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online edition

The
Grapevine
your community news

Colton, Easton
& Marlingford

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The Rambling Vine

In my wardrobe is a large box which is very special and precious to me – it contains my ‘memories’. It has in it all sorts of bits and bobs right from my baby days up to the present – photos, certificates, school reports even!

It has a trophy I once won for swimming, children's drawing and poems from when I was a teacher. And of course my own children's cards and drawings. All precious memories which tell the story of my life and which have often been used to do just that as I have moved from place to place in my ministry in recent years.

I'm sure many of you will have something similar up in the loft, or perhaps have your memories on display all around you at home, souvenirs from holidays in exotic, or not so exotic places; photographs placed lovingly on shelves and tables to remind you of good



times and significant events, friends and those you love. Sometimes it is good just to spend some time with our memories, to remember and reflect on all that has been good in our lives, and especially having lived through this last year of enforced separation, to be thankful for the memories that have often kept us going.

Our Bible is full of memories too, written down with love and care to remind us of the story of God in the lives of so many through the age: memories of encounters with God in the Old Testament, and with Jesus in the Gospels, memories of friends made as the new followers of ‘The Way of Jesus’ began to grow in number with the spread of the early Church. Memories of the difference encountering God had made to their lives.

St Paul, separated from the people of the newly planted Church in Philippi, spoke with deep affection in his letters to them:

'I thank my God every time I remember you.'

Philippians 1:3

Of course, the memories we have made during this last year may not all be good ones. We may have had more time on our hands than we were comfortable with and some have found life challenging and lonely with just their memories for company. Inevitably, there will be others known to us living in care settings with dementia who have lost precious time with loved ones and who have suffered irreversible memory loss over the course of the pandemic. Connections lost that can never be retrieved – and there is great sadness in that which should be acknowledged.

As we gradually ease back into a life of connection again in person – the first coffee with friends, the first barbeque with family, that first hug with grandchildren and those we have missed so much, let's not forget to start making fresh and lasting memories again. Memories we can look back on in the future with great gladness and say with confidence 'I thank my God every time I remember you'.



Praying for a summer full of making good memories for you.

Rev Laura Montgomery
eastonbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Church Services in May

10am Service of Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Colton
6pm Zoom services every Sunday
(contact Rev Laura for details.)

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The South Norfolk contact is Emma Claridge:
emma.claridge@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk 07867 229500.

For general enquiries contact the Chances team on
01603 228929 or chances@norfolk.gov.uk .

News from St Andrew's Colton

On 23 May the PCC held its Annual General Meeting where Sarah Smith, once again, agreed to be our Churchwarden for another year. We are very grateful to Sarah for all she does in the background to keep the Church in such good order.

For the over 15 years Dudley Watts has taken on the role of Fabric Officer and, thanks to his incredible hard work, the fabric of the church remains in very good condition. Dudley has overseen a number of building projects and has ensured that essential maintenance is regularly completed. We are very grateful to Dudley for all he has done and, although he has now left the village, we hope he will come back to visit us from time to time.

We were delighted to be able to co-opt Terry Scrivener onto the PCC to be our new Fabric Officer. Terry has already addressed some of the maintenance issues and we are so pleased that he has agreed to take on this position. The rest of the PCC was voted in, 'en bloc', for another year.

Many members of the village support us throughout the year and we are especially thankful to those involved in the churchyard mowing rota meaning that the churchyard continues to be well cared for and beautiful during all the seasons. We continue to keep the car park closed except for Sunday services as we are allowing the grass to regrow: the combination of too many cars parking in thick mud during our very wet winter meant that the car park had become a quagmire. Signs of regrowth are encouraging!

*Liz Plater
Secretary to the PCC of St Andrew's Church, Colton*

*It is the month of June,
the month of leaves and roses,
when pleasant sights salute the eyes
and pleasant scents the noses.*

Nathaniel Parker Willis

Marlingford & Colton Parish Council

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

Welcome to the Marlingford and Colton Parish Council section of Grapevine.

Coronavirus Support and Information – South Norfolk District Council

If you are in need of support due to COVID-19, if you cannot access essential items or are struggling with money, please call 01508 533933, Monday to Friday between 08:15 - 22:00 and, in case of emergencies only, Saturday to Sunday 10:00 - 16:00. E-mail helphub@s-norfolk.gov.uk

Amenity Areas – update

Both play areas in Colton and Marlingford will be undergoing their annual safety inspection during June. It is hoped that as a result of this inspection repairs to the swing and balance beam at Colton play area can then be undertaken.

Plans to expand the play area in Marlingford for older children are continuing with young people being asked what they would like to see in the new area. A group of parents within the village is championing the project and they are encouraging young people to get in touch with their suggestions and pictures. Please forward these to the Clerk, marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com who will pass them on.



Website Development

The Parish website has been updated to make it easier to navigate and enhance the information about the Parish Council

and what is happening in the villages. The website can be found at <https://marlingfordcolton.wixsite.com/mcpc> and will continue to include details on both past and future meetings.

We hope that residents will contribute with photos of the villages which can be emailed to the clerk, marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com

A47 North Tuddenham to Easton

Improvements along the A47 will include upgrading the section of the A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton, west of Norwich, to a new dual carriageway running south of the existing A47 at Hockering, and to the north of the existing A47 at Honingham. The scheme aims to relieve congestion, reduce journey times, encourage economic growth, and improve road safety. Highways England are encouraging consultation on the proposals and representations must be received by the Inspectorate no later than 11:59 pm on Thursday 17th June 2021. Representations can be made through the website at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/easton/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton/?ipcsection=overview>

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm (except August). Legislation allowing Parish Councils to meet virtually has expired and **meetings will now be face-to-face with the next meeting scheduled for 8th June at 7pm**. The meetings will be held in accordance with Coronavirus restrictions with social distancing, track and trace in place and masks needing to be worn. The venue at the time of print was to be confirmed, please contact the clerk for the location.

*Maria Hutson,
Clerk to Marlingford and Colton Parish Council,
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Remembering Vera Richardson

Our dear friend Vera Richardson died peacefully in hospital on Friday 16th April, aged 92¼ years old.

Vera was such an amazing and generous friend to all who knew her. Her zest for life, youthful looks and kind heart will always be remembered - she was an inspiration to us all.

Vera loved living in Marlingford for the past 34 plus years, having previously lived in London all her life. She was a very keen and enthusiastic supporter of all village activities, and was a Village Hall Committee Member for many years. She was an avid theatre-goer, went on many overseas holidays and ones closer to home, and thoroughly enjoyed meals out with friends. Five of us "ladies who dine" celebrated our birthdays for years, trying out different pubs in the area ... in the end going out for meals for no particular reason just because we enjoyed ourselves so much! "I think I will just have a small sherry" will be remembered forever!

An afternoon tea-party in Vera's memory at Marlingford Village Hall, will be held at a later date when Covid restrictions permit.

An era has ended and a light has gone from the village, but Vera rocked til the end!

A Service of Celebration for the life of Vera was held on Monday 10th May at Greenacres, Colney. Vera's ashes will be placed with her brother Alan, at Marlingford Church, in due course.

Sue, Christine, Heather and Bev.



Remembering Ann Knights

Sadly Ann, who was the longest-lived at present in Marlingford, died on Tuesday 11th May at home. She had suffered from ill health in recent years but her life had been a full one of activity: farming, gardening, using her artistic skills in crafts, needlework and painting. Ann lived through the sadness of losing loved ones, but she is survived by daughter, Jane and grandson, Edward and more family and many friends.

She was a great supporter of Marlingford Church by raising funds for the fabric for the oldest building in the village, including the rehangng of the bell in the tower.

Here is a piece from The Grapevine of July 1998 which demonstrates the hospitality of Ann and her family:

“The Whit Walk on Whitsunday, 31st May was much enjoyed by the band of 'explorers' that set off from Marlingford Church and took a route close to some parish boundaries. We strayed into Great Melton parish as we took the high ground by Church Farm and Algarsthorpe. The gentle warm weather made our picnic site memorable with a panoramic view of Marlingford village nestling in its river valley.

Our pace became so leisurely that when we reached the Knights' home and tarried in the workshop, barns and gardens, Ann offered us tea on the lawn, which brought this pleasant jaunt to a natural conclusion. We all agreed to continue the planned route at a later date!”

Felicity Maton



Easton Parish Council

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Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.

Annual Chairman Elections

Easton Parish Council held it's Annual Meeting on 5 May 2021 and elected a new Chairman, Cllr Stuart Renders, and a new Vice-Chairman, Cllr Ben Moyes. Both Councillors were welcomed to their new roles and thanks were expressed to outgoing Chairman, Cllr Peter Milliken for all his hard work in the past year.

A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Improvement Development Consent Order (DCO) application

This Order was discussed by Councillors at their meeting - [A47 North Tuddenham to Easton | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#) . Comments were as follows:

The Upside:

- Much needed improvement to traffic movement along this stretch of the A47
- Safer access for pedestrians and cyclists over the A47
- Safer access for vehicles onto and off the A47 heading to or departing from Easton
- Reduced traffic noise
- Ends all rat-running though Lower Easton
- Improved journey times

The Current Issues with the design:

- No direct access for the Food Enterprise Park (FEP) on to the A47
- Highways England cannot use public money to fund access to the FEP. Norfolk County Council, working with Broadland and South Norfolk Councils, want to widen Church Lane and make the main entrance on to the FEP via Church Lane. This is likely to result in thousands of extra vehicles movements a day though Easton along the Dereham Road.

Jubilee Playing Field

Work is continuing to install new play equipment and fencing at Jubilee Playing Field. Unfortunately, there has been an unavoidable delay with the erection of the new fencing as suppliers have experienced difficulty with delivery of materials. It had been hoped all work could be done at the same time, however, CGM hope to start on 24th May 2021, emergency fencing will need to be in place in the damaged area and against the hedge in Woodview Road. Ivy removal is underway as an alternative to taking out trees.

Councillors look forward to opening the play area and welcoming the children back.



Easton Covid Recovery Fund £10k

The launch of this new fund has been discussed and agreed it will take time to administer, but there was a general lack of local support. Councillors agreed to allocate funds of £10,000 for the Easton Recovery Fund, however, it will be put on hold until further support is offered from parishioners.

Interim Measures

Whilst still in Covid recovery some interim measures were agreed at the last meeting.

A General Facilities Working Group will ensure continuity of services in between Full Council meetings and will report to the next meeting.

A Planning and Development Working Group will deal with all planning and development matters.

All Council services will remain the same and Easton Parish Council remains fully committed to supporting our residents.

Gina Lopes, Acting Clerk, Easton Parish Council

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Telephone: 07879 379181



Welcome Back!

Easton Pop-In Is Back!

The Tuesday Morning Cafe

we hope to open in Easton Village Hall on

20th July

10am to 11.45am

Coffee 80p. Tea 60p.

Do come along - I'm sure there will be scones or cake to go with the coffee! We will follow any Government regulations to help keep us all safe.

Brenda and I will be in charge on the 20th July but we will be looking for volunteers for the following Tuesdays.

Keep well and we look forward to seeing you in July.

Anne Dunbar

Easton Crafters

Fingers crossed, and depending on government guidelines, Easton Crafters are hoping to restart club meetings from the **13th July 2021**. We will be following Covid guidelines.

Easton Crafters meetings are held on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of the month 1.30 - 4.00pm. at Easton Village Hall.

Janice Barnston

Easton Good Companions Club

We said in the last Newsletter about a very dear friend (member) of the Club, Vera Richardson, who had died. At the funeral some of our club members were able to attend and had a little smile as the first song played was Dancing Queen! Vera would always get up for a dance at the special party club meetings.

As for other news I'm afraid we have no more at the moment as the Committee will be meeting after this goes to print. I know we can't wait to all get back but it won't be long.

Always here if anybody want's a chat.

Jean Ditton



“What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfilment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade.”

Gertrude Jekyll

Easton Women's Institute

Easton WI is still waiting for the time when we can meet in person but we are very pleased that most of our members have indicated that they will be coming back as soon as circumstances make it possible. I do know that some other WIs have not been as fortunate as we are and are not sure whether their WIs will even survive.

The plan at the moment is hopefully to meet on **Thursday 8th July at 7.30pm**, in Easton Village Hall with all the necessary precautions in place. The speaker is booked and Juyna Lewis will be coming to tell us about "*Norfolk's Indian Queen*". Unfortunately, having heard the warning in a recent Covid update, the Indian variant may make us have to think again but as of now we will keep our fingers crossed and hope for the best.

Yesterday the committee of the Barford and District WI group (Barford, Bowthorpe, Easton, Hethersett and Mattishall) met in my back garden and took the decision not to try and meet until after the five WIs know whether they can continue to run. Several group committee members have resigned and it makes it very hard to continue until we know that members will return to their WIs and will want to support the group when they do. The current plan is for the committee to meet in February 2022 to decide whether we can hold a group meeting in April that year.

This group was formed in 1959 and had the aims of enabling members from different WIs to meet and to listen to more expensive speakers than each individual WI could afford on their own. To do this we need an attendance at each of the two meetings held every year of 50 to 55 members. In recent years the attendance figure has been falling and Covid will not have helped going forward. Once again, we will cross our fingers and hope for the future.

I will end this with a tribute to one of our members who sadly died recently. Erica Smith had been an active member of Easton WI which she joined after Honingham WI had to close. She soon joined our committee which she remained on for many years. She always supported our events and came to almost every meeting although she lived in Honingham. We shall miss her dry sense of humour and her common-sense attitude to life. I shall miss her as I had known her since I was four years old and we were in the same class at school. I had kept in touch with her almost ever since.



2020 and 2021 have been difficult years for many people and everyone has been affected in some way. Let's hope we can soon start to live a more normal but cautious life soon.

Mary Blathwayt

Norfolk Summer Fayre

Although there will be no Royal Norfolk Show this year, on Saturday 3rd July 2021, the Norfolk Showground will host a Summer Fayre for the local



community. The Fayre will be a great way to celebrate summer the Norfolk-way with an impressive selection of locally sourced food and drink, immersed in a variety of music, heritage and culture. Tickets will be on sale soon and will be £6 per person with under 16's free.

The spectacular mix of food and drink from local businesses will ensure that the Norfolk Summer Fayre will stand out from the crowd, and bookings are open for stands.

This event is being planned within the current government guidelines and will be amended accordingly following any changes to the governments roadmap.

Easton Water Tower

Driving along the A47 from the west you will have noticed a tall concrete structure looming like one of H G Wells' aliens over Easton. It's a water tower.

East Anglia's flat landscape means that if one was to create a reservoir it would likely be on a similar level as the houses that it was supposed to feed so, without enough gravity, there wouldn't be the pressure in the system for distribution without a lot of pumping. The solution in East Anglia was to increase the gravity by building water towers to store the water so that water could be supplied even in the case of a power cut.



The Easton tower is a brutalist design in reinforced concrete so probably originates from 1950's. In the photo you can see three horizontal stripes where it looks like the concrete has had to be reinforced a bit more. They also help to give the impression of a thin lipped, narrow eyed sentinel scanning the Eastern sky.

The tower belongs to Anglian Water who were up on a cherry picker looking at the tower when I arrived. I have no idea what they were doing but maybe I will hear about it on Twitter next [#WaterTowerWednesday](#). It's reassuring to know that Anglian Water are keeping an eye on it now that I know there are potentially 0.67M litres of water up there.

Article and water tower photo courtesy of <https://norfolkcorners.blogspot.com>



Grapevine: *Your* Community News

As life returns to something like 'normal', diaries fill up and our community activities resume, we would love to hear what you have been up to, what you are planning, and how people can join in! Our Editor, Clare Howard, welcomes contributions from any individual or group. For the next edition, covering July and August and circulating on 1st July, the **copy deadline is 18th June - clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk**



Please forward 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!

The Grapevine for Every Home

Many residents have been without the local Community News for 14 months, but a printed and delivered edition of Grapevine will, hopefully, return in September. Our print machine has been checked and confirmed to be in working order, now we need to get our wonderful volunteer team back together.



Can you help?

- **Marlingford** has volunteers to collate and deliver copies to its homes
- **Colton** could do with more volunteers! Please contact Liz Plater on 01603 880556.
- **Easton** needs a **Co-ordinator** to organise its 650 copies. Basically it involves some preparation before and a couple of hours with a group of volunteers collating copies at the end of most months (not December). Please contact Elizabeth and Ian Giddings, 01603 882179 if you might be able to help - they will brief their successor. Huge thanks to them for managing this for five years.

Felicity Maton, 01603 880846

Beat News

Rural Crime: Hare Coursing 2020/21

Thankfully, there has been a decrease of well over 50% in calls to Norfolk Constabulary about hare coursing.

The hare coursing season is generally seen as running from September to March. During that period we saw 152 calls around hare coursing with 26 of those in relation to offences 'over the border' in Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshires. When we consider the offenders may target more than one area in one day, causing multiple calls at different locations and also multiple witnesses for the same incident, the actual figure is considerably lower. This compares to 315 calls the previous season with 14 of those being 'over the border'.

Norfolk Constabulary remain one of a very few forces to actively seize all dogs and vehicles involved in this crime, which is one of the biggest ways to disrupt this blight on our rural communities. We seized a total of 37 dogs this season compared to 24 last season. This is alongside 36 individuals being charged with various offences of which 31 were charged either with Trespass in Pursuit of Game or Hunting a Wild Mammal with a Dog.

All of this would not have been possible without the support of landowners and witnesses working with us. I wish to place on record my thanks for their continued support especially in the current climate with long court delays.

We have successfully rehomed all the dogs we have secured confiscation orders on so far and see absolutely no problem in continuing this positive news for the dogs who sadly become involved in this awful crime through no fault of their own.



*PC460 Andrew Hudson, South Norfolk Engagement Officer
Tel: 101 Ext 2951*

Wordsearch: Summer Flowers

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Summer Sonnet

I love to see the summer beaming forth
And white wool sack clouds sailing to the north

I love to see the wild flowers come again
And mare blobs* stain with gold the meadow
drain

And water lilies whiten on the floods
Where reed clumps rustle like a wind shook
wood

Where from her hiding place the Moor Hen
pushes

And seeks her flag nest floating in bull rushes

I like the willow leaning half way o'er
The clear deep lake to stand upon its shore

I love the hay grass when the flower head
swings

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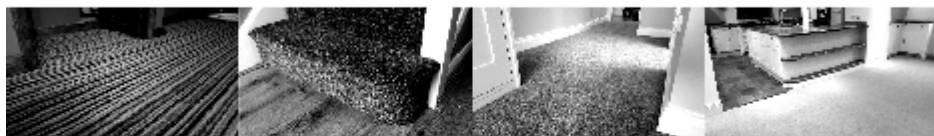
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