

MARLINGFORD AND COLTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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MOBILE LIBRARY

We are advised that the mobile Library service to Colton has, with immediate effect, been changed to a once-monthly service.

In Colton, the library will stop on The Street on Thursdays from 09:45 until 10:15. The following are some of the planned dates:

- 12th June
- 10th July
- 7th August
- 4th September
- 2nd October

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING?

As reported in the previous edition of this Newsletter, the Parish is fortunate to have two fully functioning defibrillators, one outside Colton Village Hall and one on the front wall of the Bell in Marlingford. These devices are checked monthly and maintained by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is, however, hoping to arrange training courses on the use of these important machines. Currently, we are thinking about holding the courses in the Marlingford Bell and Colton Village Hall, for easy access to both of our defibrillators. If anybody would be interested in attending such a course, please let us know.

More information on using Defibs and learning CPR can be found below.

[Understanding defibrillators-what they are and how to use them - BHF](#)
[Learn CPR in 15 minutes | RevivR | BHF - BHF](#)

MARLINGFORD CHURCH

All keen gardeners both young and old are invited to put a note in their diaries for Sunday, 14th July. The Supporters of St Mary's group would be delighted if as many villagers as possible could join us for a churchyard / church tidy up day. More info to follow closer to the time.

A47 ISSUES

With apologies for sounding like an old record, residents will be aware that there has been more recent traffic issues on the A47, caused primarily by the installation of a flood protection scheme, near Honingham. We are however more concerned that a) this information was not formally shared by National Highways with the Parish Council, and b) we have not yet had any update from National Highways, nor Norfolk County Council, about promised remedial work to our local roads.

We will continue to press both organisations for more regular information which we will share with our community, through future editions of this newsletter.

THE COLTON MILLENNIUM YEW (YET AGAIN)

By way of a further update, progress towards the installation of a replacement Yew Tree is continuing. Following recent agreement with the Colton Parochial Church Council, we have also now met with Bishop Graham Usher, who has agreed to participate in the tree planting ceremony. No date has been set, to have time for the graft to grow, we are tentatively planning something in 2026.

MARLINGFORD OPEN GARDENS 2024

As a repeat from last month's newsletter, on Sunday, 30th June 2024 there will be the "Marlingford Open Gardens" event. Kirstie Reader and Angell Crosland invite all Marlingford residents with a blooming border, glorious vegetable patch or a corner of a garden you are proud of be it large or small, to take part.

All proceeds to go towards our church restoration fund (St Mary, Marlingford). Please contact Kirstie or Angell on kirstiereader@icloud.com or angellcrosland@yahoo.co.uk for more details.

MARLINGFORD QUIZ NIGHT

From this autumn the Marlingford Monthly Quiz, raising money for repairs to Marlingford Church, will move to The Bell and will also be hosted by the new Bell team. Details to follow. The final quiz to be held at the Village Hall will be on Friday, 7th June with the usual start time of 7pm with the first questions at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there!

MARLINGFORD ART GROUP

Marlingford Arts are very excited to announce that they will be holding their first outside Art Exhibition at Becket's Chapel, Wymondham, from Tuesday 4th August - Sunday 11th August, 11 am - 4 pm. Please come along and enjoy the variety of paintings on show.

COLTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

New barrier

Anyone driving past the village hall will have noticed the new height restriction barrier in place for the car park. This allows access to cars and vehicles of less than 2.1m access to the car park 24/7 without the need to have the old posts lifted out of the way, making the car park much more accessible. It can be swung out of the way for taller vehicles requiring legitimate access.

DIY skills needed.

The sound-deadening panels have been delivered and should be installed within the next few weeks, which should make a difference to the acoustics in the main room. We intend to do this work on the morning of Saturday, June 1st and would welcome assistance from anyone with DIY skills and/or a platform which would allow safe working at ceiling height. Please call Dom Castle on 01603 880191 if you can help.

Memorial bench

We have also installed a memorial bench in the play area; this lovely seat, made from 100% recycled plastics, is placed in memory of Joyce Ireland, a tireless champion of the village who passed away last year.

New treasurer

We are delighted that Marion Morse MBE has joined the hall management committee and has become the treasurer. She brings a wealth of experience to this important role and is a very welcome addition to the team. At the same time chair Dom Castle is stepping down on health grounds.

It would be great if we were able to find someone in Colton who values what the hall offers the community to join the committee and keep up the good work done by the members for the village; our meetings are short and only every couple of months, but we get a lot done!

What's On at the Hall

The next event planned for the village is a social coffee morning; come along from 10am on Saturday, June 15th for a brew, a nice piece of cake and a natter with your neighbours.

After that we have the popular summer barbecue on Saturday, July 15th from 6pm, with delicious locally made burgers and sausages. We also have veggie options. Bring something to drink and have a relaxing evening - fingers crossed that the weather plays ball!

The arts group continues to flourish under Rosanna Ellis, meeting generally every other Wednesday. Contact Rosanna through the Village People WhatsApp group.

Please make a note of these events in your diary.

- Saturday 15th June - Coffee Morning
- Saturday 13th July - Summer BBQ
- Saturday 17th August - Night at the Races
- Saturday 21st September - Beetle Drive (to be confirmed).
- Saturday 26th October - Harvest Supper
- Saturday 7th December - Christmas Bingo & Colton Fuel Allotment Payment

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