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

Tuesday and Thursday

Colton, Village Hall	10.30am	Longwater, Link Rd Shelter	12.30pm
Marlingford, opp Bell	10.35am	Longwater William Frost Way	12.32pm
Easton, opp school	10.40am	Easton, opp Bawburgh Rd	12.38pm
Easton, Chez Denis	10.41am	Easton, Chez Denis	12.39pm
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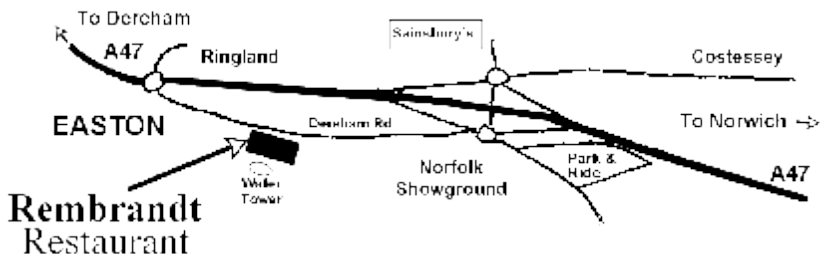
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1 December; 29 December 2021. 26 January 2022

Stop no.

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

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25 November; 23 December 2021 . 20 January 2022

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 CEN 317.** **Wednesday**
22 December 2021. 19 January 2022

Stop no.

18 14:10 - 14:25 Colton Rd, Nr Home Farm, NR9 5HU

20 14:30 - 14:45 Mill Rd, NR9 5HU



Grapevine: *Your* Community News

We are delighted to be back in print after many months! We do hope that you like Grapevine's new format. If you've followed Grapevine digitally during lockdown, thank you for your loyalty: we are aiming to continue with a digital edition alongside the paper version. Thank you as well to all our advertisers for their continued support through this difficult time.

Grapevine aims to reach every home in Easton, Colton and Marlingford and it is important that it reflects the whole life of this community: we welcome your contributions so please share your news, information, observations, memories and activities.

Deadline: For the next edition, covering December/January, the copy deadline is **9am on Friday 14th January**. Please send your contributions to clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk.

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

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Many thanks

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Farewell

Those of us who know Fred Creed of Easton and David and Michele Goodman of Bawburgh are sad to know they are leaving our villages soon. They have been involved in many of our organisations and will be missed but they are moving to be nearer their families. So every happiness and joy to Michele, David and Fred.

Felicity Maton

Beat News

Marking of Property

We continue to see thefts of tools and other easily removable items. It is really important to make sure your property is secure, locked away and out of sight. Another really easy deterrent is to make sure your property is marked obviously; it then becomes harder to sell on by a suspect and also when we do come across property, it is easier to return to its rightful owners.

The marking can be simply done with a permanent marker or with an engraving tool. We recommend the marking is your surname and postcode. You can literally mark anything from power tools, generators, garden tools, electronics, lawn mowers, and many more. We also recommend you have photos of your valuables alongside with any serial numbers of the equipment.

Safer Neighbourhood Team

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

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

Facebook: South Norfolk Police. Twitter: @SouthNorfPolice

A Letter from Mrs Joyce Smith

Morlais, Barford Road, Marlingford, Norwich

In 1986 I began organising a yearly sightseeing holiday, mainly for the older person, taking in destinations such as Morecambe, Llandudno, Torquay, Scarborough, Alnmouth, etc.etc., giving them daily excursions to famous houses, gardens, cathedral and castle cities, canal or sea trips.

Unfortunately circumstances have forced me to call a halt on these ventures. So on Tuesday 19th October on a bright day, using the reserve money I took sixty folk for a cruise on the Southern Comfort and treated them to an absolutely scrumptious afternoon tea. This was much appreciated and enjoyed and was a fitting way to finalise the Yare Valley Holidays. A collection on board raised £600.00 for East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Thank you all and God Bless

Christmas in Colton: Carols *with* Cawston Brass Band

19 December at 11am

Please join us for our traditional Carol Service of carols and readings to be held in St Andrew's Church. We will welcome back the Cawston Brass Band and hope as many in the village and beyond will be able to join us for the service followed by coffee and mince pies.



Social distancing requirements mean that we may have to limit numbers – if you are planning on coming please let **Sarah Smith (07769976173)** or **Liz Plater (07775088190)** know by a quick text indicating how many will be in your party (bubble). If we sadly have to restrict numbers we will get back to you before the Sunday. But please don't let this put you off – we are sure we can accommodate everyone who wants to be there!

Liz Plater



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.

Fred's Farewell

I anticipate leaving Easton and my friends in the area in early December but have not yet exchanged contracts on my new flat in Leicestershire. I am moving to be closer to my son's family, as they feel I need looking after. At present my spare bedroom is full of boxes. I held a farewell buffet for friends: arranged at The Bell it saved our ladies having to cater for me. After 18+ years of village events it was my turn to do the honours and we had a very happy time together. As it is difficult to find out what an old man needs, I decided that my wish was for a chair that does everything including rising up and enabling you to stand. These chairs are expensive so I let it be known that any help would be appreciated: I have a quote for £2,350 but I am looking for other options. Fred's Chair Fund has reached £187.50: thank you all for your kindness. As I am down-sizing I will be able to afford what I want but will feel happy memories of my time in Parkers Close, when I am resting with my feet up!

I have done my best to support church and village events, some coach outings and holidays, coffee mornings and lunches at Easton; Bawburgh's monthly coffee morning; Carol singing and Christmas Fair at Marlingford; some special lunches at Colton, and quizzes raising funds for the four churches pre-Covid! I had a role with the Grapevine for Easton, and a responsibility for the churchyard at Easton bringing it up to standards for Churchyard Ecology: my report can be seen in Easton church, although it is a little out of date now.

Thank you to all who have worked with me to achieve these things and to all who will keep things going in the expanding village. I feel pleased to have escaped seeing the new houses being built on the fields behind my garden - it has not been good watching the men working on the roads and infrastructure where sheep and lambs safely grazed.

I will leave my address with church wardens rather than publish it now, but will be happy to receive letters or cards from time to time with news from what has been home for me.

Fred Creed

Parish Recycling Project

I recently realised there is an opportunity to initiate a recycling project to **recycle empty blister packs**, including rosette and non-prescription drugs such as paracetamol, none of which can currently be put into our recycling bins.

A company, TerraCycle, does operate a scheme for recycling blister packs through their designated Supadrug pharmacy (St Stephens Street in Norwich): most people are happy to recycle if it is easy and convenient, which in this case it's probably not.

Therefore, I am currently trying to get a project off the ground to recycle blister packs into boxes in the church porches of Colton, Marlingford, Easton and Bawburgh and am hoping further boxes can be put in each of the

associated village halls. I am in conversation with Parish Councils and other sources to get funding for the boxes and by the time the next Grapevine is issued I hope this project will be up and running: so start collecting those blister packs.



It's amazing what you can recycle these days. We all know we have bins for glass and clothing etc, but Sainsbury's has recycling bins for batteries; razor blades / cassettes and water filters. Sainsbury's and the Co-op also have bins for (clean) soft plastic, such as bread and biscuit wrappers; crisp and nut bags - in fact anything which scrunched in your hand springs back.

You can find out more and full lists on the following websites:

www.about.sainsburys.co.uk
www.terracycle.com
www.recycle-more.co.uk

www.coop.co.uk
www.recyclenow.com

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

Judy Scrivener

Christmas Carols

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at

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Friday 17th December

6pm



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Marlingford & Colton Parish Council

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

Welcome to the Marlingford and Colton Parish Council news.

Openreach and Cable Theft

At the November Parish Council meeting we welcomed James Dunne from Openreach, who gave a very interesting and informative presentation regarding the recent repeated cable thefts in the parish. He urged all residents to remain vigilant and, if they see anything suspicious, either to contact Openreach (details below) or call the police. These thefts generally take place late at night or in the early hours of the morning using old 4x4s. However, vehicles may be seen in daylight hours as the thieves examine the manhole covers. James and his team are working tirelessly to catch the perpetrators, and are putting a number of deterrents in place, but any information residents can provide them with would be very much appreciated. If you see, or suspect that, a theft is in progress, please call 999 immediately. *Please, under no circumstances approach the thieves.*



If your property loses its landline please ensure you report this as soon as possible to alert engineers to the problem, so that it can be repaired as promptly as possible.

- or.security.team@openreach.co.uk
- BT 24 hour security helpdesk 0800 321 999

Highway Rangers

The Highway Rangers have recently visited the parish to undertake maintenance work and cut back hedges to ensure that road signs are clear.

However, if you are aware of overgrown road signs, potholes, flooding or similar problems they can be reported at www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem.

Community Car Scheme

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council contributes towards the Community Car Scheme (CCS), which provides transport for residents who would otherwise be unable to get to medical appointments.

Volunteer drivers from the parish are needed to keep this important scheme running. Generally, this important contribution to the community does not take up too much of a volunteer's time and drivers are paid a fee to cover their mileage, so are not left out of pocket. Some background checks are necessary, including a DBS check, and the co-ordinator, David Ditton, will guide you through the process.



For more details please contact David Ditton, 01603 880857.

Training for Health and Social Care Workers

There is currently training available to develop skills in health and social care, providing fully funded qualifications to staff living and working in the adult health and social care sector in Norfolk and Suffolk.

The project is funding a range of specific qualifications including:

- Functional Skills in Maths, English and ICT
- Level 1 Course to embed the Care Certificate
- Level 1 Course in strengths based and person-centred approaches
- Level 2 Units in Dementia, End of Life Care, Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism
- Bespoke Level 4 Aspiring Manager Programme

All participants will have access to 1:1 mentoring support to help them throughout their training.

This project is part funded by the European Social Fund. For more information visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/developingskills.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm (except August).

The next meetings will be held on;

- Tuesday 14th December at Marlingford Village Hall
- Tuesday 11th January at Marlingford Village Hall

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council would like to wish all residents a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year

*Maria Hutson, Clerk to Marlingford and Colton Parish Council,
telephone: 07759 534885
email: marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com*

Marlingford Church 50 Club

Winners of the draw for quarter ending December 2021:

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Fourth	3	Trevis Chiles	10

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and mark your deposit with your name.

The revenue from this lottery has been very helpful in maintaining the fabric and upkeep of the oldest building in the village and thanks go to our members.

For more information please contact Felicity Maton on 01603 880846.



Christmas Prize Bingo & Charity pay-out

Colton Village Hall
Saturday 11th December

Doors open 7pm **Eyes down 8pm**
Lots of great prizes Raffle

Refreshments available
but please bring our own alcohol.

Donations of prizes will be gratefully received

All welcome



Tuesday Talks: Unfortunately, the Marlingford Tuesday Talk on 30 November has had to be cancelled. Talks will now resume sometime in the New Year.

At the Turn of the Year

- * Let go of that which no longer serves you well - things, hopes, patterns of behaviour...
- * Take stock and be grateful for the flowers and fruits of the year - for example, the projects completed, new relationships developed or habits created
- * Sow seeds for the next year - think ahead and prepare for what you would like to manifest, and how you would like to be in the following year.



Chris Holland, Storyteller
www.natureconnection.co.uk

Easton Parish Council

www.eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.

Councillor Vacancies

There are vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk clerk@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Food Enterprise Park

The Parish Council have recently formally responded in support of the Food Enterprise Park's application for a new electrical substation. This will support the growth of further jobs in the locality and ensures the security of the Parish's electricity supply.

Orbit Housing

The Council has responded to the revised Orbit development along Dereham Road. Previously a response was deferred until further amendments had been made, however, there has been progress and Orbit have improved their plans based on Easton's previous comments. This is seen as a step in the right direction, although, there are still amendments to be made to make the development satisfactory for the village.

Persimmon Homes

In relation to Phase 1, Councillors are chasing Persimmon Homes because of the ongoing issues and have engaged with a solicitor to assist them, in the interest of the Parishioners' quality of life. The issues associated with the construction of Phase 1, include conformity with the buffer zones, the early provision of public open space, planting of native species and landscape management. In addition to this, Councillors are currently reviewing the plans for the Phase 3/4 development before making their formal response. At first glance there are numerous major



concerns which need addressing and the submission is currently not in compliance with the Easton Neighbourhood Plan.

Covid Recovery Grant

The Covid Recovery Grant fund applications will be considered in January and grant funding awarded. Thanks are extended to Revd Penny Goodman for managing the applications for this funding.

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, date to be advised via noticeboards and website.

Covid safe

Stay Covid safe this Winter and follow the NHS guidance

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



Remember to book your booster vaccine -

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccines - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Season's Greetings to All

All Easton Parish Councillors and Staff wish you and your family a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year



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
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Easton Pop-In

Easton Village Hall
Tuesdays 10am-1145am
for tea, coffee and biscuits.

Bring and share: 21st December 12.30pm - 2pm.

We would like to wish everybody a lovely Christmas
and a happy and healthy New Year!

Brenda and Tony

Easton Crafters

Although we are not having an Autumn / Christmas fair this year in Easton Village Hall (due to limited space and Covid safety) we will be selling our **handmade Christmas gifts and cards** at the **Christmas Fair in Marlingford Village Hall on December 11th**. We hope to see you there. Thank you all for your support over the past years .

We would like to wish you all a

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Janice Barnston



Easton Women's Institute

Easton WI are still not quite back to normal but are hoping to start 2022 with *almost* everything as it used to be. It maybe that we still need to be mindful of social distancing and using hand sanitiser and masks but we do have a full programme of speakers booked until March 2023! We must be aware that speakers may cancel at short notice due to contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid as our speaker for November did.

Our November meeting, which was also our Annual Meeting was a great success though because, although our speaker was unable to be there we spent part of the evening doing table quizzes, playing Connect 4 and some people even played darts. By the end of the meeting most of the darts were actually hitting the board and thankfully no one was injured! With a bit more practice maybe we will be able to resurrect the Easton WI darts team.



At our meeting on Thursday **9th December** at 7.30pm in Easton Village Hall our speaker will be Julie Porter who will be leading a Murder Mystery Hour. This sounds as if it will be great fun and something very different to our usual meetings. We are hoping to welcome visitors from neighbouring WIs and to have our usual buffet and raffle.

Looking ahead to January 2022, on Thursday **15th January** a speaker will be coming to talk to us about the East Anglian Air Ambulance. This was one of the talks we had to cancel due to one of the Covid lockdowns so we are pleased that this should be able to go ahead in January. Further ahead, at our meeting on Thursday **10th February** our speakers will be Ginnie Stevens and her daughter Rachel who will be telling us about "A Birthday Present". Anyone wanting to know what that is about will have to come to the meeting to find out.

We are also hoping to go out for a meal in January 2022 which will make up for the fact that we have not felt we wanted to venture out for our usual Christmas meal somewhere until we have all had our booster jabs. As yet our plans for this are not finally agreed.

If there are any ladies who have moved into Easton or any of the surrounding villages who are interested in joining the WI you would be very welcome to come and see if you like what we do. We always welcome visitors to our meetings for up to three meetings a year.

I will end this by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Mary Blathwayt

Easton Good Companions



Our recent activities have included a Horse Racing Afternoon and card games. We are now sorting out the Christmas meeting where we have a Christmas Cake and drink, enjoy Carols and exchange cards.

We are looking forward to starting back on **Thursday 6th January 2022**. Our meetings run from 2pm to 4pm in Easton Village Hall. The 2022 programme is in preparation. Please join us and start 2022 off with new friends! If you wish to find out more about us please ring Jean Ditton on 880422.

Speakers will include:

February 3rd Jackie Lucas:

Lasting Power of Attorney Made Simple

March 3rd Phyllida Scrivens:

The Great Thorpe Railway Disaster

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and healthy New Year!

Jean Ditton



The Rambling Vine

My goodness it's got dark! We're waking up in the dark (I have one of those special high lumen lights, it's the only way I make it out of bed come winter!). We're getting on with daily activities and we're coming home in the dark.

For most that's ok; it's an excuse for staying in evenings with open fires and mugs of hot chocolate but for some the darkness is a real problem. The lack of sunlight causes low mood, and for a few a serious depression.

We're approaching Christmas and it's bright and shiny, a time of bright twinkly Christmas lights everywhere you look. But for many it doesn't matter how many lights the neighbourhood is festooned with, it's still dark, perhaps it is for you.

Perhaps you are facing a first Christmas without someone you love because they have died or have gone away. Perhaps you or someone you love are facing illness or a personal crisis. After the last couple of years perhaps you are lonely or just worn out with life.

If that is you, then the message of Christmas is very much for you this year. I don't mean the sanitised sentimental one we see in Christmas adverts (as cute as they are) but the real message; Jesus being born into a dark world of political upheaval and uncertainty, a world of pain and loss. Jesus being born as a human being to experience everything we do so that He can truly walk with us in whatever darkness we face. But most of all Jesus coming to earth as the light of the world, to win a victory over the things that hold us hostage and to shine



His light and dispel the darkness. In that Christmas message we find hope and joy.

The light is coming. Come the 21st December the days will start getting longer and we will start to see the return of the sun.

This Christmas and New Year I pray for the light of God to shine brightly in each of your lives.

Rev Laura Montgomery

Church Services: Easton Benefice Christmas

We really look forward to welcoming you back into our Churches this year for Christmas! All the service times and other information are listed on the next page.

For the majority of our Christmas services this year, in order to maintain some social distancing we will require you to book if you wish to attend: please text the booking numbers shown on the timetable overleaf. Places will be issued on a first come first served basis so please let us know if you cannot attend the service for any reason so we can make your space available to others.

Because congregational singing will be taking place at each of these services we kindly request that, unless exempt, masks are worn.



See Page 28 for full service details

Services: December 2021

- Sun 5th 10am Easton *Holy Communion*
- Sun 12th 10am Bawburgh *Holy Communion*
- Fri 17th 6pm Marlingford *Carols in the Courtyard*
Old Hall (*fundraiser*)
- Sun 19th 11am Colton *Carols & Readings with the
Cawston Band*
*To book: Sarah Smith 07769 976173 or
Liz Plater 07775 088190*
- 4pm Bawburgh *Christingle*
To book: Sue Knight 07876 717487
- Sun 23rd 12.30pm Queen's Hill Primary School
Messy Christingle
To book: Laura Montgomery 07850 126756
- Fri 24th 10am Easton *Morning Christingle*
To book: Margaret Seely 07931 514040
- 3pm Marlingford *Crib Service*
To book: Felicity Maton 07484 842131
- 4pm Easton *Evening Christingle*
To book: Margaret Seely 07931 514040
- 7pm Bawburgh *Christmas Eve Communion*
- Sat 25th 11am Bawburgh *Christmas Day Family Service*
- Sun 26th 10am Marlingford *Boxing Day Communion*

Services: January 2022

Holy Communion, Sundays, 10am

- 2nd Easton
- 9th Bawburgh *Epiphany*
- 16th Colton
- 23rd Marlingford
- 30th Marlingford *Candlemas*



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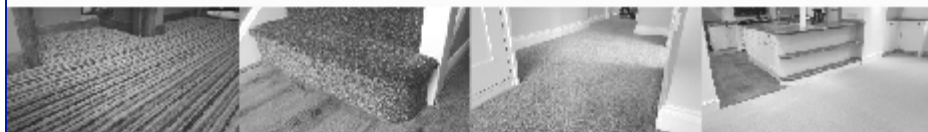
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