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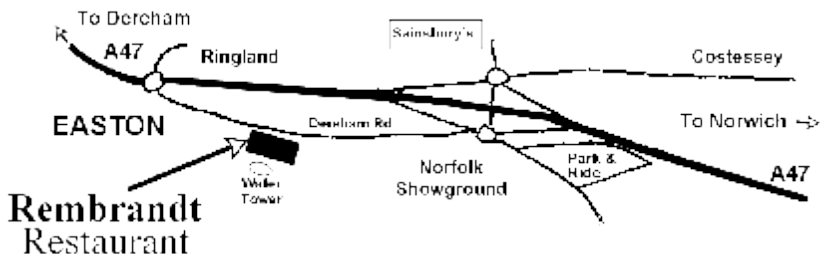
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Grapevine: *Your* Community News

News*Information*Observations*Memories*Activities

It has been my pleasure to be the editor and designer of Grapevine for the last couple of years. Sadly, other commitments mean that I will step down later this year so we are looking for someone to take over from me. If you know someone who enjoys using desktop publishing, working with words and communities please have a look at page 17 for more information (this is a **paid freelance post**).

Clare Howard: Designer/Editor

April (Easter) This edition will be printed (also available online). Thank you in advance to everyone who will be helping to deliver a copy to each home in the villages. If you know of any Easter activities taking place in the area, please send us details so that we can help to publicise them.

We will be back to digital-only for May. If you would like to receive Grapevine digitally contact Felicity Maton (f.maton@btinternet.com) to be added to the email list. Grapevine is also available on the Parish Council websites.

Copy Deadline: 9am on Saturday 12th March for the April (Easter) edition - the early date is to meet the printer's deadline. Send contributions to clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk .

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

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With best wishes

Carol Chiles, Felicity Maton, Sally Neale: Grapevine Board

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Beat News

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team

- **Beat Manager Terry Ash PC 36. Tel: 101 Ext: 4162 Email: terry.ash2@norfolk.police.uk**

Here to engage with the local communities and work to solve local issues and priorities within your neighbourhood, aiming to keep your neighbourhood as a safe place to live, work and visit.

- **Community Engagement Officer Vicky Bailey PC 1425. Tel: 101 Ext: 1113**

Email: victoria.bailey@norfolk.police.uk

Here to provide communications and updates regarding your neighbourhood as well as coordinate volunteers, specials, community speedwatch and cadets. Contact for local enquiries that affect your neighbourhood.

Hare Coursing

There has been a recent increase in reports of hare coursing and damage to crops. We really encourage anybody who witnesses coursing to tell us about it as it's happening on 999, so we have the best opportunity to tackle this offending. Please never put yourself in danger by confronting the individuals or by blocking them in. Instead, note number plates, descriptions of vehicles, clothing and dogs involved: this helps us to link incidents and have a clearer picture as to who is doing what, where.

The Government is putting forward proposals to toughen up the powers and punishment in relation to hare coursing. These on the face of it look very positive and it is hoped they could even be in place as early as September 2022.

The first proposal is to increase the maximum penalty for trespassing in pursuit of game to include an unlimited fine and up to six months' imprisonment. The second is to create two new criminal offences: trespass with the intention of using a dog to search for or pursue a hare; and being equipped to trespass with the intention of using a dog to search for or to pursue a hare.

Both would be punishable on conviction by an unlimited fine and/or up to six months' imprisonment.

The third proposal is a big one for us in Norfolk as currently we seize any dogs involved in hare coursing that come into contact with us. Although this is expensive we continue to see this as the biggest deterrent. The power proposed is to order, on conviction, the reimbursement of costs incurred in kennelling dogs seized in connection with a hare coursing-related offence.

The final proposal is to give courts a new power to make an order, on conviction, disqualifying an offender from owning or keeping a dog. This would be an Incredibly powerful punishment given they rely on dogs to commit the crime.

The Harbour Centre: Here for you

The Harbour Centre Sexual Assault Referral Centre offers free support and practical help to all people, regardless of age, disability, race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. If you have been raped or sexually assaulted either recently or in the past, we encourage you to contact us.



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To contact the Harbour Centre: www.theharbourcentre.co.uk
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Not sure what kind of information Fearless takes? Check out the help guide at www.fearless.org if you're unsure about what information you can pass on to them. Use their A to Z to find out 'what means what' in the world of crime. Understand the consequences of getting caught-up with the law; and know where to turn to if you need further help or support. Fearless also gives access to a selection of youth organisations who can offer further information, advice and support.

It's important to remember that Fearless is not a replacement for the emergency services - if something is happening that needs immediate action, ring 999.

Orphaned wild animals

If you're worried about a baby wild animal that seems to be alone, don't touch them but watch from a distance to check they're orphaned first. The RSPCA receive many calls about young animals from people who think they are orphaned but it's likely that the parents are nearby, waiting for people to leave. It is natural for parents of some species to leave their babies alone all day. If you are worried about a baby wild animal, have a look at this RSPCA website link for information on the behaviour of different species and when it might be appropriate to intervene: www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/wildlife/orphanedanimals

Recycle Your Tablet Blister Packs

I am happy to report that I have finally received a grant from South Norfolk District Council to have some boxes purpose-made for recycling tablet blister packs.

I have been amazed at the number of people who have already been collecting. At the last Sunday church service in Colton I went home with a carrier bag full of spent blister packs so I'm really glad to see residents are embracing the scheme.



I have just placed an order for the recycling boxes so hopefully by the time you read this the boxes should be in place. The boxes will initially be placed in the following locations:



- Church porches at Colton, Easton and Bawburgh
- The Bell Public House in Marlingford
- Colton Village Hall
- Easton Village Hall

All profits made from the recycling will be donated to the Marie Curie Charity who offer care and support during terminal illness.

Judy Scrivener
Judy.scrivener@gmail.com

The Mad March Hare

Our cover photo this month is a brown hare - famous for madly boxing in March! Usually solitary, at this time of year females can be seen standing on their back legs and fighting off unwanted male attention by boxing with their front paws. Brown hares are larger than rabbits with longer back legs, and have brown fur, a white tummy and very long black-tipped ears. Hares don't burrow, but scrape a depression in the ground (a 'form') for shelter when they want to rest. They are best seen at early morning or evening in open fields. Hares are very fast sprinters and can sometimes reach speeds of over 40 miles per hour.

March on the Farm

The busiest time of the year for many farmers, calving is underway throughout March, and the beginning of March is lambing time too. Ewes and lambs often need round-the-clock attention, causing farmers a number of sleepless nights for a couple of months. Ewes will have been sorted into groups, based on the number of lambs expected, been vaccinated, and their feet trimmed to guard against foot rot. Away from the stock, slurry continues to be spread throughout March, and drilling, or sowing, of sugar beet will happen this month as well. Fertilising and crop-spraying are other important jobs, with liquid fertiliser being applied to potato fields.



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A Letter from Fred

My furniture arrived on 1st February and I left my temporary flat on the 3rd to sleep in my new Leicestershire home. The house is too small for all my stuff despite downsizing before leaving, so some boxes are in store until we establish space. The most important news is that Fred's Chair was ordered on 9th February with a five-week delivery date. It will be superb!! Thanks again to all who helped with donations which covered 10% of the cost. I have saved over £1000 by buying locally.

I have been well looked after by Stephen and Sam and well received at the Methodists' Saturday morning cafe, sharing services with them at Christmas. I tried the local church St Thomas and then All Saints Wigston Magna which is my parish church. I have been very comfortable in both churches: All Saints follows the high Anglican style of my childhood.

My Doctor's Surgery is a huge place covering two practice areas and they are very helpful! I have got back to swimming two or three times a week for an hour. Hopefully I can have a few days in Easton when the Summer comes. Best wishes to all.

Fred Creed

The Grapevine: Designer/Editor

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Volunteering is highly rewarding whatever your personal circumstances. It is a great way to give back to your community, gain new skills and meet people. If you are looking to get into work or change career, volunteering can help give you an extra edge and experience with us is highly regarded by employers. For more information on these roles please see our website www.ncab.org.uk/i-want-tovolunteer, email v.recruitment@ncab.org.uk or call Emma on 01603 273116.

A Career in Adult Care

www.norfolk.gov.uk/developingskills

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We have an exciting workshop called 'Who Cares, We Care', providing a chance to talk about care, career progression and coming into the sector. These will take place online on Monday 7th March, 9.30 - 11am or 7.30 - 9pm. If you would like to book a place, contact developingskills@suffolk.gov.uk. A link will be sent to participants once we have confirmed your place.

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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.

Speeding

The Parish Council continues to monitor speeding through the villages. Both Marlingford and Colton have SAM2 (Speed Activated Monitoring) machines. These machines are moved periodically and the data recorded downloaded. This data is being collated to see trends of when and where the speeding is happening. The Parish Councillors are hoping to meet with the local police soon to discuss their findings and what can be done to help make the roads safer for residents.

Parish Council Website

The Parish Council website was redeveloped last year. Along with reading Grapevine online here you can also access meeting agendas and minutes and other Council documents. There is also a new page with information on your Parish Councillors <https://marlingfordcolton.wixsite.com/mcpc/copy-of-councillors>

The website also contains important information about the village halls and Parish Council meeting dates.

We would like to include information on the website on other local amenities and organisations. For more information on including your organisation please contact the Parish Clerk.

Norfolk Local Access Forum

The Norfolk Local Access Forum is comprised of up to twenty-two people covering a range of interests in countryside access in Norfolk, including: walking; cycling; horse riding; landowners; conservation; other interests (including tourism, business, heritage, education). The Forum provides independent advice to a number of organisations



including Norfolk County Council on improving access to the countryside in Norfolk.

They are looking for enthusiastic and proactive people with a passion for the outdoors with good communication skills to fill fourteen volunteer vacancies on the Forum. These members will represent a range of interest areas and full details can be found online, along with the recruitment form here:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/policy-performance-and-partnerships/partnerships/local-access-forum> (the recruitment form is under the 'membership' tab). If you have any queries, please email nlaf@norfolk.gov.uk or contact 0344 800 8020. The closing date for applications is 25th March 2022

Getting Active in Norfolk

As restrictions have eased you may be looking to get more active, take up a new sport or restart an activity you have done previously. The Every Move activity finder from Active Norfolk is a wealth of information of clubs and sessions running near you. Go to <https://www.everymove.uk/> and enter your postcode and discover adult and children groups are being held near you.

Rogue Traders

Norfolk County Council Trading Standards are warning residents to be aware of doorstep cold callers making claims that they can see issues with roof tiles.

This follows an incident in the Hellesdon area where a number of males cold called at a property and told the resident that they 'could see a missing tile on the roof' which they offered to replace. The males then accessed the property's roof after which they came down and told the resident that they had found issues with the ridge tiles and this would cost '£4,000 to fix'.

Trading Standards advice is:

- Never deal with cold callers looking to undertake work on or around your property
- Never agree to have work done by somebody who is 'just passing' or take their word that it needs to be done at all

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- Never allow a cold caller access to your home, roof or garden even if they are offering to do tasks for a small fee or free
 - Never pay for work before it is completed
 - When looking to have work done on or around your property only deal with reputable companies you have researched and chosen yourself and have obtained a written quotation from before commencing the work.

If you see cold callers operating in Norfolk please contact Trading Standards through their partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133 or Norfolk Constabulary on 101. If you feel intimidated or are concerned for vulnerable neighbours call 999.

Looking for a Trader you can Trust? Try a Norfolk Trusted Trader. To search their directory and read feedback from their customers



visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader

Could your community help stop doorstep cold callers from targeting vulnerable people by becoming a No Cold Calling Zone? To find out more about the scheme or to apply visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/nccz

Parish Council Meetings and public inclusion

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm (except August). Please sanitize your hands 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 March at Marlingford 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,
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Easton Parish Council

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Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.

Your Parish Councillors

- Cllr Stuart Renders – Chairman
- Cllr Ben Moye – Vice Chairman
- Cllr Peter Milliken
- Cllr Peter McCarter
- Cllr David Lewis

New sub-station underway

Work has started at Church Lane to provide a 132KV sub-station to supply the Food Enterprise Park and the Village with “green” energy from an existing offshore wind farm.

Orbit Homes development

Orbit Homes are hoping to start work on-site in April/ May 2022

Proposed new crossing and installation of yellow lines

Easton Parish Councillors are still waiting to hear if Norfolk County Council Highways will support a raised table crossing near the School, and “yellow lines” at the junction of Marlingford Way, as part of the New Village Hall build.

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Now we are in the year of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, the Parish Councillors are interested to hear from residents who wish to celebrate this special event in some way. One of the suggested ideas is to provide a commemorative “Jubilee” bench in the Village.



Councillor vacancies

There are still vacancies for Parish Councillors if you are interested and would like further information please contact the Clerk - clerk@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk



Updates and Information

Planning updates and other information are regularly discussed by Easton Parish Councillors. Up to-date information is available on our website and in the Minutes for public information.

Gina Lopes, Acting Clerk, Easton Parish Council
The Village Hall, Marlingford Road, Easton NR9 5AD
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07879 379181

Easton Good Companions

The Good Companions recently had a very interesting talk about "Lasting Power of Attorney Made Simple". This was very informative as the laws have changed and there are two types which we need to be aware of. A visit to your solicitors was recommended in order to be up to date with your will and your wishes should you become in need of help. In February we had our AGM and a Bring and Buy sale.

On 17th of March we will celebrate Dave and Jean Ditton's Diamond Wedding Anniversary (and they said it wouldn't last!!!!).

On 31st March we have a talk about the "Great Thorpe Railway Disaster".

We meet on Thursday at Easton Village Hall 2pm - 4pm every two weeks. All over 50's are welcome.



Anthony Perry

Easton Women's Institute

As I writing this storm Eunice is moving towards us so I hope it is not as bad as we have been led to believe it could be!!

Easton WI met in February to hear one of our members tell us about the trip to China that she and her daughter went on a few years ago. Images of the terracotta army, the Forbidden city and the Great Wall of China certainly provided us with an insight to the world outside Easton!! Thanks to Ginnie and Rachel for their interesting talk.



On Thursday 10th March we will be celebrating our 69th Birthday with a talk from Tina Chamberlain entitled "Life, Poems and Norfolk Squit". We shall also have a buffet supper (members please bring a contribution!) and visitors from other WIs.

At our meeting on 14th April Felicity Maton will be travelling all the way from Marlingford to tell us about Julian of Norwich.

We are looking for ideas about how we mark our 70th Birthday next year. If any of our members has a suggestion, we shall be very glad to hear from them.

We are 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 Pop-In

- Easton village hall.
- Every Tuesday morning
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Brenda Daynes & Tony Perry

Easton Crafters

We have had a very successful January at the club. It was nice to all meet up again after the Christmas break. At our last meeting we had a very successful card making demonstration from one of our long-standing members and then everyone had the chance to make their own cards, adding their own individual twist.

Next month we will be having a card making demonstration from Joanne, who is well known for her card making skills and holds workshops at various venues around Norfolk.

We are organising a trip to the Crafting Live Show at Peterborough on 22nd October. At the show there will be many crafty celebrities and exhibitors with a range of different crafts including stamps, dies, decoupage, knitting, sugar-craft and so much more. You will be able to watch inspiring demonstrations and take part in workshops. Transport is by coach and pick up points will be from Stratton Strawless, Hethersett and Easton.



If you would like to join us or find out more about our craft club please ring Janet on 01603 471144.

Janice Barnston

**"Daffodils, that come before the
swallow dares, and take the winds
of March with beauty."**

The Winter's Tale



The Rambling Vine

March Marches In

It's the month named by the Romans after Mars, their god of war. No thanks, to wars or violence, but it is a month when many are remembered for their courage and leadership. Some even died for their faith in God.

1st March is St David's Day, celebrated in Wales; his Welsh name is Dewi and his special sign is a leek. He lived around 600AD and a hill rose up when he was preaching.

17th March is for St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland – 460AD. He brought Christianity to Ireland; he used a shamrock to illustrate the Trinity; he drove out the snakes and turned his walking stick into a living tree.

Less known now are Felix, 8th March, Patron Saint of the East Angles and Edward, 18th March, boy King, murdered 979AD.

All the Churches in our Benefice are dedicated to saints; this month St Mary is remembered. (Marlingford Church is a St Mary's.) The Archangel, Gabriel told Mary that God wanted her to be the mother of His Son, Jesus. This is part of the mystery of prophecies recorded in the Bible leading to the birth of Jesus Christ – Christmas.

After various attempts at counting the years, it was decided to begin at the



birth – anno domini, in the year of the Lord – year one. We are now at twenty thousand and twenty-two in Spring, with British Summer Time starting on Sunday 27th March, and it's Mothering Sunday.

Happy days,

Felicity Maton

*PS. St George is Patron Saint of England.
His day is next month, 23rd April.*



Church Services: Easton Benefice

March 2022

Wed 2nd 12.30	Easton	<i>Ash Wednesday plus Diocesan House staff</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>

(BST begins - clocks forward!)

Mothering Sunday

In the 16th century, people would make a journey to their 'mother' church once a year. The service symbolised the coming together of families. This would have represented a significant journey for many. Another tradition was to allow those working in the fields to have the day off on the 4th Sunday of Lent to visit their mothers and possibly go to church too. This was a variation on the theme of visiting the 'mother' church. Before the days of cars, family get-togethers were far more rare.

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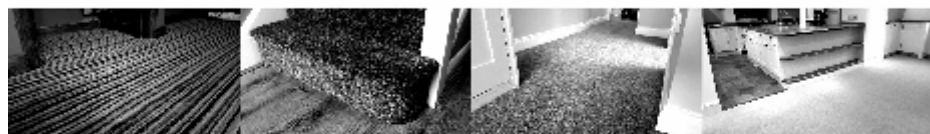
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