



MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER NO. 2

Welcome to Newsletter No.2 - A Happy New Year to you all and we hope you are keeping safe and well. It really is no surprise that we are plunged into yet another Lockdown with the Coronavirus now more prevalent than previously. Hopefully the Vaccine will lift us all out of this nightmare. The Marldon and Compton Coronavirus Care Hub is in full operation, contact details are the same if you still have the original postcard, if not, details are on the back page of this Newsletter. Please do not hesitate to call any of us if you need help and especially if you are feeling low. If you could help in any way, please contact the Co-ordinator relevant to the service you feel you could help with.

**STAY HOME PROTECT THE NHS
SAVE LIVES**

If you have youngsters who are feeling particularly isolated without their friends, please read the article submitted by Marldon Youth Club on Page 7.

Some good news: Torfield Play Park Regeneration started with Stage 1 on the 21st December 2020 and will resume with the commencement of Stage 2 on 1st February 2021. Information will be put on Parish Council Notice Boards, Facebook Page and our Website giving the details. On Page 2 you can see the progress and an update.

Our next issue is in March, when we will officially be entering Purdah - a period of time just before an election. There are many legal requirements of both Councils and potential Councillors. If you are considering becoming a Parish Councillor please get in touch with the Elections Office at South Hams District Council now, so that you know exactly what you can and cannot do and how the election calendar works - Please do not rely on third party information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CLLR. PALK



Another good news story, Frank Palk one of our longest serving Councillors, celebrated his 94th Birthday on 14th January 2021, what an achievement, in fact, Frank's whole life is one of achievement, dedication and hard work. Frank joined Marldon Parish Council in 1984 after being an 'observer' for many years when he lived in Compton. Frank said, *'things have changed so much over the years, I was just invited to sit on the Council, now you have to go through a load of legislation; anyway I have survived 36 years on Marldon Parish Council. One of my biggest disappointments was the road not going through Westerland Valley, had that happened there would not be the rubbish being dumped there now.'*

I used to enjoy the Christmas Dinner at Castle Barton, the Councillors and their partners attended, but that stopped when one of the Councillors had to go on a strict diet!

I am a great supporter of Marldon Parish Church, always have been. I have much to be thankful for to him upstairs.

My son had over 100 phone calls on my Birthday, I never knew I was so popular.'

Well, we know better Cllr. Palk, a true gentleman. Thank you for all the years you have represented your Community.

TORFIELD PLAY PARK REGENERATION

RAIN DID NOT STOP PLAY

DAYS 1 and 2 - preparation work started despite the wind and rain



**The start
and end of
Day 5**

Our lovely
digger
operator Chris
keeping
perfect lines !

The lower
level now
clearly
defined



The photo on the left is the end of Day 8 - all levelling completed. The Safety Surfacing is set to start on 1st February 2021. The total cost of the Play Park has now been reduced to £98,754 which means that our application to the Public Works Loan Board amounted to £48,000. SHDC gave us £45,000 s106 funds and the rest has been raised by the lovely Regeneration Fundraising Team and from our own resources. Weather and COVID permitting

we are still on track for the March opening ready for everyone to enjoy for Easter - we will have a wonderful opening day so long as Lockdown restrictions have been lifted. There will be more details in the March Issue of the Newsletter which will be published early March. Please keep looking at our Facebook Page and Website for updates in the interim.



Our County Councillor Jonathan Hawkins

With the recent announcement of a 3rd Lockdown which none of us wanted to hear and as someone who has their own small business in Paignton, I know first hand how hard 2020 had been for business and like most of us my heart sank when again we entered another lockdown.

It is more important than ever for all of us to work together to ensure we look after those in most need. Both South Hams and Devon County have a number of schemes both financial as well as Officers ready to help. If you know of anyone or you need help please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to help you. It is essential to help families and residents see this through, the vaccine gives us all light at the end of the tunnel.

Highways

Before Christmas Devon County announced a number of helpful decisions on two important issues for Marldon **20 mile speed Limit** - County has had an embargo on these for the past 4 years; your community as with others wanted to extend or even have such a Zone. A trial has been taking place in Newton Abbot, and finishes this year, and I hope that we will be able to modify yours after this is concluded. At every opportunity I have raised this issue with Officers and Senior Members.

Interactive Signs

At last the long bureaucratic process of putting new ones in has been removed and if a Parish wants to install new ones they can now put them in place but at their own expense.

Compton

The issues of drainage and debris have again occurred due to recent heavy rain, I have asked Highways to clean the drains and we are looking into a long term solution, unfortunately some land owners are not as helpful as we would have hoped for.

Torfield Play Park

As a member of South Hams Executive responsible for S106 and Wellbeing, in December we were very pleased to release money to start the exciting new play area here, I understand the concerns of some residents, but Marldon has many families that need much improved facilities and this and future projects will hopefully do this in the next few years.

It is a truly exciting time for Marldon as you have a large amount of money available, money that with consultation, will make a huge difference to your open spaces for **all** age groups.

I live in Kingswear, but I work in Paignton and am here to help. You become a Councillor because you care and want to help. Please do not hesitate to contact me, I will do my best for you.

Email: jonathan.hawkins@devon.gov.uk

Telephone: 07866 250548

A Bit About Me

I started in Local Council over 20 years ago at South Hams District Council. I am a Parish Councillor at Kingswear, a District Councillor at South Hams District Council and a County Councillor at Devon County Council.

I am a Governor at Torbay & South Devon NHS Trust.

My hobbies are Gardening and Vintage Vehicles.

I am a Committee Member of the Dartmouth Royal Regatta and have been since I was 16 years old. I joined Dart Valley Railway (now the Dartmouth Steam Railway Company) at the same age and have held an interest ever since.

I have been a Governor at numerous schools in Devon over the years. I volunteer on a weekly basis at Dartmouth Food Bank



Photo: Sunseeker London - 23.08.2017
Dartmouth Royal Regatta

MEET OUR NEW POLICE SGT. PS 12805 ROBERT WILSON Neighbourhood Team Leader



I am Sergeant Rob Wilson and I have been fortunate enough to be a Police Officer with Devon and Cornwall Police for the past 11 years. I am a Londoner by birth, but have lived in Devon for the past twenty years.

My route into Policing was not 'standard', if there is a standard route for anyone.

I studied Rural Resource Management at Seale Hayne when it was still the agricultural college of the University of Plymouth, I worked in Forestry, I had a good stab at trying to get to the Beijing Olympics in rowing, I was a fishmonger and then I worked for a local land survey company. When I joined the Police I certainly felt I had a bit of life experience behind me!

I absolutely love my job. I have worked on the frontline throughout my career, all of it spent within Teignbridge, Torbay and the South Hams. I recognise the benefit in a highly visible Police presence within our communities, whilst balancing this with the demand we face and the ever changing law enforcement environment.

I am really appreciative of the welcome I have received from my new patch since arriving as the Neighbourhood Team Leader for the area in December 2020. I, along with everyone in the community wish that COVID was not a factor of our lives at the moment and it is certainly adding additional layers of complexity to what is an already complex job. I am looking forward to getting out and about and meeting as many people as possible.

County lines drugs exploitation:

Signs all parents need to know

County lines, know the signs

- Change in behaviour.
 - Signs of assault and/or malnutrition.
 - Access to numerous phones.
 - Use of unusual terms e.g. going country.
 - Associating with gangs.
 - Unexplained bus or train tickets.
 - School truancy or going missing
- Concerned? Call the Police

If people have Local incidents / issues they either come through the Clerk to Marldon Parish Council or directly through 101 or via the email address,

totnes@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

with the health warning that if it is an **emergency** or something that requires Police attendance as a priority then **999 / 101** is most appropriate.

MARLDONPARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

We were hoping to include the Cemetery Public Consultation within this issue, however, as we are in Lockdown we cannot encourage anyone to leave their home to post or attend the shop to drop off completed forms. We will, hopefully, run the Cemetery Consultation in the March Issue along with the long awaited Sport, Leisure and Recreation Public Consultation regarding Torfield, Broomhill Meadow and Jubilee Meadow. The March Issue will be a 'bumper' issue so if you have any articles, suggestions or letters, please ensure you get the copy into the Editorial Team as soon as possible as space will be tight.

email: Newsletter@marldonparishcouncil.gov.uk

or post to: Newsletter, Marldon Parish Council, Marldon Village Hall Post box, Village Road, Marldon TQ3 1SJ

Health risks - dog fouling dangers

It is estimated there are more than 8 million dogs in the UK, producing around 1,000 tonnes of Poo per day!

Dog fouling is a major concern, not just because of the mess it causes, but because it can be a health risk. Dogs may deposit roundworm eggs (*toxocara canis*) in their faeces, The parasite eggs responsible for toxocariasis can survive for many months, even years, in sand or soil, so all pet faeces should be collected and disposed of in appropriate bins or taken home.

Anyone, **but particularly children playing near to the ground**, can run the risk of picking up and swallowing the eggs. The eggs then hatch in the intestine, burrow through the intestine wall into the blood stream and pass into the body.

Possible symptoms of toxocaral infection range from aches, dizziness and nausea to asthma and pneumonia, but as these symptoms can all be caused by other things, infections often go undiagnosed.

In the UK there are around 100 cases of toxocariasis diagnosed each year.

In rare cases eye disease and loss of vision can be caused when the *toxocara* larva passes through the eye.

Dog owners can help to reduce the danger of roundworm infections by Scooping the Poop immediately.

Better still, train your dog to do his/her business at home - the Pet Advisory Committee suggest setting aside a designated area of your garden, using a command word before he/she goes to the toilet and praising him/her when they finish. More information can be obtained from the Pet Advisory Committee or RSPCA.

If your dog uses a public area or pavement, always “scoop the poop” using either a designated poop a scoop, nappy sack or plastic bag - turning it inside out to seal the faeces inside. Either dispose of in a designated dog bin provided by the council, or if unavailable, double wrap and take home and dispose of as normal.

If you don't clean up after your dog, you're risking a £75 on the spot fine or £1000 maximum penalty if you have to appear in court.

Worm your dog at least every six months with tablets obtainable from the vet, pet shop or larger branches of supermarkets. Some district councils will also supply worming tablets at a reduced rate. Puppies and pregnant bitches should be wormed more frequently - ask your vet for advice. Remember dogs with roundworm infections may not show any symptoms, so your dog should be wormed whether he/she looks healthy or not.

NOTICES

Marldon Parish Council are placing new notices on Broomhill Meadow and Jubilee Meadow regarding the dangers of dog poo not being scooped up and not being placed in the appropriate bins or taken home. We provide FREE poo bags. However, a small number of dog owners are disregarding the law in this respect and we have received a number of complaints, not least from other dog owners who always clear up after their dogs. As you can see from the article next to this notice, the dangers are real and so are the fines !

JUBILEE MEADOW

There is also a request to please not use the Cricket Square - this is maintained all year by Marldon Cricket Club and whilst there is only a loose rope around the square, this does not mean easy access. Marldon Cricket Club is one of the oldest traditions and sports in the Parish and is enjoyed by all ages. There is plenty of room around the square for other activities.

Councillor Profile will be coming in the next issue

Marldon Parish Council current

Councillors are:

Chairman

Cllr. Gordon Page

Vice-Chairman

Cllr. Andy Ward

Councillors

Frank Palk

Mary Oliphant (Compton)

Bob Thorp

Jenny Clarke

Phil Hart

John Sharland

2 vacant seats to be elected on
6th May 2021

Village Technology

With the Covid-19 restrictions, lockdowns, work-from-home, teach-at-home and many more rulings that have become forced upon us since March 2020 (*yes, it really is nearly a year ago!*), the country has seen what sort of infrastructure is in place with regards to high-speed broadband and mobile phone signals.

I'm not going to venture into the world of 5G as it is unlikely we will see that in Marlton for a long time, as many of us are still unable to receive a mobile phone call using 4G in certain parts of the village, so heaven knows when we will have upgraded masts set up! Mobiles in our part of the Village usually show one or two bars on the signal indicator, strong enough to send or receive a text message, but when a mobile phone call is attempted the usual 'Network Unavailable' message pops up on the screen – this can be rectified by venturing outside into the garden or driveway when three or four bars appear, enough to support a voice call. It matters not which mobile phone company you use as most 'piggy-back' off each other, we changed from Vodaphone to T-Mobile to Virgin Mobile, all on the promise of a better signal, and all to no avail. How different things would be if the phone companies had been allowed to put a booster mast at the top of the Church tower to replace the old flagpole we had at the time – the whole village would have benefitted then!!

Broadband is a different issue. Certain parts of the Village are able to use the cable network installed many moons ago but that stops short of us, so we have to rely on the booster cabinet by the school and then the good old copper wires to our bungalow! There are three types of broadband available currently, but bear in mind all the companies use the same supply equipment, they just charge different fees! **Standard Broadband** - Offering download speeds of up to 24Mbps, standard broadband is considered slow by today's standards. This type of broadband is usually delivered over a standard BT copper telephone line. The actual speed of this broadband in a postcode area is determined by how far it is from the nearest telephone exchange. **Superfast Broadband** - The term Superfast Broadband covers a few different technologies, but what they have in common is that it covers max speeds over 24Mbps and up to 200Mbps. The most common superfast broadband is fibre to the cabinet (FTTC) broadband, where a cabinet in your road area connects to the main fibre optic cable feed, and then your BT copper phone line connects to the cabinet which gets over the distance problems. **Ultrafast Broadband** - The very fastest broadband available is ultrafast broadband, this covers any service that is 200Mbps or faster. The very fastest services over 1Gbps speeds for both downloads and uploads (over 40 times faster than the very fastest standard broadband download speeds). Almost all ultrafast services rely on fibre optic technology. Also included are Virgin Media's Fibre Optic services with speeds over 200Mbps.

I would assume that the first two are 'enjoyed' by the majority, if not all, of Marlton Village. However, broadband in the Village has enabled many to carry on working, children to carry on learning, families to keep communicating, and perhaps more importantly to many, Residents to keep in touch via 'Zoom' meetings with our Parish Council and developments/improvements that are taking place in and around our Village.

Article by Derek Hore

Village Ranger (Parish Patrol) position MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Purpose: To protect the Parish community, its assets and green spaces with regular patrols, reporting issues needing repairs, damage etc., ensuring the safety of the users in the Play Park and other areas with recreational and leisure facilities. Ensuring there is no anti-social behaviour.

The list below is not exhaustive and other duties may be required over time and awareness as the role transpires.

The candidate must be local to the Parish of Marlton & Compton, have handyman abilities and a 'can do' approach to most situations. Transport essential as the Parish covers a large rural area. £8.91 ph – 8hrs per week (initially) Start Date: Tuesday 5th April 2021. Ideally you will already be DBS cleared or prepared to have a DBS check carried out as there will be contact with children and vulnerable people whilst patrolling certain areas within the village.

Duties:

Inspect all green areas for damage, dog fouling, litter and drug use.

Inspect all walls, hedges and steps for damage or repair.

Monitor school entrance at drop off and collection times, during term time for illegal/inconsiderate parking/ dog mess.

Check all Parish owned gates and fences for damage and repair.

Inspect play park (Play Park Patrol) on a daily basis for damage, rubbish, illegal use, or anti-social behaviour.

Check all notices and signs are in place and legible. Check Salt bins and clean if required.

Check Interactive signage is working correctly. (when installed)

Please contact the Clerk, on 0770 770 9390 or email your interest to clerk@marldonparishcouncil.gov.uk extended deadline is now 12 noon on Friday 12th February 2021.

MARLDON YOUTH CLUB



A big hello from all of us at the Marldon Youth Club ! We just wanted to give you an update on what we have been doing during Lockdown and tell you a little about our project.

Marldon Youth Club has been running for over 5 years now and is a real hit with local young people who want to meet in a safe space, have fun and learn something new. We have 25 members aged 11-18 years old, all of whom live in the Marldon area. We get together with our Youth Workers, Kerry and Laura, on a Tuesday evening twice a month and always have lots of fun.

During Lockdown, we have been meeting remotely, using the Zoom App. Our Youth Workers run fun sessions with quizzes and games and a focus on healthy relationships, staying safe, mental health and being part of the local community. Zoom has been a great way to stay in touch and keep us connected with each other, as one of our members mentioned, 'it's been a great way to keep connected with friends in a difficult time where we have been really worried and majorly bored.' Another member of the group said ' it's been a lifeline when I've felt lonely and low.'

The importance of continuing to reach out to each other during the pandemic is something we are very proud about; it has meant that we have kept in touch as a group and helped each other through many challenges. One parent remarked, 'it was so lovely during the first Lockdown to hear the boys laughing, being silly and enjoying games with their friends, it will be even nicer when the children can meet up again.'

We do hope to meet up again soon ! Before Lockdown, we had been using Marldon Village Hall and a room in the Ye Olde Smokey House pub and it was great to see each other on a regular basis. Our sessions were made up of healthy activities, like non-contact boxing, photography, healthy eating, yoga and meditation. We really miss meeting face to face and cannot wait to get back to it, but for now, we need to continue being safe, meeting online and getting involved in projects that improve our wellbeing.

If you know of a young person who may be interested in joining Marldon Youth Club or if you would like to find out more information about the club, please contact Kerry McCabe on 07412288571

Website: [www.https://traye.org](https://traye.org)

KEEP SAFE AND STAY WELL ! From everyone at Marldon Youth Club

Marldon Youth Club is part of the TRAYE charity - Totnes Rural Area Youth Engagement project, who are funded by the Parishes whose youth participate, grant funding and locality funds from District Councillors. Marldon Parish Council has now entered into a Service Level Agreement with TRAYE to ensure the youth of Marldon can continue their involvement with trained Youth Workers. Marldon Parish Councillor Jenny Clarke, is a Trustee of TRAYE and Marldon Parish Council's Youth Officer.

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION

The winner of the Parish Logo Competition
is

OLLIE ABERCROMBIE

his winning entry can be seen below and on
the Front Cover of the Newsletter and is
being used in all Parish Council
correspondence.
Well done Ollie.

We would like to thank all who entered



MARLDON & COMPTON CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY CARE HUB

is in operation

**For assistance with the following please
ring the contact numbers alongside**
SHOPPING - Viv & John on 01803554499
MEDICATIONS - Anne on 07703 066877
(between 10am-4pm)
DOG WALKING & PET WELFARE -
Billie on 07925 524001
BUDDY EARS - If you just want to talk to
someone if you are feeling isolated and low
- Kevin on 07557 221808
(between 10am - 4pm)
GENERAL HELPLINE
Susie on 0770 770 9390

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Letters: Maximum 150 words .

The Parish Council Newsletter will always be
delivered free to every household, unless you use the
'opt out' option which is available to action on the
website or phone the Clerk on 0770 770 9390 -
leaving your name and full address. This will give
those of you with internet access the option to read
the Newsletter online. We can then not only save on
printing/delivery costs but do our bit for the environ-
ment.

We are looking for articles relevant to the Parish and
suggestions from budding young Journalists or even
those within our younger Community who wish to
have 'a voice' in the Newsletter..... you are the
future of this Community and can carry on the good
work we are trying to achieve now and take that
forward.

***"It is not the strongest of the
species that survives, nor the
most intelligent; it is the one most
adaptable to change."***

Charles Darwin

(and ? others !)

**DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING**

MONDAY 15th February 2021 @ 7.15pm

MARCH

March 8th 2021

ALL MEETINGS ARE VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM