

Colton, Easton & Marlingford

Your Community: Stories & News



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Longwater, Link Rd Shelter	10.08am	Bawburgh, Church St	13.19pm

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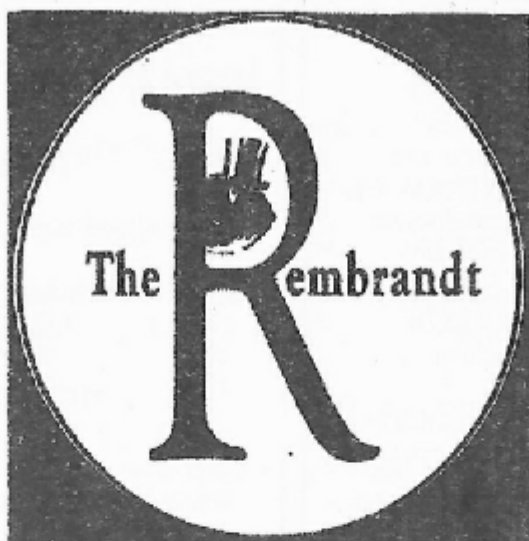


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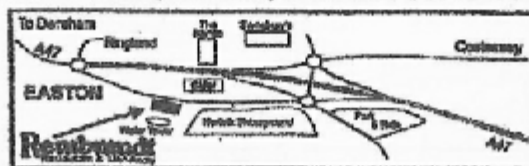


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Grapevine: *Your Community News*

At long last Grapevine will be returning to a printed edition next month and, hopefully, thereafter. We also still hope to produce a digital edition, so please bear with us while we work on this. Our aim is to deliver to every home in Easton, Colton and Marlingford - please let us know if you can help in your area.

We want Grapevine to reflect the whole life of our villages and would love your contributions: please tell us your news, your views, your interests, observations, memories and activities.

Deadline: Because we are going to be using professional printers, this means that future deadlines will necessarily be earlier each month, so please bear this in mind if you are a contributor! For the next edition, covering December/January, the copy deadline is **9am on Saturday 13th November**. Please send your contributions to clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk .

Clare Howard: Editor

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Mobile Library

The mobile library has restarted, and some routes have changed. Here are the current guidelines for visiting the mobile library.

- Face coverings are welcomed
- Remember to bring your library card
- Hand sanitiser is available for use on the way in and out. Commonly touched surfaces are regularly wiped down.



For all enquiries relating to mobile libraries, call 01603 222303 email the team at central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk. *Please*

Colton **Route No CEN319.** **Wednesday**
3 November; 1 December; 29 December 2021

Stop no.

38 17:00 - 17:15 Ex Post Office, NR9 5DB

Easton **Route No CEN419.** **Thursday**
25 November; 23 December 2021

Stop no.

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 CEN317.** **Wednesday**
24 November; 22 December 2021

Stop no.

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

Beat News

Local Police Contacts are:

- Beat manager Terry Ash PC 36
- Neighbourhood Sgt Jason Ellis Sgt 895

Heating Oil Thefts

As we move into the cooler months, keep your oil supply safe from criminals. Here are some tips:

- Keep your tank in a well overlooked position or enclosed in a secure building (however please don't overlook the importance of ventilation; seek advice from your oil company)
- Security lights can help deter thieves.
- If you have a gate keep it locked when you are out.
- Keep your fence is in good condition and make sure it is not easy to climb. Consider the use of trellis on rear fencing to increase height.
- Invest in a good quality lock. Close shackle padlocks are recommended as they offer better resistance to bolt croppers and other tools that thieves use
- Fit an approved tank alarm

Check your oil gauges regularly to alert you to any potential thefts and help investigations by narrowing crime times down. Many tanks can be fitted with a gauge to monitor levels which can be read inside the house.

Road Safety for the Darker Nights

Be prepared for the change in conditions as the clocks go back. Collisions increase at this time with failing to look properly being the biggest contributing factor along with losing control and poor manoeuvring. Operation Dark Nights, running until 15 November, will see officers carry out roadside checks for roadworthiness.

Officers will check that motorists are driving to the weather conditions and that the vehicle is safe to drive. Prepare for the winter months: check lights, windscreen wipers, tyres and screen wash. Drivers face a fine and licence points, with court action for the most serious cases. Police have the power to prohibit the use of unroadworthy vehicles at the roadside.

Fair Trade for Christmas

Make this a fair-trade Christmas!

Covid19 and the climate emergency have had and are having, devastating effects on everyone, but it's much more serious if you haven't much money to start with. Many people, here and around the world, have found their world changed completely and their livelihoods disappeared. Like Farida in Bangladesh, who has had to rebuild her house because the sea levels are now rising round her village, and Mwanaida in Tanzania, who is having to grow new climate resistant crops to get a harvest to sell. (Information from Traidcraft-Exchange)

But we can help them. Fair trade, and the advantages it brings, can make a huge difference. I've met Shahede in Bangladesh who now has some savings from her chicken-raising business, to enable her to repair her roof when floods damage it. And in Peru, Maria's skills as a potter mean she can now send her son to university, thanks to help accessing bigger markets for her pots.*



Buying where you see the fair-trade logo (traidcraftshop.com is a good place to start) means that skilled farmers and artisans can really use their talents and their labour, to access more and fairer opportunities and consequently better housing, education and job choices for their families. Isn't that a great Christmas present to give?

Happy Fairtrade Christmas!

**I met Shahede and Maria on a trip with Meet the People Tours, organised by Traidcraft - if you want to hear more and see my pictures, give me a ring (01603 88034)*

Frances Middleton



Marlingford Christmas Fair

is back in our newly refurbished village hall!

get into the Christmas Spirit

Saturday 11th December

11 am - 2 pm

Meet friends. Soak up the festive atmosphere.

Wheelchair friendly. £1 entrance.

Christmas Craft Fayre

20th November 10am-3pm

Bawburgh Village Hall Free Entry

Friends of Bawburgh Church are excited to announce our first event for 18 months! All proceeds are for church roof repairs.

We are fully booked with some amazing Norfolk based stall holders. Bring your Christmas present list along and buy:

- ❖ Handmade Chocolates ❖ Artisan Christmas Gins
- ❖ Unique home decor ❖ Memory Bears ❖ Artisan Ales
- ❖ Wax and Fragrance boxes ❖ Traditional Christmas Preserves
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- ❖ Toys and Games ❖ Treats for Furry Friends ❖ Lots more!

The Cafe will be open for snacks and light lunches so enjoy your first mince pie and sausage roll whilst perusing the event.

The 'Friends' will have five stalls to raise funds for the Church Roof so do come along and support us on the Tombola or Raffle.

Fruit Salad for Breakfast

As I am enjoying my colourful breakfast – muesli with fruits from all over the world, the News is on – CLIMATE CHANGE! It's happening too fast and our planet, our home is being destroyed. I gaze at the banana, orange, mango and nuts and wonder how they could get here in a kinder way to the earth.

The magnificent moving light display Gaia/My Earth has been in St. Peter Mancroft Church in Norwich during October. Its creators take it to many places aiming to highlight earth's fragility to different cultures.



The UK is hosting in Glasgow the United Nations Climate Change Conference from 30th October to 12th November. David Attenborough has said 'we don't have eternity' so world and business leaders, scientists and others must agree on the ways we can all save the planet. Have hope and I'll be praying.

Felicity Maton

New Year, 1916

Those that go down into silence...

**There is no silence in their going down,
Although their grave-turf is not wet with tears,
Although Grief passes by them, and renown
Has garnered them no glory for the years.
The cloud of war moves on, and men forget
That empires fall. We go our heedless ways
Unknowing still, uncaring still, and yet
The very dust is clamorous with their praise.**

Ada Harrison

Now and Then: November on the Land

This month a modern farmer might be spreading liquid fertiliser on the sugar beet fields after the crop is lifted; the cows will be coming inside and food increased as the grass loses its nutritional value. Some wheat drilling might be going on and the land will be ploughed in preparation for the next crops.

But what would our forebears have been up to? In medieval times, pigs might be fed on acorns at the year end but farmers did not have the ability to feed livestock over winter, so November would be the time when most of the stock was butchered and salted or smoked to preserve the meat for the lean period of winter. There would be ploughing, but no tractors of course. The medieval plough was drawn by teams of oxen and was a shared asset, often kept in the church.

Modern farmers still have to check that their buildings are ready for winter weather, but for our ancestors the winter might be the only time free of farm duties when they have time to make good repairs using mud and woven twigs and straw applied by cold hands and trowels.



Tuesday Talks

The long awaited return of Marlingford VH Talks!

Marlingford Village Hall

30 November 2021 7.30 p.m.

Terry Molloy: TV and radio actor

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Marlingford & Colton Parish Council

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

Welcome to the Marlingford and Colton Parish Council news.

Your Parish Councillors

We are pleased to announce that Councillor John Morse has taken on the role of Vice Chairman of Marlingford and Colton Parish Council. He will be working alongside his fellow Councillors led by Chairman Paul Hammerton. If you wish to contact a Councillor their details can be found below:

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Phone Cable Thefts

Following the recent cable thefts in Marlingford and Colton the Parish Council have contacted Openreach for an update. We are very concerned due to the repeat thefts which are leaving vulnerable residents without the means to summon assistance if needed when phone lines are down. Richard Ginnaw has responded as he leads the Openreach security team that focusses on cable theft. As copper prices are very high cable theft is happening across the country. Mr Ginnaw's team has visited the villages and is working closely with Norfolk Police.

Security has been enhanced on each manhole to prevent future thefts along with regular patrols and other security measures to deter future thefts. Residents are asked to be vigilant to anything suspicious. We have asked for further advice on how the community can prevent further attacks: we will pass this on once we have received it. If residents have further concerns please contact the Clerk who can pass them onto Openreach.

Road works

A11 Spooner Row to Thickthorn Concrete Reconstruction and surface repairs started on 24 October. The work will involve repairing some of the A11 concrete road segments. Where the cracks in the concrete are less severe, repairs will be made to potholes. In addition to this work, new drainage, road markings and reflective road studs (cat's eyes) will be installed. Once the work is completed it will improve safety and provide a smoother journey for all road users. It will also extend the life of the road surface for another ten years with fewer closures for maintenance repairs, meaning more reliable journeys.

Phase 1: will repair the carriageway between the Tuttle Lane Interchange and the Thickthorn Interchange. The work will be carried out overnight between 8pm and 6am, and the A11 will only be closed in one direction at a time. The A11 closures will always be supported by a signed diversion route that will take traffic along the B1172, and we will also encourage larger vehicles to use a dispersal route along the A1066 and A140.

Until 9th December: A11 Southbound closure 8pm - 6am

9th to 23rd December: A11 Northbound closure 8pm - 6am

23rd December 6am: A11 reopens. No closures over Christmas.

4th January to 13th February: A11 Northbound closure 8pm - 6am

A47 Longwater Interchange. Essential drainage work has also begun at the A47 Longwater Interchange, approximately 3km west of Norwich City Centre. The work will take 11 weeks overall and started on 13 September finishing on 25 November 2021, subject to weather conditions. Forthcoming road closures are:

Phase 4: A47 Westbound full closures between Watton Road Interchange and Longwater Interchange.

Friday 29 October to Thursday 25 November, weeknights only, 8pm to 6am. Westbound traffic will exit the A47 at Watton Rd and then travel onto Earlham Rd towards Norwich. Traffic will then join Farrow Rd, before travelling along Dereham Rd A1074 to rejoin the A47 at Longwater Interchange.

Phase 4a: Westbound exit slip road will be closed from 8pm on Friday 19 November to 6am on Monday 22 November (a 2-day weekend closure). Traffic will travel along the A47 to Dereham Rd roundabout and return eastbound to Longwater Interchange.

During these phases, the road will be reduced to one lane during the day, and the speed limit reduced to 40mph for safety reasons.

Parish Community Emergency Plan

We are putting together a Community Emergency Plan, holding essential information should there be an incident such as a power cut, flood or other severe weather event. We are asking for residents to contact us if they have skills or equipment that could be useful in such situations. For example, this may be first aiders, generator owners, 4 x 4 vehicle owners (which could be used to help transport residents) or people having access to a chainsaw to help with fallen trees.



If you are able to assist in an emergency and would like to know more please contact the Parish Clerk on the details below.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm (except August). The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th November at Marlingford Village Hall.

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

email: marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com

Easton Parish Council

www.eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.

Meeting of the Council

The meeting on 8 October 2021 at the Village Hall was well attended by local residents. Several matters were debated and resolved by the Councillors and some of the key points are included below. Our first meeting after lockdown went well and we were very pleased with the level of turn-out we had as we trialled our first daytime meeting.



SAM2 Speed Machines

These devices have been capturing useful data and evidence of repeated speeding in the village. It was suggested at the recent Council meeting an additional two machines should be purchased and put in to use and the Council will progress this acquisition as soon as possible. The Councillors wish to express thanks to Mr McCarter for his commitment and time in managing the machines for the benefit of all residents.

Speed limit

It has been agreed with Norfolk County Highways that the 30mph zone on Dereham Rd will be extended using a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) the consultation period will end on the 16 November 2021 and, hopefully, will be enacted in late November.

Covid Recovery Grant

The Councillors are happy to report the Covid Recovery Grant fund of £10,000, which was set aside by Easton Parish Council, will now be open for applications. Huge thanks to the kind offer by Revd Penny Goodman to manage the applications for this funding. Applicants can apply online for a grant via the PC website. www.eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Bus shelter murals

The new murals for the inside of the bus shelter should be completed by the time of publishing. The talents of local artist Mark Harper of Harper Art, have been fully utilised in the beautiful illustrations which highlight elements Easton's history.

New Village Hall

The planning application for the new Village Hall has now been submitted and Councillors are keen to progress this project which will provide a fantastic new asset for all Easton residents.



Jubilee Playing Field

The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) has recently had the surface repainted and lined and is always popular with local youngsters. Unfortunately, there is evidence of a motorbike being taken into the play field and damaging the grass. If anyone witnesses motorbikes on this site please immediately report to the Police to enable enforcement of the Byelaw which is in place prohibiting such behaviour.

Precept for 2022 – 2023

In these difficult times budgeting is a challenge with inflation looking set to reach upwards of 5% it is always difficult to set the precept. Due to the prudent efforts that were taken we are fortunate to still be within agreed fixed price contracts for next year in relation to a number expenditure items. Sadly, not everything can be on this basis. We have looked carefully at our budget and agreed a rise of 2.5% taking our annual precept to £20,069. With a current tax base of 480 this will see an average rise of £0.80 per week. Please note this amount may adjust slightly dependant on our end of year tax base.

General Handyman

The Parish Council often requires small jobs to be undertaken within the Village and are seeking to employ a General Handyman for these tasks on an “as and when” basis. If you feel

you could offer your services please email the Clerk to Easton Parish Council at clerk@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held in January with the date to be confirmed.

*Gina Lopes, Acting Clerk, Easton Parish Council
Contact: clerk@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk
07879 379181*

Easton Good Companions

The outing to Hunstanton was very good and the weather and show was enjoyed by all. Brenda Bell has been organising all our outings for many years, but has now retired: she was given an Oriental Lily for all her hard work for the Club.

On 22nd of September we had a coffee morning in the Village Hall in aid of the St Martin's Trust. It went very well with Bring and Buy, stalls, raffle and games.

7th October was our Harvest Festival meeting. The service was given by Rev. Laura with hymns and a story. The food was supplied by the members and a collection of food was given to the St Martin's Housing Trust.



It seems that we are getting back to our normal routine, which is lovely. If you are interested in us, please give me a ring.

Jean Ditton 880422

Easton Pop-In

The Tuesday Morning Cafe is back at Easton Village Hall, every week 10am to 11.45am. All welcome! We follow Government guidelines to help keep us all safe. Coffee 80p, tea 60p.



Easton Women's Institute

Easton WI has now met three times in a row and are getting back to something like normal. We are tentatively beginning to think a bit further ahead and plan events as we used to but with our fingers firmly crossed!

We shall be meeting on Thursday 12th November to hear a talk about making a Lasting Power of Attorney given by Jackie Lucas. I am relying on our members to come prepared to lighten what is a rather dark subject, with something a bit more light hearted!!

Looking ahead to Christmas, again with our fingers crossed, we should be having our usual Christmas meeting with a buffet supper and a speaker, Julie Porter, who is going to lead a Murder Mystery Hour.



This sounds as if it will be good fun and we shall be inviting visitors from neighbouring WIs.

We normally have a Christmas meal together in a restaurant somewhere nearby in December but this time we are planning to do this as a New Year meal in January instead. Some of us are going to the Theatre Royal to see The Sound of Music in January as well so let us hope there are no more lockdowns and we all feel safe to spread our wings a little.

Covid has forced many organisations to look at the way they run and the WI is no exception. The National Federation have changed the month that our subscriptions will be collected from January to April and the County Federation have moved the month we are expected to hold our Annual Meetings from November to February which in turn makes a difference to how we organise our annual programme. This year we shall hold our Annual Meeting at our November meeting for the last time, then we shall not have another Annual Meeting until February 2023!

Mary Blathwayt

New Village Hall and Recreational Project

The members of the New Village Hall and Recreational Project committee think it is time to confirm that we do still exist. Our committee is a Registered Charity set up with the support of Easton residents at a public meeting in 1999 and we are accountable to the Charity Commission to whom we report annually. We have not had a meeting during the last year due to Covid but have now met to discuss the way forward.

We do hold some funds which were raised by local people who worked hard to organise and support a multitude of fundraising events over several years when our project was particularly active. This money will only be spent when we are sure that it will be used wisely to help with completion of the building of the new facility. We also have the names of all the people who contributed to the “Buy a Brick” initiative. This money was raised by the community and will be spent for the benefit of the community.



We were disappointed that the Parish Council did not include us when they were putting together plans for the New Village Hall as reported in the EDP recently. We were also surprised that the residents of Easton were not asked for their views during the recent planning process, but we are very pleased that at last a step is being taken towards providing the village with the facilities it will so badly need as the village continues to grow.

Mary Blathwayt, Secretary

Easton Crafters

At this month's workshop we made three lovely Christmas cards. On 16th October 31 members and friends went by coach to Birmingham to 'Crafters Alive', an exhibition showcasing lots of different crafts and materials to purchase. A great time was had by all with lots of money being spent and new ideas gained. We will have lots of fun trying out these new ideas and techniques at future meetings.

On 14 December we will be having our Christmas lunch followed by entertainment in the afternoon.

Sadly, one of our longest standing members, Judy, has passed away. We will miss her wit, humour and especially her flair for crafting and most of all we will miss Judy. Carol, another one of our members, has had a fall and broken her hip: Carol we wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming you back.

Janice Barnston

The Rambling Vine

I have a yearly struggle with Remembrance Day. Remembrance is one of those words that can send mixed messages. Why are we remembering? To be sad? To be thankful? In hope of a changed future? As a nation we are particularly good at Remembrance. But how do we use the two minutes silence?

My Grandparents were not really churchgoers, but the one day they would come with us was Remembrance Sunday. My Grandfather was a man who was usually full of jokes and terrible humour. I still remember being so happy he had come to Church with us but looking up at his face on that day and seeing only sadness.



At this time of year the church also celebrates All Saints Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls Day. Both celebrate the mutual belonging, which is initiated through our Baptism.

All Saints Day celebrates people, through whose lives the whole Church has seen the grace of God powerfully at work.

All Souls gives the local community a chance to remember with thanksgiving before God, those with whom they have shared fellowship and faith, those who gave us life, those with whom we shared our lives or those who instructed us in the faith.

Remembrance is most often associated with the commemoration of Armistice Day on 11th November, or this year 14th November * (the nearest Sunday). We gather to give thanks for those who fight in wars so that we can enjoy our freedom.

We will hear again the familiar words:

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.'

Words which are familiar but still have immense power.

We will remember them.

It is right that Remembrance should come with mixed emotions. We look back with sadness and tears for those we have loved and lost. We look back with thankfulness for the time we shared with the Saints who have gone before who show us the way. We move forward in hope that the future may be different to the past, that the world may live in peace... Whatever the emotions for us, whether it is a season to struggle through or an event which brings you hope and peace, use the two minutes silence well, allow God to speak as you stand in Remembrance with those around you.

** Remembrance Sunday this year is held at Bawburgh Church. We will meet outside at the War Memorial at 10.45am.*

Rev Laura Montgomery

Church Services: Easton Benefice

November 2021

Sunday 7th 10am **Easton**

Sun 14th 10.45am **Bawburgh** Remembrance (at War Memorial, then inside)

Sunday 21st 10am **Colton**

Sunday 28th 10am **Marlingford** Advent carols and communion

December 2021

Sunday 5th 10am **Easton**

Sunday 12th 10am **Bawburgh**

Fri 17th 6-7.30pm **Marlingford Old Hall** - Carols in the Courtyard (*fundraiser*)

Sunday 19th 10am **Colton** Carols with Cawston Band *
4pm **Bawburgh** Christingle *

Friday 24th 10am **Easton** Christingle *
3pm **Marlingford** Crib Service (no Priest) *
4pm **Bawburgh** Christingle *

Saturday 25th 11am **Bawburgh** Christmas Service *

Sunday 26th 10am **Marlingford** Boxing Day Service *

** Because of Covid regulations, please book with the respective Church if you wish to attend these services, and masks must be worn (subject to change if regulations change.)*

January 2022

Sunday 2nd 10am **Easton**

Sunday 9th 10am **Bawburgh**

Sunday 16th 10am **Colton**

Sunday 24th 10am **Marlingford**

Sunday 30th 10am **Marlingford** Candlemas

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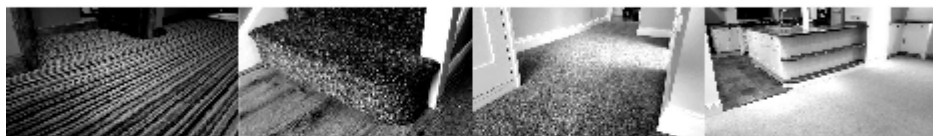
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