

MARLINGFORD AND COLTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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A NEW INITIATIVE

The much-appreciated Grapevine magazine continues to be circulated online, with a hard copy three times a year.

The Parish Council believe that, on months when a hard copy is not published, with particular emphasis of households where there is no Internet access, it would be useful to provide information and updates on matters of interest to our community in the form of a Newsletter.

We would welcome feedback and comments. Please see how to contact us, over the page.

SUN, FUN AND A BURGER BUN

Save The Date: it's the biggest event in the social calendar.

The Colton Summer Barbeque is back!

Come and join us for our summer barbeque at Colton Village Hall. Saturday July 16th, from 5pm until 8pm

There will be a Raffle and Games, please bring your own drinks

The hall will be open for set-up at 09:30, and doors will be open to buyers from 10:00 until 12:30. All unsold items must be taken away.

To book a table, call Vicky Green on 01603 881336, or e-mail coltonvillagehall@gmail.com

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

As we look forward to celebrating Her Majesty's Jubilee, **The Marlingford Bell** will be hosting a range of entertainment over the holiday weekend. On Saturday 5th, music starts at 12.30 with two bands performing through the afternoon and food service from noon until 8pm. On Sunday, the traditional roasts will be served as usual from 12-3pm (please book ahead). This will be followed by Jazz from 4-6pm with cream teas available during the musical entertainment.

GET SOME GROCERIES WITH YOUR PINT?

Following the recent closure of Jenny's brilliant Barford Farm Shop, we are delighted to announce that The Marlingford Bell will be opening "**The Marlingford Bell Barn Store**" in the coming weeks. Gina aims to be supplying high quality locally sourced meat, vegetables, eggs, bread, and milk along with other everyday essentials. Gina will creating be a new social media page so you can find out everything that they will be stocking.

Please keep an eye out for signs at the pub and on social media for the opening date.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The newly refurbished Colton Village Hall is available and ready for hire for your event, with room for around 50 people. If it's a wet afternoon, why not hire the hall's Table Tennis Table, or try carpet bowls.

Contact Vicky Green on 01603 881336

TABLETOP SALE

Do you need to clear out some unwanted items? Kids have loads of toys they don't play with? Stuff in the garage, loft or cupboards that you don't want? Come to Colton Village Hall on Saturday Morning, June 18th, and take a table for £5.00 and sell it!

Tea, Coffee and Cake will be on sale too, with all proceeds going to Village Hall funds.

PROPOSED HONINGHAM THORPE DEVELOPMENT:

MARLINGFORD CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Villagers are always welcome to come to watch the village team.

Upcoming home fixtures on Sunday include Foulsham (June 5th), Catton (June 19th) and Saham Toney (June 26th).

We only play friendly cricket and if you fancy a game do contact our captain: John Wyndham (07857420448) or chairman Paul Hammerton: (07766332844)

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS

You will probably be aware of the proposed housing and infrastructure development called Honingham Thorpe, developed on behalf of the landowner by the Clarion Group, Latimer Developments, and others. The development, if approval is granted, will comprise up to 4,000 houses over a period of twenty years, with a mix of social and private housing, local employment in the Food Hub, 72 hectares of Country Park, and all necessary infrastructure to include bus routes, shops, schools and healthcare.

Details of the project will be found on the website www.clarionhg.com.

The Parish Council is keen to ensure there is adequate consultation within the local communities, and accordingly, we would welcome your views on this proposed development. We have already discussed the project, in the context of perceived local need, with CPRE and others but wish to ensure the widest possible audience has their say.

We would therefore welcome your comments and observations, which you may send to any of the contact details below.

PROPOSED PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR FARM

You will also be aware of the proposed Solar Farm (PV) development, with a generation capacity of over 30 Megawatts, is to be built west of Colton Grange. Once completed, output would be able to supply power to the equivalent of 9,500 homes. The power generated will however be used to supply the present and future developments at the Food Hub. . Details of the proposal will be found on www.maleyssolar.co.uk

Again the Parish Council is keen to receive your comments and observations on this proposed development.

LOCAL TRAFFIC ISSUES

Whilst we await the outcome of current deliberations on the proposed improvements to the A47, and the final, Western Link section of the Norwich Ring Road, we are aware that refurbishment of the A11 from Spooner Row to the Thickthorn roundabout is under way, with completion not before the summer 2023. The Parish Council is concerned about the likely increase in traffic through our villages, as drivers look for alternative "rat runs". If the increased traffic becomes an issue for you, please bring it to the attention of the Parish Council, who in turn will report it to the authorities.

COLTON AMENITY AREA

Work is ongoing to secure a new lease for the Colton Amenity Area. Regular grass cutting has recommenced at Colton Amenity Area and Marlingford Conservation Area and play area and will continue into the early autumn. In the forthcoming months the Parish Council will be looking at what is on offer at the areas and would be interested to hear from residents on ideas on how these areas can be further enhanced. To share your ideas please contact the Clerk on the details below.

HOW TO CONTACT US

We would appreciate your comments on any of the issues raised in this Newsletter. Please contact any of the Parish Council, whose details will be found on the Notice Boards in both villages, or our Clerk, Maria Hutson on 07759 534885, via our website: www.marlingfordcolton.wixsite.com or by E-Mail to marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com