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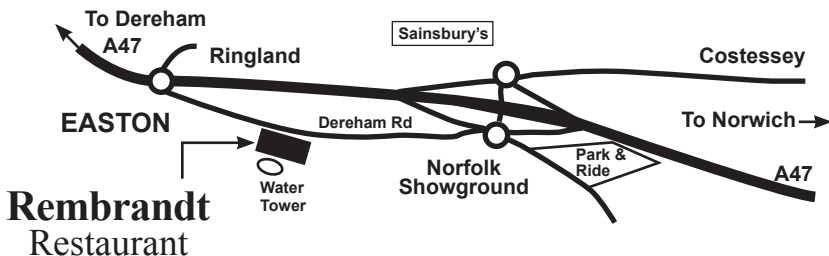
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# THE Grapevine



## Saying a fond farewell to a very special person

The Queen has been a fixture in my life since I was born. So, I've never really thought about her not being there in the background, working hard to promote this country and foster relationships across the globe. There's no doubt that, in spite of family trials and tribulations, she continued to carry out those duties with humility and good grace. I'll be honest – it's not a job



I would like.

It takes a special kind of person to devote themselves to a life which is – in the main – not their own. Those who knew her often talk about her sense of humour and it is that which must have helped her through her arduous schedule. It's hard to believe she is gone but, after a 70-year reign, what an amazing legacy she has left us.

*Annette Hudson*

The Grapevine would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all who are supporting your community magazine. We know how much readers enjoy having their copies in print and donations go a long way towards us being able to give you more of these.

We very much appreciate the grants awarded by **Easton Parish Council** and **Marlingford & Colton Parish Council** to help us achieve

that goal. This month, this issue is accompanied by envelopes which invite donations for those who do not bank online. (Details for online donations are given below).

And, of course, many thanks to those who deliver the printed copies to residents' homes in our three villages.

***The Grapevine Committee: Annette (Editor), Felicity (Assistant Editor), Carol (Treasurer) and Sally.***

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# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

## YOUR

### Colton village hall

#### ● Colton Quiz Night

**Saturday October 15, 7.30pm.**

Exercise the brain cells on a variety of subjects! Teams of up to six are welcome. £2 per person. Bring your own refreshments – there will be an interval of about 20 minutes. Call Vicky on **01603 881336** to book a table or take a chance and turn up on the night.

#### ● Thursday coffee morning

All are welcome to the coffee morning every Thursday in Colton village hall from 10am to 12pm. Drink and biscuits 50p. Bacon roll £1.50

### Easton village hall

#### ● Easton Good Companions

Anne Dunbar held a coffee morning in aid of the Air Ambulance Service and raised £150 with over 30 people attending. Carol passed a vote of thanks for all her hard work, with masses of cakes and scones to buy and a large raffle with loads of prizes. Everyone enjoyed the morning on August 31 with lovely warm weather to help with the festivities. Thanks also to John for putting up with so many people in your garden. September was a busy month with

the Yellow Caravan talk, the Fish & Chip luncheon and Hatads. October brings the summer to a close with our Harvest Festival and Laughing Yoga (sounds like a laugh!). This month's birthdays include Gwen Cushion claiming she is 34 and Peggy Kubala who is the last in October, with no babies born in November apparently.

**Easton Good Companions** is open to over 50s and takes place every two weeks, Thursday from 2pm.

*Tony Perry*

#### ● Easton Pop-In



**Pop In** wishes to thank **Andrew and Hannah Wiltshire** for the cakes baked by their sons **Asher and Toby**, and both **Lydia and Phoebe** for bringing them for our Tuesday coffee morning in August. (pictured above).

We had such lovely comments from everyone.

We meet Tuesday mornings 10am – 11.45am. Come and meet friends for coffee, tea and biscuits.

*Brenda Daynes and Tony Perry*

# Community and Fundraising Events

## Make use of your excellent Community Car scheme

The Community Car scheme is run by Dave and Jean Ditton and is for residents aged 65 and over living in Easton, Marlingford or Colton. It's a great idea and a very useful service for those who need transport to doctor, dentist or the hospital. (Local buses are available for shopping trips - see page 5 for details).

### So how does it work?

If you are going to need transport, you can ring **01603 880857** to arrange the pickup, but please try to give **two to three days notice** to give time for a driver to be assigned.

The cost for you will be 30p per



mile and you will pay the driver at the end of your journey.

The scheme also pays the driver 30p each mile and is supported by both parish councils and South Norfolk council.

● **The scheme is always on the lookout for new drivers in the area so if you would like to be a driver, please contact Dave Ditton on 01603 880422.**

## Marlingford village hall

### ● MacMillan coffee morning

Saturday, October 1.

Please come along for coffee/tea and cake to support this very good cause. 10.30am -1.00pm

### ● VIPs Acappella Chorus Live

Saturday, October 8 (details p14)

### ● Tuesday talks

Tuesday, October 18

'Our changeable weather' with Chris Bell of Weatherquest. 7.30pm, £5.

Refreshments and raffle.

For reservations, **contact Sue Stubbs on 01603 880479.**

### ● Autumn Fayre

Saturday, October 22  
(details p14)

### ● Curry Evening

Saturday, November 19.

Doors open at 6.00pm. Curry served from 6.30pm followed by entertainment from **The Famous Bollywood Sparkles.**

Cost is £15 a head. There will be a bar and raffle.

**Tickets are limited and must be booked by November 12.**

Please contact **Sue Stubbs on 01603 880479.**

# Community and Fundraising Events

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## Autumn Fayre

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### Art for sale

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# QUIZ

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

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a table. Feel free to bring your  
own refreshments.

# Let's all get behind Peter in his London Marathon charity bid

Peter Morris from Marlingford is running the London Marathon in aid of **Group B Strep Support** on October 2.

Group B Streptococcus is the UK's most common cause of life-threatening infection in newborn babies and of meningitis in babies under the age of three months.

Peter had a very successful fundraising 'Pop-Up Punjabi Palace' on September 3 and says: "Thank you so much to everyone who came. With your generosity, I raised £1,050 all going straight to my charity. "

● **If you would like to follow his progress or donate to this very worthwhile cause, please visit: [justgiving.com/fundraising/petermorris2022](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/petermorris2022).**



Peter helps to prepare food in the pop-up restaurant.



Diners enjoying the meal in Marlingford village hall.

## Crafty cake and cuppa...

Barford Village Hall is starting a new craft group – **Crafty Cake and Cuppa**. You may bring your own project to work on or you can take part in a **free bead-making** (from recycled paper) **workshop** with materials and guidance provided. Tea or coffee and cake will also be

provided **free** for this first session only. Next session is **Wednesday October 5** at **Barford Village Hall** from **10am - 12pm**.

There's no need to book – just turn up on the day. All are welcome!

● **Barford & Wramplingham Village Hall is in Chapel Street, Barford, NR9 4AB.**

# Community and Fundraising Events

## Crafters' Autumn Fayre

Easton Crafters' Autumn Fayre in aid of the **Alzheimers Society** is on **29th October**. Among other things, there will be a cake stall, jewellery, craft items, tombola, bric-a-brac as well as a raffle to win a hamper! Tea and coffee will be available.

**And don't forget** – Easton Crafters are organising a trip to Peterborough on **Saturday 22nd October 2022**.

Anyone who is interested in crafting is welcome to join them.

● **For more information please contact Janet on 01603 471144.**

## News from Easton Women's Institute

### Rain at last!

Our hot summer has given way to a rather damp autumn which has revived most of my parched garden but reminded me that winter will not be far away. Added to this is the sadness we are all feeling that Queen Elizabeth II is no longer with us. As a fellow WI member, I mourn the loss not only for our country and the world but also for the WI – especially Sandringham WI of which the Queen was a member.

Our September meeting was held just hours after the news of her death broke. It was too late to cancel our meeting but we did begin with a minute's silence to reflect on the sad news.

### Gardens of East Anglia

At our own meeting on Thursday 13th October, Simon White from Beales of Attleborough will come to speak to us about 'Gardens of East Anglia'. Visitors are welcome to join us at these meetings.

**Mary Blathwayt**

## Marlingford table top sale

This event felt like a relaxed version of *Celebrity Antiques Roadshow* – plenty of old items, some new, hand-made items. I had a table full of old treasures which didn't sell until the end, when a couple of people did some bargaining and bought some paintings! It was enjoyable and my money



will go to the church. But will the charity shops take the rest of my junk/treasures?

**Felicity Maton**



## Spiking a drink? It's not funny...and it's illegal

Picture: Fabio Alves

To spike a drink means to put alcohol or drugs into someone's drink without their knowledge or permission. The aim may be to incapacitate someone enough to rob or sexually assault them, although sometimes it is just intended as a joke – a bad joke as it is very dangerous.

There is also some concern at the possibility that people are being 'spiked' by needles/syringes containing drugs. Although this is much less likely than drink spiking, many of the same tips for staying safe can protect you here too. Spiking is a criminal offence and venues should take steps to ensure they are safe places to be, but you still need to protect yourself, particularly if you feel unsafe.

### Tips to stay safe

- Plan your night out, including your journey there and back.

- Make sure the venue you are going to is licensed – venues are required to take steps to ensure the safety of their customers
- When going to a pub, club or party, avoid going alone. Friends can look out for one another.
- Stay aware of what's going on around you and keep away from situations you don't feel comfortable with.
- Think very carefully about whether you should leave a place with someone you've just met.
- Make sure your mobile phone has plenty of charge in it before you leave home and keep your mobile safe.
- **For more information and advice on how to avoid drink spiking, go to: [talktofrank.com/news/spiking](http://talktofrank.com/news/spiking)**



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**Step 2:** Peel off the sticky pads and attach them to the patient's skin, one on each side of the chest, as shown in the picture on the defibrillator.

**Step 3:** Once the pads have been attached, stop CPR and don't

touch the patient. The defibrillator will then check the patient's heart rhythm.

**Step 4:** The defibrillator will decide whether a shock is needed and if so, it will tell you to press the shock button. An automatic defibrillator will shock the patient without prompt. Don't touch the patient while they are being shocked.

**Step 5:** The defibrillator will tell you when the shock has been delivered and whether you need to continue CPR.

**Step 6:** Continue with chest compressions until the patient shows signs of life or the defibrillator tells you to stop so it can analyse the heartbeat again. The device checks the heart rhythm and will only tell you to shock if it's needed. You can't shock someone accidentally.

### Where they are located

● **Easton:** your nearest defibrillator is on the wall at Easton community centre, Marlingford Rd, NR9 5AD.

● **Colton:** your nearest defibrillator is on the wall of Colton village hall on Norwich Road, NR9 5BY.

● **Marlingford:** your nearest defibrillator is near the gate at The Bell pub, Bawburgh Road, NR9 5HX.

### How to use one

If you're on your own, don't interrupt CPR (heart massage) to go and find a one. If possible, send someone else.

**Anyone can use a defibrillator and you don't need training.**

**Step 1:** Once you have accessed a defibrillator by dialling 999, turn it

# Easton Parish Council

## Your Parish Councillors:

**Cllr Ben Moye – Chairman**

**Cllr Peter Milliken –  
Vice Chairman**

**Cllr Stuart Renders**

**Cllr Peter McCarter**

**Cllr David Lewis**

Easton parish councillors were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As the longest reigning British monarch, we pay tribute to her life of public service. Her Majesty's reign saw her travel widely and on her 21st birthday, she gave a speech dedicating her life to the service of the Commonwealth. The Queen fulfilled her promise with a lifetime of service and public duty. She was a constant presence in our lives and will be greatly missed. With the royal residence of Sandringham so near, many local people have met or seen the Queen and there is a strong connection. Our sympathies are with the Royal Family at this time and we join the nation in mourning such a loss. As we support each other through this sad time we must also look forward to the next era and welcome HM Charles III as our new King.

## Police action at Dereham Road

Easton parish councillors wish to congratulate the police for the fast response to the illegal encampment

on Dereham Road and its swift removal. The officers' support is much appreciated.

## Anti-social behaviour

Councillors are asking residents to advise police immediately on 101 if they see anyone using the woods next to the churchyard as a toilet. This is National Highways land and councillors want them to secure the area to stop this anti-social behaviour.

## New Easton Community Centre

By the time you read this, we hope the planning permission will have been received for the new Easton community centre. Price increases mean the building cost has gone up but councillors are working through the figures at present and will have a better idea of the full cost in October.

## Councillor vacancies

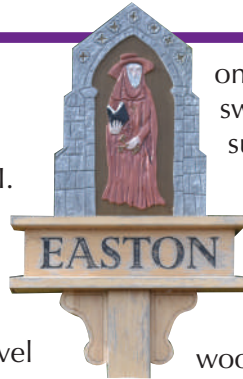
There are still some vacancies for the role of parish councillor. If you are interested, please contact the parish clerk.

## Easton Parish Council

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# Marlingford and Colton Parish Council

## Your Parish Councillors:

**Mr J Morse, Chairman**

**Dr Paul Hammerton,  
Vice Chairman**

**Cllr Mr Steve Clarke**

**Cllr Prof Carole Farrow**

**Cllr Mr David Woods**

**Cllr Mrs Caroline Agate**

## Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council would like to thank **Liz Plater** for all her hard work during her time as a councillor especially being a council representative at meetings regarding the A47 and Western Link as well as the Food Enterprise Zone. Due to other commitments, Liz has recently stepped down and we are looking for another resident keen to get involved.

**If you are interested in local issues and want to make a difference in your community, being a councillor could be for you.**

**For an informal chat, please contact the clerk or one of the councillors listed below:**

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Parish clerk: Maria Hutson,  
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## A47 dualling

At the time of writing, it is anticipated that the dualling of the A47 will begin in January 2023. There is to be some initial work conducted at the compound sites during the autumn to prepare for works to begin. It is estimated that the work will be finished at the end of 2024.

More information can be found here: **[norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/major-projects-and-improvement-plans/countywide/a47-development](https://norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/major-projects-and-improvement-plans/countywide/a47-development)**

## Libraries

Just as libraries have promoted *Tricky Period* packs for women in need of them, they now offer *Hygiene* packs containing soap, deodorant, flannel and towel, and *Warm* packs for the colder months containing a hat, scarf, gloves and hot water bottle. Visit your local library for more information.

# Parish Council and public inclusion

Libraries are preparing for more people to visit for longer periods in the winter months as they are welcoming, warm environments which provide a range of activities. As well as the chance to browse and read books, there are many other activities on offer in many branches including 'Knit and Natter', 'Bounce and Rhyme' for young children, board games to play and the use of computers. To find out what your local library offers visit them or go to:

**[norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library](http://norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library)**

The council is consulting on the use of the mobile libraries. This is a great service which visits both villages regularly. To take part in the consultation use the link above.

## Adult Learning

The new education year has just started and Adult Learning is offering a variety of courses, some face-to-face and some online.



One of their new offerings is a free six-week construction course for local residents aged 19 and over, on carpentry, bricklaying, decorating, plastering and tiling. For more information telephone: **0344 800 8020** or go to: **[norfolk.gov.uk/construction](http://norfolk.gov.uk/construction)**

Parish Council Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm (except August). The next meetings will be held on

- **Tuesday October 11 at Marlingford village hall**
- **Tuesday 8th November at Colton village hall**

At each meeting there is an opportunity for members of the public to speak and raise any issues they may have. You are

also welcome to simply come along and listen to the meeting. Councillors look forward to welcoming residents to the next meeting.

**Contact details for clerk to Marlingford and Colton Parish Council**

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A spectacular view en route.

Pictures: Ann Dunn.

## Ann embarks on the pilgrimage of a lifetime

**This summer, Colton resident Ann Dunn made a journey she'll never forget. Here she recalls the experience.**



The Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St James, is a long-distance footpath, with a difference. People have been walking it as a pilgrimage route for over a thousand years. There are a number of routes, but the 800-kilometre route from St Jean Pied de Port in Southern France to Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Northern Spain, is the most popular route and has changed little since medieval times.

For years it had been on my bucket list to do this pilgrimage, and early in 2022, I decided to take the bull by the horns and do the pilgrimage in May and June of this year. The first thing I did was to send off for

my Credential or pilgrim's passport, the official accreditation identifying you as a pilgrim and which is required for accommodation at the hostels along the way.

Physically, I didn't prepare a lot (to my subsequent regret).

I am a fairly fit 73-year-old – walking the dog a few miles a day is about the height of my physical exercise. I equipped myself with a 40-litre rucksack packed with the basic necessities of living on the road, a portable watercolour painting set and off I went.

I travelled on from Biarritz to St Jean Pied de Port by train and bus. I can't say that I wasn't nervous. I was. Very. But my first night at the hostel in St Jean set my mind at ease.

I met up with a group of single travellers, some of whom I would meet again on my 39-day pilgrimage.

Setting off through the Pyrenees, I realised almost immediately that I had made two miscalculations – I wasn't as fit as I thought I was and, despite my careful planning, my rucksack was still too heavy even at only seven kilos. From the start, I struggled with the uphill walking from St Jean, having to stop every 10 to 20 paces to catch my breath, shoulders aching from the weight of my backpack, feet dragging me up the steep slopes, while fitter, younger pilgrims raced past me. Now, I honestly questioned my sanity in doing this trip. What a relief it was to reach the first hostel, when, after a beer and meeting up again with my new companions, my struggles were all but forgotten. The Pyrenees scenery was spectacular with mountain tops and wild horses appearing out of the mist in the early morning.



Santiago di Compostela cathedral.

Soon I was in the midst of a beautiful spring day, as cuckoos called and lizards scampered across the path in front of me. Trekking on to Roncesvalles monastery, I felt elated and more accustomed to the tough going. In the mountains I experienced rainy days when I was soaked to the skin and, instead of the flash of lizards, huge black slugs trailed across the path. Always, it was such a relief to reach the hostel, to shower away the heat of the day and afterwards to drink and eat with the people you had got to know on the way. Some of the hostels prepared communal meals which were inexpensive and nutritious. You got used to sleeping in mixed gender dormitories and, although some people complained, I always slept so soundly as to not be bothered much by the grunts and snores of the other pilgrims. How lovely it was to walk down from the mountains with unpredictable terrain and weather, to lower ground, through the vineyards of la Rioja, olive groves and meadows brimming with abundant wild flowers. However, Spain was about to experience a heatwave – and I really wasn't prepared for that...

● Find out how Ann's pilgrimage progresses in the November issue of *The Grapevine*.



Flowers laid at the gates of Sandringham House following the Queen's death.



Pictures: Annette Hudson

## My memories of our late Queen Elizabeth

As others of my vintage, I sang God Save the King before I sang God Save the Queen and clearly remember playing footie in the garden with friends while the street watched the Coronation of Elizabeth II on my parent's new TV. I do remember Queen Salote of Tonga riding in the only open carriage in heavy rain on June 2.

We watched bits when the rain drove us indoors. My stamp collection includes the Tongan issue commemorating Princess



Picture: NASA

Elizabeth's Coronation and a British first day cover of the day. I was fortunate to meet Queen Elizabeth in 1979 in Lusaka, Zambia, on my birthday in the High Commissioner's garden when she came to open the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting.

It's difficult to capture her importance on these small islands and the world but she reigned to serve us all and to help bring peace and understanding.

**Colin Rymill**





# The Rambling Vine



## Thoughts on the real meaning of giving

As October dawns, the mind of the church naturally turns to giving. Early in October, we hold our harvest festival – that great day when we remember God’s gift of provision for us. Of the food we grow, the livestock we rear and all those in the food retail industry who enable it to get to our plates. We respond to that gift by giving food and money to the foodbank who help feed those most in need in our society.

By the end of the month, you may well be starting to think about Christmas coming and what gifts you may buy. Those of you with children may already be witnessing the excitement of lists being drawn up for Santa!

But giving is not just about what we buy or make or grow. Giving is also about what of ourselves we offer to our families, our work and society at large.

The apostle Peter wrote a letter to, what was then, a small and scattered Christian community around the Mediterranean, urging them to use what gifts God had given them to serve others.

He encouraged them to live their lives in the best way they could

and in doing so that “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

(1 Peter 4:10)

As I write this letter in the days following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and I watch all the news coverage of her truly remarkable life, I am reminded over and again of what a life lived in the service of others can look like. And I am humbled to hear His Majesty King Charles III clearly and unequivocally commit his reign to be one of dedicated service also. Now I am aware that none of us have the opportunities granted to their Majesties to serve – but we are all granted some opportunities in ways small and, occasionally, big, to play our part; to give of ourselves in the service of others. Whether we volunteer with an organisation, shop for an elderly neighbour, listen to someone in pain and distress or the many other ways we give of ourselves, there are opportunities for service everywhere.

And the good news is that we don’t have to do it all ourselves. We serve

a servant King, a God who gave of himself through Jesus, a God who knows what it is to serve and pours out that love and service on us each and every day. We can all offer our service knowing we do so with God’s support and help. As Peter goes on to say: “If anyone speaks, they should

do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides,” (1 Peter 4:11) God is with us every step of the way as we reach out to help those around us. May God bless you in your service.  
**Rev Laura Montgomery**

**Sunday services October**  
**10am (unless otherwise stated)**

<b>2nd</b>	Easton
<b>9th</b>	Bawburgh. All age service for harvest followed by coffee and cake. Foodbank donations on the day. (trusselltrust.org)
<b>16th</b>	Marlingford
<b>16th (2pm)</b>	Forest Church, Queens Hills Forest Park (please park next to the school on Fieldfare Way – for more information, please contact Rev Laura Montgomery)
<b>23rd</b>	Colton
<b>30th</b>	Marlingford. Special service to remember loved ones who have died.

## Get knitting now for this year’s Nativity

### Calling all knitters!

We are looking for volunteers to knit small sheep to use around all the communities in our



Benefice in the run up to Christmas – that’s a lot of sheep! So, if you love to knit and would be able to make us one (or a few!) we would be very grateful.

If you would like a pattern to follow, then please call Felicity Maton: **01603 880846** or email **f.maton@btinternet.com**

## Marlingford Church 50 Club

### Winners of the draw for quarter ending September 2022

	Number	Member	£
First	22	Sue Stubbs	£50.00
Second	29	Pauline Dye	£35.00
Third	40	Tim Coleman	£25.00

The revenue from this lottery is very helpful in maintaining the fabric and upkeep of Marlingford Church. Thanks to our members.

## Mobile library 2022 – October dates

**Marlingford – Route: CEN 317 Wednesday: October 26**

Stop no	Arrives	Departs	Postcode
18: Colton Road near Home Farm	2.10pm	2.25pm	NR9 5HS
20: Mill Road	2.30pm	2.45pm	NR9 5HU

**Colton –Route: CEN 319**

**Wednesday: October 5**

38: Ex post Office	5pm	5.15pm	NR9 5DB
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**Easton –Route: CEN 419**

**Thursday: October 27**

6: Parkers Close	10.45am	11am	NR9 5EE
8: Marlingford Road	11.05am	11.25am	NR9 5AD
10: Marlingford Way	11.30am	11.50am	NR9 5HB
12: Kennedy Close	11.55am	12.10pm	NR9 5EY
14: St Peter's Drive	12.15pm	12.45pm	NR9 5HF

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