

# MARLINGFORD AND COLTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## CPR Training

You may recall that there has been a lot of interest in the Parish Council arranging some CPR training. We are pleased to report that arrangements are progressing, to enable us to hold a session in Colton Village Hall, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We will provide more details nearer the time on both the Marlingford and Colton WhatsApp groups and would welcome hearing from anybody wishing to participate. We are not yet certain on how many of you will be able to attend, so it will probably be on a "first come, first served" basis.

## Upcoming Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM.

Residents from both Marlingford and Colton are invited to our annual parish meeting and AGM, to be held at 7pm, on 13<sup>th</sup> May, in Colton Village Hall. This will be an opportunity to hear reports from all the organizations in our parish and present an opportunity for the public to raise questions addressing their concerns and issues.

## New Parish Council website coming soon

The parish council is currently in the process of launching a new website. This will have all the same resources as the current website plus useful links to other organisations which will help with reporting any issues in the village.

In addition, councillors will be getting a dedicated parish council email address. The.gov.uk domain was specifically created for use by central, devolved and local UK public sector organisations.

The parish council has been able to secure funding to support this move to a new website which will meet security and transparency regulations. More details to follow soon.

## Marlingford Village Hall News.

Marlingford residents recently held a very successful Book Sale, in aid of funds towards the restoration work at the Church. Many residents were good enough to make generous donations of books, and jigsaw puzzles, with the event generating £165 for the church. One resident was reported as saying that she took home almost as many books as she had donated in the first place!!

Going forward, here are some upcoming events in the village:

### Centenary Easter Fair - Saturday, April 12th, 12.00- 3.00pm

There will be an Easter Egg hunt plus various stalls including garden ornaments, ceramics and craft stalls. Hot dogs, tea and coffee for sale.

### Marlingford Village Hall Talk - Thursday May 1st - 7.30 pm

By popular request we are delighted to welcome back **Glenn Barrett** astrophysicist, to give a talk on: **"Very, Very Scary Black Holes"**. A survival guide should you ever encounter one of these strange, exotic objects which litter our universe. What are they, how do they form? Is there really anybody out there?!

Refreshments/raffle/£5 entrance.

### Finally, don't forget the Marlingford Village Hall AGM - April 14th 7pm

This meeting will be held before the Committee Meeting at 7.30pm and is for anyone who might be interested in how the village hall is run, as well as meeting committee members. All welcome

## Colton Village Hall News

The Village Hall recently hosted two really successful recent events: The Beetle Drive, held on March 1<sup>st</sup>, proved to be very popular, and was very much enjoyed by all the participants. It was good to see several new faces to join the throng, and the event raised a total of £117 for the village hall funds.

Also, A great night was had by all at Colton village hall on Saturday, 15 February. This was the debut performance of a recently formed band called *Offshoot* whose members first got to know each other through being part of the Wymondham Ukulele Band.

The group had been Practising every Monday afternoon in Colton village hall, and their repertoire ranged from 1960s to the present day, though mostly 60s, 70s and 80s.

After about a year's practising, the group agreed it was time to give their talents a public airing. A friend of one of the members, suffers from Motor Neurone Disease – and the band agreed that this would be a good opportunity to make their gig a charity event to raise funds for the MND society. In all, the donations received that evening amounted to an incredible £769.10!

There will be another opportunity to see the group, who will be performing in the village Hall on May 17<sup>th</sup>

We look forward to welcoming residents to the following events in Colton Village Hall:

### **Spring Bingo Saturday, April 12th:**

It's Spring Bingo time! Come along for a fun evening at Colton Village Hall - with at least 20 prizes on offer for the games, you could be a winner! If you don't bag a prize, there's always the raffle! You're welcome to bring your own drinks and there will be tea, coffee and cake at the interval. Doors open at 6.30pm, so grab some marker pens, round up family and friends and come along!

### **Coffee morning and art exhibition, Saturday, April 26th**

Want to know what's been going on in Colton? Come along to the Village Hall from 10am until noon for a coffee, grab a slice of home-made cake, catch up with friends and neighbours and find out what you've been missing! 10.00am -12 noon

### **Saturday, May 31st: Colton Quiz**

Get those grey cells working with our general knowledge quiz.

### **Help needed!**

Colton village hall is a great place for the residents to come together and enjoy the various events organised by the village hall committee. It meets every couple of months to discuss what sort of things it thinks people might enjoy which also helps to raise funds to keep the village hall going. The committee would welcome new members with their ideas for some community activities that could benefit the village. **If you are interested, please contact Dom Castle: domcastle63@ gmail.com**

### **News from St Andrew's Church, Colton**

The church AGM will take place on May 11 during the all-age service, and all are welcome to attend. The meeting includes the election of our church warden. This year, we are required to renew our electoral roll and if anyone feels that they would like to commit to the church by being included on the roll please let me know.

### **Colton Book Club**

Do you enjoy reading? Would you like to expand the genre of books you would normally read and get to know like-minded people in both our communities as part of a friendly and fun group?

Colton Book Club is a newly established group which meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at Colton Village Hall from 7pm - 9pm.

If you love reading stories, would like to get to know others in your community, and want to grow awareness in a fun and positive club, then come along to our next meet up on Thursday 24th April 2025 where we will be discussing this month's read "*The Kite Runner*", by Khaled Hosseini.

We're a welcoming group; all we ask is that you bring your enthusiasm for reading and contribute approximately £2.00 towards the cost of the hall hire and refreshments.

If you are interested or would like more information, **please contact Debbie (by text/WhatsApp/phone) 07718 650012.**

*"A book is not only a friend, it makes friends for you. When you have possessed a book with mind and spirit, you are enriched. But when you pass it on you are enriched threefold."* - Henry Miller.

**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](http://www.marlingfordandcoltonpc.co.uk) or by E-Mail to [marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com](mailto:marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com)**