am and the majority of runners are expected to have completed the course by 12pm. The Gazelles have instigated a series of road closures to ensure the safety of the runners and the public. **A link to the road closure map can be found here: [Easton-College.pdf \(norfolkgazelles.co.uk\)](https://www.norfolkgazelles.co.uk/Easton-College.pdf).**

The Gazelles would like to thank local residents for their continued support of this annual event and along the course. We would love to see you lining the route on the day. The race has sold out with 900 runners looking forward to a great race, and fingers crossed some favourable weather. Should you have any questions or queries in relation to the race, please contact Ceri Theobald, Race Director, on racedirector@norfolkgazelles.co.uk

Ceri Theobald

Arthritis Action: New Groups for 2022

Our groups are currently held via Zoom or phone conference call format. Open to people from all areas they give the opportunity to learn from other people about how they can best manage their arthritis. All the groups are free to attend. For more information please email info@arthritisaction.org.uk or contact me directly. The groups have a topic each month, but we can always look at other questions or different topics as needed.

Marc Williams, Area Co-ordinator 07562 430 886

Choices for Unemployed Residents

A new six-week Choices course is starting at Wymondham Leisure Centre, 10am-1pm, on Tuesday 18th January to assist unemployed residents back into to work. It is open (free of charge) to any South Norfolk resident and attendance is flexible - just come to as many sessions as you are able to.

We already have a team who worked with recently unemployed but this is aimed at those who need a bit more support and would benefit from face to face training. You may have been out of work for some time and lost confidence, or looking for a change and do not know where to start. I have run these courses in Broadland for four years with a 94% success rate and this is the first one for South Norfolk residents. If Wymondham is a success we will look to host at other venues across the district.

For information, or to book a place, please contact Jane Bagley 01603 430535 jane.bagley@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

To a Snowdrop

Lone Flower, hemmed in with snows and white as they
But hardier far, once more I see thee bend
Thy forehead, as if fearful to offend,
Like an unbidden guest. Though day by day,
Storms, sallying from the mountain-tops, waylay
The rising sun, and on the plains descend;
Yet art thou welcome, welcome as a friend
Whose zeal outruns his promise! Blue-eyed May
Shall soon behold this border thickly set
With bright jonquils, their odours lavishing
On the soft west-wind and his frolic peers;
Nor will I then thy modest grace forget,
Chaste Snowdrop, venturous harbinger of Spring,
And pensive monitor of fleeting years!

William Wordsworth



Don't Lose Your Way

Our paths are one of our most precious assets, hidden in plain sight, and often taken for granted, they allow everyone to enjoy the countryside, both on our doorstep and across Britain's iconic landscapes.



The government has set a deadline of 1st January 2026 for all historic paths to be registered for inclusion on official maps. Now the race is on to get these lost paths registered.

The Ramblers have searched all of England and Wales and found over 49,000 miles of paths which could be lost forever, 1,199 of which are in Norfolk. There are only five years left to collect the historical documentary evidence needed to build and submit applications to restore the most important paths for future generations.

We completed this first stage of the process thanks to the support of thousands of volunteers who compared current maps with historic maps. The search was carried out through the Don't Lose Your Way online mapping tool which split England and Wales into 1km squares, each of which was searched by two separate users. Identifying potential lost rights of way is just the start of a long process to put them back on the map. There are four more steps to saving them:

- Prioritise those paths which add the most benefit for people.
- Research individual paths to find out if they can be saved.
- Build applications based on historical evidence.
- Submit applications by 1st January 2026.



For more information:

<https://beta.ramblers.org.uk/support-us/dont-lose-your-way>

Norfolk Village Cycle Challenge

Will you take up the Norfolk Village Cycle Challenge to celebrate 250 years of the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital? Sign up to be part of something AMAZING! We challenge you to carry out any of the following whilst fundraising in support of N&N Hospitals Charity:



- Cycle to all areas of the hospital represented by a Norfolk name
- Cycle to and around as many of Norfolk's villages/towns
- Choose a letter of the alphabet and cycle all of the places represented by that letter
- Cycle your own village/town (light challenge)
- Cycle 250 miles for 250 years
- Cycle 25 miles for 250 years
- Cycle 2.5 miles (light challenge)
- Cycle 25 of the 26 miles of Marriot's Way in Norfolk

Tailor the challenge to suit you:

- Meet friends and family you haven't seen due to Covid
- Visit landmarks
- Choose fitness goals
- Use to commute and save money that you would use driving
- Relay with friends and family to cycle to different places, taking it in turns to complete the challenge within 12 months.

You can even choose your own variation, fundraise, celebrate and have fun getting to know Norfolk; just let us know so that we can cheer you on throughout the year.

For the fundraising pack and materials that you may need to support you in completing your challenge and reaching your fundraising target, please **express your interest via email to: fundraising@nnuh.nhs.uk**.



Get on your bike, fundraise, celebrate, have fun and get out and about in Norfolk!

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Daniel Craig Rami Malek Lea Seydoux

James Bond is enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica after leaving active service. However, his peace is short-lived as his old CIA friend, Felix Leiter, shows up and asks for help. The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist turns out to be far more treacherous than expected, leading Bond on the trail of a mysterious villain who's armed with a dangerous new technology.

Colton Village Hall: Diary Dates

- **Colton Village Hall AGM:**
Monday 7th March, at 7.30pm, at the village hall.
- **Meet your neighbour coffee morning:**
Saturday 26th March 10.30 - 12.30
- **Easter Bingo**
Saturday 9th April - Eyes down at 8pm.

Vicky Green

Marlingford & Colton Parish Council

<https://marlingfordcolton.wixsite.com/mcpc>

Welcome to the Marlingford and Colton Parish Council news.

Advice and support for residents.

Norfolk Citizens Advice provide free, confidential, accredited and impartial advice to residents.

They are an independent charity able to offer support regarding various issues including money concerns, benefits, housing or employment problems.



Urgent help can be sought by calling 0800 144 88 48. If the query is not urgent then they can also be contacted using their online Email Advice Form <https://www.ncab.org.uk/email-advice-form> and they aim to reply within 3 to 5 working days.

Alternatively, Broadland and South Norfolk Help Hub are able to offer help and support in a number of ways working with a range of partners. This includes;

- supporting those effected by covid or self-isolating
- help with money worries and debt
- reducing loneliness
- benefit support
- staying safe from domestic abuse
- support from bullying and cyberbullying,
- improving health and wellbeing
- employment and training support
- assistance with housing issues
- a handyperson service
- supporting children and families.

To access the Help Hub call 01508 533933 or email helphub@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

Telephone lines are open Monday to Friday from 8:15am until 10pm (excluding bank holidays). Emails are monitored within office hours of Monday to Friday 8am until 5pm (excluding bank holidays)

Anglia Water – Support for Residents

Residents are being encouraged to sign up to Anglia Water's Priority Services Register who can provide free practical support to those that need it, such as:

- Help if your water goes off
- Communicate in your preferred language
- Send bills in different formats
- Help to protect you against bogus callers
- As well as many more Priority Services which could help you.



Find out more at www.anglianwater.co.uk/priority or by calling 0800 232 1951

They also have lots of ways to help you and your loved ones. If you're finding it difficult to pay, they offer: discounted tariffs, assistance schemes and affordable payment plans.

Find out more at www.anglianwater.co.uk/extra-care or call 0800 011 3774

Local Policing – Staying Street Safe this Winter

Norfolk Police have launched a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell them about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, eg street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, eg being followed or verbally abused. You can read about this on their website www.police.uk/streetsafe.

StreetSafe is anonymous, which means the Police won't be able to investigate and contact you about what happened but is designed to help to reduce peoples fear about walking or travelling around



Reporting of Flooding

There are a number of areas within both villages that are prone to flooding. The Parish Council encourage residents to report flooding through the Norfolk County Council website

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/safety/floods/report-a-flood>

This will help highlight recurrent flooding with the highways engineers and hopefully appropriate action can be taken.

Parish Council Meetings and public inclusion

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm (except August). They are being held in a COVID secure way and we request that masks are worn, sanitizer used on arrival, seating is in a social distanced way and ask that a Lateral Flow Test is taken prior to attendance.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8th February at Colton Village Hall.**

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meetings. Councillors look forward to welcoming residents to the next meeting.

*Maria Hutson, Clerk to Marlingford and Colton Parish Council,
telephone: 07759 534885*

email: marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com

Colton Heating Allotment Fund

The PCC of St. Andrew's church, Colton would like to give a heartfelt thanks all Colton residents who very generously donated their share of the annual heating allotment fund to the village church.

It raised an amazing £540 and is very much appreciated especially in the current times when fund raising is very difficult.

Judy Scrivener

Parish Recycling Project

Update of Recycling of Tablet Blister Packs

Following on from the Grapevine December/January issue outlining my project to recycle tablet blister packs, I was hoping to have made some positive progress. I have applied to South Norfolk district council for a 'Go for It' grant to fund suitable recycling boxes but at the 12th January cut off date for submissions in this issue I haven't heard if I've been successful or not so fingers crossed I can update you with more positive news in the February issue, so keep saving up your spent blister packs.

If anyone wants to contact me regarding recycling my email is judy.scrivener@gmail.com.

Judy Scrivener

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Easton Parish Council

www.eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.

Welcome to new Councillor

Easton Parish Councillors welcomed Mr Peter McCarter to the Council at their recent meeting in January. It is hoped to co-opt a further applicant at the next meeting.

Covid Recovery Grant

Several applications for grant funding had been received and a report issued by Revd Penny Goodman. This report and recommendations were considered at the Council's last meeting in January.

Allocations from the Covid Recovery Grant funding were awarded to community clubs and associations as follows:

- Good Companions (£500);
- Womens Institute (£500); Bowls Club (£500)
- Football Club (£200).

Thanks were expressed to Revd Goodman for her work receiving the applications and compiling the report.

Sound system for Village Hall

It was agreed to purchase a new wireless sound system for the Village Hall and this will soon be available for hirers. Councillors were keen to ensure this system would be portable so it could be moved to the new Village Hall once this has been built.



New bus shelter next to Orbit Homes

The Councillors have agreed to install a 3-bay cantilever bus shelter including end panel and timetable board next to Orbit Homes site. A prototype sign from Wescotec will be trialled on the Dereham Road Bus Shelter and it will be useful to have feedback on this once in operation

Updates and Information

Planning updates and other information are always discussed at Council meetings and also available on our website and in the Minutes for public information.

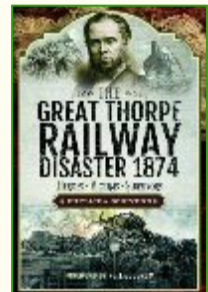
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Easton Good Companions

The Club has started up once more and we have had some games afternoons and, more importantly, a time to catch up.

Our Lunch at Bawburgh Golf Club was a great success, and we have plans for future meetings:

- Feb 3rd "Lasting Powers of Attorney"
- Feb 17th Bring and Buy
- March 17th Jean and David Ditton's Diamond Anniversary
- March 31st Phyllida Scrivens will give us a talk: "Great Thorpe Railway Disaster 1874"



We look forward to meeting anyone who would like to join us on a Thursday afternoon 2 pm until 4 pm at Easton Village Hall.

Anthony Perry

Easton Pop-In

- Easton village hall.
- Every Tuesday morning
- 10am- 11.45am
- Come and meet your friends for coffee, tea and biscuits.



Brenda Daynes

Easton Women's Institute

Easton WI had a very good Christmas meeting in December when we had a Murder Mystery evening. It turns out that some of us are better detectives than others but it was certainly enjoyable!

In January we have enjoyed an excellent talk about the East Anglian Air Ambulance which gave us all a lot of food for thought and left us with great admiration for the people who man the air ambulances day and night throughout the year.



On Thursday 10th February Ginnie Stevens and her daughter Rachel will be giving a talk entitled "A Birthday Present" and on Thursday 24th February we shall be having a belated Christmas meal at the Old Feathers, Framlingham Pigot. It almost seems like we are getting back to something like normal again.

Our meeting on Thursday 10th March will be our 69th birthday meeting when Tina Chamberlain also known as "the Gal Tina" will be entertaining us with her observations about "Life, poems and Norfolk Squit". If that doesn't counteract the gloom and despondency of the last couple of years I don't know what will!!!

We would be very happy to welcome new members to our meetings and visitors are welcome to join us for up to three meetings in a year before they decide whether to become a member.

Mary Blathwayt

Easton Crafters

Happy New Year to all. At the end of last year we welcomed three new members: it's always nice to welcome new people and new ideas.

As I wrote in the last magazine, we had planned to have a stall at Marlingford Christmas Fayre to sell our handmade crafts and cards but unfortunately the Fayre was cancelled. Hopefully the Covid situation will have dramatically changed and we will be able to hold our own Autumn/Christmas fair in 2022.

Our Christmas lunch, in Easton Village Hall, took place in December. We had a buffet lunch followed by a quiz and dancing to the music of "the Musicman". It was a lovely afternoon, everyone had a lovely relaxing time and we all went home with a raffle prize. The raffle raised £38 pounds for club funds.

As a group we decided to cancel our lunch at the Village Inn Little Melton on 11th January 2022. but hopefully we can rearrange in the summer.

At our February meeting we will have a card making demonstration by one of our members and everyone will be able to make three greeting cards, suitable for both male and female.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 1.30 - 4.30 pm. If you would like to see what we do, pop along and have a cup of tea and a chat. You might surprise yourself at how creative you can be.

Janice Barnston

***“You can't use up creativity. The more you use,
the more you have.”***

Maya Angelou

The Rambling Vine

Do you ever wake up in the morning with a song in your head that you then can't get rid of for the rest of the day? I do too, and when that happens, I like to ponder on why *that* song in *that* moment. Perhaps our mood or events going on in our lives influence our 'earworm' songs, but mine mostly seem to be a bizarre random selection of odd tunes selected by a dodgy radio station that you would never willingly stay tuned into!

Less frequently, but more significantly, I wake up with a bible passage on my mind, one that then stays with me for weeks and then seems to crop up in conversations or whatever books I am reading. I have learnt over the years to pay attention whenever this happens, because unlike the earworm tunes that have no purpose, the Lord is usually speaking to me through these 'earworm' bible verses. This is the passage that the Lord has been whispering in my ear since the start of 2022;

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us' Hebrews 12:1

Each generation that has gone before us has welcomed new life, enjoyed abundance, experienced joy and yet has also known grief, endured hardship and at times felt immense sorrow. Being human invariably means that we will all experience these things (and more) in our lifetime. We enjoy the good times but when more challenging seasons roll in, we can become despondent and perhaps fail to see the possibilities in a new dawn. Yet, this passage invites us to remember that great cloud of witnesses - ordinary people throughout history that the Lord has worked in and through to do extraordinary things – and not only to dare to dream of a brighter



future, filled with possibility and hope, but to be people that the Lord will use today to make those dreams and visions a reality here and now. We just need to shake off all that holds us back from seeing and believing and then step forward at pace into the future that the Lord has prepared for us.

I am certainly not naïve about the challenges that we face this year, both as individuals, communities and as a Benefice of Churches, and yet these words from the letter to the Hebrews is surely just the encouragement that we need in such a time as this. So, whatever is going on in your life right now, hear the Lord whispering these words to you and with faith, prayer and a good sense of humour.

Let's run together with perseverance the race marked out for us as God's family here, and look forward to how the Lord will bless us - and others through us - in the months and years to come.



Rev Laura Montgomery

Church Services: Easton Benefice

February 2022

Sun 6th	10am	Bawburgh	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sun 13th	10am	Colton	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sun 20th	10am	Marlingford	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sun 25th	10am	Bawburgh	<i>Holy Communion</i>

March 2022

Wed 2nd	12.30	Easton	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Sun 6th	10am	Easton	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sun 13th	10am	Colton	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sun 20th	10am	Marlingford	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sun 27th	10am	Bawburgh	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>

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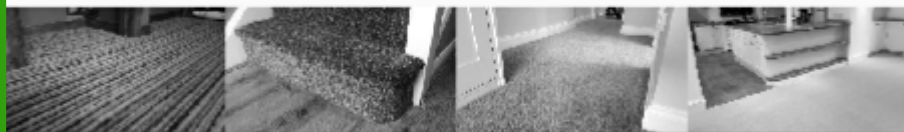
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