

MARLINGFORD AND COLTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Annual Parish Council meeting

At the annual parish council, meeting, John Morse was voted in as Chair of the council for 2025/26 and Mark Pfeiffer as Vice-Chair. Along with Councillors Debbie Perfect and David Woods, they continue to work hard for the residents of Marlingford and Colton.

How to find us

Councillor emails and the Marlingford and Colton Parish Council website have now been moved to www.marlingfordandcolton-pc.gov.uk. This website meets government recommendations and follows the format of other government websites. Over the coming months, all the relevant information from the old website will be moved across and will include recent meeting minutes, parish newsletters and copies of The Grapevine.

All Councillors are now also using designated email addresses and contacts are as follows. Please note that the email addresses, as recently published in The Grapevine, are incorrect. These are the correct versions:

- John Morse (chair): john.morse@marlingfordandcolton-pc.gov.uk
- Mark Pfeiffer (vice-chair): mark.pfeiffer@marlingfordandcolton-pc.gov.uk
- David Woods: david.woods@marlingfordandcolton-pc.gov.uk
- Debbie Perfect: deborah.perfect@marlingfordandcolton-pc.gov.uk
- Maria Hutson (clerk): clerk@marlingfordandcolton-pc.gov.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

It was great to hear from local groups at the Annual Parish Meeting. Reports were heard from Marlingford Church, Colton Church, Marlingford Cricket Club, The Grapevine magazine, Colton Art Club, Marlingford Village Hall and Colton Village Hall.

John Morse gave a report on behalf of the Parish Council and Margaret Dewsbury reported on both the District Council and County Council which she represents.

The Annual Parish Meeting is held annually and is a great opportunity to hear about what is happening in the villages. Look out for the date for next year's May meeting which will be announced later in the year.

CPR Training

The much-anticipated CPR training, given by Steve from NARS – (nars.org.uk) recently took place in Colton Village Hall. Twenty residents attended a very informative evening. However, for those who did not attend in person, there is an illustrated guide to the resuscitation process in the (online) June edition of The Grapevine. Please contact us if you would like a copy and are not yet on their mailing list.

Colton Village Hall News

The Village Hall recently hosted two more really successful events: A great night was had by all on 17th May, whereby the recently formed local band *Offshoot*, featuring our own Annette Hudson on lead vocals, performed another concert of popular music from the '50s right up to modern hits, this time in aid of Village Hall Funds.

Also, on 31st May, the village hall hosted its annual Quiz Night. The hall was packed for this highly successful event, with teams from as far away Drayton & Costessey, in addition to Colton residents. As previously, modesty prevents me from naming both current and past members of the winning Parish Council team, but suffice to say, we have all been enjoying our prizes.

Looking forward, there are two upcoming events which are likely to draw a good crowd. On 14th June at 2pm, there will be a cream tea in the village hall, and on July 19th, there will be the very popular annual barbeque. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it, at both events.

Marlingford Cricket Club News

Marlingford Cricket Club is a friendly local village cricket club which this year is running a children's programme for youngsters new to the sport and aged between 5 and 8 years old. Please sign up via the ECB website. <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>.

If adults' cricket is more your thing new members are always welcome and please come along on a Thursday evening for T20 and Sunday afternoon for 40's and older. We look forward to seeing you!

Colton Amenity Area

We are pleased to report that, following correspondence with the landowner, we are optimistic that we will shortly be able to extend the lease for the amenity area, and adjacent Village Hall Car Park. The terms of this extension will be discussed at the next, July meeting of the Parish Council.

However, we are less pleased to report that on 1st June, we were advised of an act of vandalism, in the amenity area. Three individuals were spotted severely damaging the information board by one of the pieces of equipment. The individuals who carried out this mindless attack were however photographed, and their images have been passed to the police. We would ask that any residents who identify similar issues in future, please can you report it on the Norfolk Constabulary website: [Report antisocial behaviour | Norfolk Constabulary](#)

Galliford Try Open Day

The project managers for the ongoing improvements to the A47 (North Tuddenham to Easton) section held an Information Day open day, which our Parish Clerk attended. on 28th May. They are pleased to report that due to the recent excellent weather, they are making faster than expected progress with the construction work.

The event was held at the Galliford Try A47 Tuddenham Site Office in Easton and was an opportunity for members of the public to speak with the project delivery team.

It has been requested that the Parish Council are informed as soon as possible of any road closures in the area that may impact residents. We are advised that road closures are only planned approximately 2 weeks in advance when Traffic Road Orders (TROs) are submitted to Norfolk County Council. Typically, closures are not scheduled beyond this due to the many factors that could delay work. When the Parish Council is made aware of closures, they will promote them on WhatsApp groups and websites were possible.

National Highways offer "Social Value" funding and the clerk discussed with Galliford Try suitable projects for this potential income source. We will keep you updated on this but for now, they have confirmed that they have agreed to resurface the Village Hall Car Park in September.

It is hoped that there will be another open day in the future which residents can attend to get an update on progress.

Local Government Reorganisation

You all are probably aware from the media, that the government wants to change the way that councils are organised across the country. In Norfolk, the county council runs some services, like education, adult and children's social care, and roads, and the seven district, borough and city councils run other services like planning, housing and refuse collections. The government wants to see all eight councils replaced with fewer unitary councils which would be responsible for all services in their area.

As part of the consultation process, Norfolk County Council hosted several in-person meetings across the county, and online, to obtain the views from Parish Councils. A representative from Marlingford and Colton attended the Wymondham event on 19th May.

The County Council are however very interested to hear from the public as part of the consultation process. You can find out more by visiting the website www.norfolk.gov.uk/LGR. Additionally, they would welcome your own observations and comments on the proposed re-organisation. Please email to LGR@norfolk.gov.uk

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.marlingfordandcolton-pc.gov.uk or by E-Mail to clerk@marlingfordandcolton-pc.gov.uk