

MARLINGFORD AND COLTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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LONG LIVE THE KING



Following the period of mourning for our late Majesty, the Queen, The Parish Council wish to take this opportunity to congratulate our new monarch, King Charles III on his accession.

NORWICH WESTERN LINK

Following our article last month regarding the public consultations prior to seeking planning permission for the proposed Norwich Western link, could you please note that due to the period of mourning for our late Queen, The Costessey event will now take place at Stafford Hall, on **Friday 30th September, between 1 and 8pm.**

All the other events will have taken place prior to the publication of this Newsletter. However, you may find out more details online at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl

ADULT LEARNING

The new education year has just started, and Adult Learning are offering a variety of courses, some face to face and some online. One of their new offerings is a free 6-week construction course on carpentry, bricklaying, decorating, plastering, and tiling, for residents aged 19 and over.

For more information phone 0344 800 8020 or go to www.norfolk.gov.uk/construction

COLTON AMENITY AREA

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that the lease on the Colton Amenity Area, and Village Hall Car Park, has been signed. The Agreement covers a period of three years.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew Scales for allowing us the extension to the lease of his land.

We would however now encourage you, our residents to make as much use of the facilities as possible. The Parish Council is now undertaking a refurbishment of the play equipment and will be looking forward regarding upgrades and improvements to the facilities, in the coming months.

A47 DUALLING

You will all have read that the Government has now granted approval for the dualling of the A47 from Easton to Honingham. We understand that the work will start in early 2023 and last for two years.

There is to be some initial work conducted at the compound sites during the autumn to prepare for works to begin.

Your Parish Council is however very concerned that despite assurances to the contrary, during construction work, there is likely to be a significant increase in traffic through our villages, as "Rat Runs".

We would ask you to be watchful and would be grateful if you could let us know if you are, in any way, effected by the increased volumes.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Due to other commitments Liz Plater has recently stepped down and the Parish Council is 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 at any of the details over page, or our Chairman, John Morse on 07760 557488 or jmorse_MCPC@yahoo.com

We would like to thank Liz 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.

Parish Council Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

The next meetings will be held on:

Tuesday 11th October at Marlingford Village Hall
Tuesday 8th November at Colton Village Hall
Tuesday 13th December at Marlingford Village Hall

ARTS AND CRAFT GROUP

Local Resident, Rosanna Ellis has been asked by some village members to start an Arts and Craft group in Colton Village Hall.

The sessions will start on Wednesday 28th September, from 10 -12, with future dates on October 12th and 26th, November 9th and 23rd, December 7th

Admission, to cover the cost of materials, and hall rental will be £5:00 per person, per session.

For further details, please contact
Rosanna Ellis on 07765294347
or
rosannaellis@btinternet.com

LIBRARIES

Just as libraries have promoted Tricky Period packs for women in need of them in the past, they are now offering Hygiene packs containing soap, deodorant, flannel and towel, and Warm packs for the colder months containing a hat, scarf, gloves and hot water bottle.

As part of the cost cutting exercise to cover the £60million gap foreseen for next year Norfolk County Council are consulting on the use of mobile libraires. They believe not many people use them and fuel costs keep rising so they may not be sustainable in the future. The Parish Council would be pleased to hear your comments on this issue, as it may become a case of "Use it or Lose It".

Norfolk County Council are preparing for the fact that more people may come into the libraries for longer periods in the winter months as they are welcoming, warm environments which provide a range of activities e.g., reading books, knit and natter for older people, Bounce and Rhyme for young children, Board games etc.

COLTON FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY

On December 10th (see below), The Colton Fuel Allotment Charity will again distribute its annual payment. For those who don't know the history of this entitlement, it dates back to the Enclosure Act of 1801, when residents lost the right to collect fuel from the Common Land. A piece of land was set aside, which is rented out, and identified as The Poor Land. This is just one of approximately 90 schemes registered in Norfolk.

The Trustees, who make Annual return to the Charity Commissioners, agree an amount each year which is distributed in cash to each household in Colton.

Richard Smith, Chairman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some upcoming events at Marlingford and Colton Village Hall. You are all encouraged to get along to some (all?) of these, and get into the Community Spirit:

Marlingford

- Saturday, 24th September, 7pm: Film – "West Side Story" Tickets at the door £4:95p, with Raffle
- Saturday 1st October, 10am MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Saturday 8th October, 7pm Live: The VIP Acapella (Barbershop Style) Chorus. Advance Tickets £10;00
- Tuesday 18th October, 7pm Talk: Chris Bell of Weatherquest: "Our Changeable Weather". Tickets on the door £5:00, with refreshments & raffle
- Saturday 19th November, 7pm Curry Night and the "Bollywood Sparkles"

For further details on any of the Marlingford events, please contact Sue on 01603 880479

Colton

- Thursday Morning every week Village Coffee Morning. All are welcome.
- Saturday 15th October, 7:30 pm A Quiz Night. Teams of up to 6 people are welcome.
- Saturday 10th December Bingo Night, and distribution of the Colton Fuel Allotment Charity fund.

For further details on any of the Colton events, please contact Dom on 07725 201153

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 01603 850118, via our website: www.marlingfordandcoltonpc.co.uk or by E-Mail to marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com