

MARLINGFORD AND COLTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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WELL-RECEIVED SO FAR

Feedback from residents, to the recent, May 2022 edition of our new Community Newsletter was very positive. We know that most of our community would still like to receive hard copies of Grapevine monthly, so this newsletter maybe a poor substitute...We will however continue with this project at least for the time being!

We are always pleased to incorporate your own news items. Please send us articles which may be of interest to our community. Our Contact Details are over the page.

NORWICH WESTERN LINK

Norfolk County Council is arranging some Consultation events to gather views from the public, on the proposed Norwich Western Link, connecting the A47 to the Broadland Northway, prior to submission of a planning application.

Events will take place at:

Barnham Broom Village Hall
Friday 2nd September 12-8pm

The Costessey Centre – Stafford Hall
Friday 9th September 1-8pm

Weston Longville Village Hall
Thursday 15th September 12-8pm

Felthorpe Village Hall
Thursday 22nd September 12-8pm

Find Out More Online at:
www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl

THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL...

It is some months (if ever of course) for snow, but, despite a little recent rain, we still seem to be stuck in these drought conditions. Despite forecasts to say that the hot spell is over for the time being, we would like to remind you to continue to be vigilant. Parts of Norfolk have been badly affected by wildfires this summer and most wildfires are started by human actions such as:

- Campfires, Barbecues and Bonfires
- Sparks from farm machinery
- Arson
- Carelessness
- Discarded cigarettes
- Catalytic converters on cars
- Glass bottles left on the ground sparking a fire with the sun's glare
- Planned and controlled burning that gets out of control

It is often the weather conditions that determine how much a wildfire spread. Strong winds, high temperatures or low rainfall can all leave trees, shrubs, fallen leaves and grass, dry and prone to fire. To Prevent Wildfires:

- ✓ Take your litter home.
- ✓ Don't throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows.
- ✓ Glass in direct sunlight can cause fires - ensure there is none lying around.
- ✓ Don't have campfires or barbecues in the countryside. Only have them in safe designated areas.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A WILDFIRE

- ✓ Stay Calm
- ✓ Ensure you are in a safe location (away from vegetation and smoke), put yourself in a place of safety – do not try to put out the fire yourself
- ✓ If you are in your car, close all windows and vents, if you are at home keep doors and windows closed, but unlocked
- ✓ Call 999 and inform them of your location. If you are familiar with it, - you can use the What3Words app to tell them where you are.

COLTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The recent Colton Village Hall summer barbecue, the first in three years drew around 50 villagers out into the warm evening sunshine on July 16th.

Guests were able to sit outside and enjoy good company and a delicious selection from the grill. The sausages and burgers were supplied by Ian Blanchflower and were expertly cooked by Steve Finney, who lost about five litres of water manning the barbecue on a very warm evening.

As always there was a raffle, with prizes donated by villagers.

It was brilliant to see so many new faces along for the evening, folk who have joined our community and who, we hope, enjoyed themselves.

SPEEDING

Speeding continues to be of concern in both villages. SAM 2 (Speed Activated Monitoring) machines are in both the villages and regularly rotated around several key areas flagged up as particularly dangerous.

SAM 2 machines record the speed of cars that drive past it and display it on a flashing display to notify the driver. This data are downloaded regularly and is analyzed to look for trends of when specific times and areas where speeding are more prominent. The Parish Council is working with the police to try and reduce speeding and make the villages a safer place to live.

The Parish Council is continuing to campaign for more interventions to reduce speeding and hopes to be able to work with other organizations in the future to enable this.

The Parish Council would be pleased to hear from any residents that would like to discuss speeding in the villages and be involved in setting up a Community Speed Watch.

Please contact the Clerk on the details below.

<https://twitter.com/SouthNorfPolice?t=v9qodvOO-UNCT6GeJvUgoA&s=09>

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthNorfolkPolice/>

The evening was a success for the village hall funds, raising over £300 which will help keep the hall open for all to use.

We hope to see you at the next event - we're planning to organize an autumn fun quiz, so watch out for more details in this newsletter, Grapevine and on posters in the village.

Dom Castle: Chair, Colton Village Hall Committee

MARLINGFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Here are some upcoming events at Marlingford Village Hall:

- Sunday 11th September 10am-1pm -Tabletop Sale (01603 880479 for details).
- Saturday 24th September 7.00pm – Film screening, West Side Story (01603 880479 for details).
- Saturday 1st October 11am onwards -- MacMillan Coffee Morning. This is being held in conjunction with the Vintage Vehicle Rally at The Marlingford Bell.

THE MARLINGFORD BARN STORE

As announced in the last edition of the Newsletter, the store, located in the rear car park of the Marlingford Bell is open on Wednesday – Friday (7am-7pm), Saturdays (10am – 7pm) and Sundays (10am-4pm).

Fresh bread from Hingham Bakery is available everyday along with milk, eggs, meat from Swanton Morley Butchers and a wide range of fresh vegetables.

LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

PC Natasha Indans recently took up the role as local beat manager. She has spent the last four years as a frontline response officer covering the South Norfolk area from Wymondham police station, but she is enjoying taking on the varied challenges of a local policing role and getting to know residents and acting upon local policing priorities.

Natasha will be sharing her initiatives, Street Surgeries and engagement events on social media, so please look out on Facebook and Twitter, via the links below, and please do say hello when you see her out and about.

BURGLARIES

Following a recent burglary in Colton, the police are offering the following advice

- ✓ Window or door alarms are an effective deterrent
- ✓ A Ring doorbell camera is a simple to install but effective form of CCTV
- ✓ Does your security light work?
- ✓ A sign to warn that you have CCTV can make opportunists think twice
- ✓ Lock doors, windows, garages and gates
- ✓ Don't leave valuables on show, either in your home or car
- ✓ If you see anything you think is suspicious, please call Norfolk Constabulary on 101 or 999

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