

Colton Parish News

May 2026



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First Sunday	Holy Communion	11.00 am
Second Sunday	Morning Worship	11.00 am
Third Sunday	Holy Communion	11.00 am
Fourth Sunday	Morning Worship	11.00 am
Fifth Sunday	Service Format will vary	11.00 am
Keep your eyes peeled for details of other services and Special Sunday Afternoon Events		

For all Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and any Pastoral Needs
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Message from your editor



I hope you have all had a nice Easter and managed to spend some time with friends and family. We were lucky to get some nice weather especially as it was so early this year. Thank you to Peter Brightman for our cover picture this month. It really shows that spring is on its way and hopefully we will get some more good weather for the May bank holidays.

Happy May !

Best wishes *Fiona*

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Thank you Fiona O'Brien Editor

Colton Community Choir

Invite you to come along and join our group of Jolly singers. A group of enthusiastic amateurs who enjoy singing a variety of music. We meet every Monday at 7pm at St. Marys Church Colton.

Do come and join us.





Colton Parish Council

The Parish Council meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30 pm unless advised to the contrary.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and should note their participation is limited to a maximum 20 minutes at the beginning of the meeting when questions and comments from the public are taken

Parish Council Elected members

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No one elected at Annual meeting.
Councillors will take turns to chair meetings

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“What the world needs now is love.”

Hal David’s lyrics to the 1965 Burt Bacharach song seem ever pertinent at a time when, globally, the world is an increasingly fractious place with dwindling respect for its peoples and its fabric. Five years previously, Lionel Bart, for his musical ‘Oliver!’, penned the song “*Where is love?*” and, in 1967, John Lennon wrote “*All you need is love.*” In literature, the sentiment of reciprocal love – to love and be loved – has been elaborated by many authors from the 19th century French novelist George Sand (“*There is only one happiness in this life: to love and be loved*”) to Sebastian Faulks in his 1993 war time novel ‘Birdsong’ where love transcends everything that discriminates. The notion of ‘love’ has a conceptually huge spectrum of meaning embracing unconditional devotion, romance, infatuation, salacious tabloid headlines and heart shaped emojis glibly applied to photographs, messages or digital postings. The Greeks, indeed, have no less than eight words to describe different kinds of love (*agape, eros, philia, storge, ludus, philautia, pragma* and *mania*) which begs the question “*What do you love?*”

I was recently invited back to the school where I enjoyed the last twenty five years of my career. They were working on the school’s mission – work that I had been privileged to lead on fourteen years ago. In preparing for this visit, I was so delighted to see from the school’s website that its mission still ran deep through the veins of everything that it was doing. On stepping into the building after some eleven years, I was hugely excited to see that its mission was embraced in every corridor and on every classroom wall. That mission is unashamedly fourfold: to love God, love people, love learning and love life in all its fullness. It is a personal and a communal lifelong catechism aiding everyone to love and be loved for the benefit of all in everything that they do.

What could you add? A priest might say “love of vocation”, a public sector worker might say “love of service to others”, a philanthropist “love of charity”, a barrister “love of what is right and just”. What would *you* say? While you are reflecting on that, I’ll return to music and reference that wonderful “Hymne à l’amour” written and recorded by Édith Piaf in 1950 and passionately performed most recently by Celine Dion* at the 2024 Summer Olympic opening ceremony from the Eiffel Tower, celebrating fraternity in global sport.

What the world needs now is love.

Nigel Dudley, Great Haywood

* Watch this version: search ‘*Céline Dion’s iconic Paris 2024 performance*’ or click link: [Hymne à l’amour](#)

Observations From the Kitchen Window



What a month it has been with so many contrasting events. All the headline grabbing occurrences that we were being fed ad nauseam earlier in the year have been reduced almost to footnotes in the media. For example: Ukraine, cost of living, Epstein/Mandelson/Andrew and increases in stealth and employment taxes. I cannot comment on what has been passing as news on social media because neither 'Er Indoors nor I ever use it but I guess it was probably a similar pattern.

Trying to marshal my thoughts on what to write in this month's Observations has been as difficult as I imagine it would be trying to navigate a safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz! On the one hand the main news media have been full of the blood curdling rhetoric and aggressive chest thumping from the leaders of the warring parties in the Middle East and the pontifications of editors and commentators on the effects this will all have on the cost of fuel, food and other everyday commodities. Actually, the most tangible effect of the international turmoil as far as we are concerned has been the rise in the cost of petrol which makes filling the car and mowing the lawn more costly.

And here in the UK the weather has been putting itself through its paces by giving us repetitive experiences of four seasons in one week or, on occasion, in a single day. Then a couple of nights ago we had that explosive gust of wind which stripped much of the white blossom from the trees and blew off a large section of the roof of our "band stand" summer house.

Compared with the world at large, life here in Colton goes on in its quiet way. Committees meet, tea and coffee are drunk and kids go to school. I still join up with the regular dog walkers among whom are some welcome new additions (although 'Er Indoors stays at home doing wifely things) and Hector has kept up his habit of trailing miles behind whilst he sniffs and irrigates every tuft of grass. It is really the weather which has had the most the most direct impact on life at Sheringham. Until just about three weeks ago, the heavy rain of March had not drained into next door's lake. As a result 'Er Indoors saw the collapse of three sections of her unique log wall caused by its base sinking into the waterlogged soil. She could not get her mower onto the lawn because of free water still in places on the surface. Until last week I was forbidden on safety grounds to work with the chain saw to clear a tree which had come

down across our fence from the Village Hall field caused by the gales in early March. This restriction was imposed because the boundary ditch separating our property from the Village Hall was above wellie height in liquid mud. Actually, I was quite pleased that I did not have to put on my brave face and risk the odds of slipping over whilst playing lumberjacks. However, there is a serious legacy to this event. The tree also took out our three damson trees which will scupper next year's brewing of damson gin



Having taken advantage of a recent couple of fine days we bent our backs and have now repaired most of the log wall. Phew!! And now we are getting ready for the second lawn mowing of the season. However, we have yet to carry out a massive clearance of weeds which have grown without any sort of opposition or control in the beds and vegetable patch. Nevertheless we did manage to clear enough ground to plant 8 rows of potatoes. We might yet be feeding the families of Colton with spuds as well as the normal runner beans!

I need to find out when we will once again be hosting the sheep in our which paddocks. They are looking pretty tatty. I really do not want to have to set about mowing them if they can be put to better use in fattening up the sheep. This is not helped by the badgers scratching about for worms and larvae. Hopefully everything will begin to look better when the buttercups come into flower.

Our dawn chorus has taken on a new sound. Whereas for the last few years it was largely made up of jackdaws, wood pigeons, blackbirds and robins, etc with the odd tawny owl and cacophony from our neighbour's ducks, we now have a dominant bass section as eight crows' nests have suddenly appeared in the treetops.

. When you have all this risk- free noise on the doorstep with harmless drones in the bee hives, I cannot imagine why anyone would want to be in Dubai at this time when the nocturnal drones carry a very different kind of message!

.. However, the successors to the technological triumph of the Artemis venture to the moon might herald a new location for a peaceful and restful opportunity to chill out!

Best regards from all at Sheringham

COLTON GARDEN & PRODUCE CLUB.



Our meeting in April was a select gathering of just over 20 members. It started with a short AGM – no changes in the officials or structure of the organisation. Wine was served before all joined in a jovial quiz, with a variety of titles for each round. Cheese and Biscuits were available in the interval, along with a top-up of glasses. An evening which everyone seemed to enjoy.

The meeting on Thursday, the 7th of May, will start at 7.30 pm with a mystery speaker. Why not come along and find out what it will be about? The annual subscriptions are now due, but remain at the pre-inflation busting level of £12 per person. All are welcome, so come and join us.

I hope you are all enjoying the milder weather and can see good progress in the growth of your plants, and of course, the grass. The blossom is also wonderful, and the bluebells are all showing their glorious blue heads. The only negative has been the high winds, which have bent flower heads, ripped new growth from shrubs, and showered us with debris from a variety of trees. I am not sure whether my large silver birch has got any more to shed. I suspect April will live up to its reputation and provide us with a series of heavy showers – don't leave your raincoat at home!

May is the month when everything should be bursting into life. Allium, Aquilegia, Campanula, Clematis, Ceanothus, Dogwood, Euphorbia, Bluebells, Honesty, Peonies and Wisteria should all be in full bloom, although I suspect the bluebells will be finished early as they are in full bloom now (middle of April). Much pleasure and satisfaction can come from growing your own food crops. I am growing mangetout, runner beans and French beans, carrots and some salad leaves – they all taste so much better than shop-bought products, which have probably been harvested a week or more before they appear on the shelves, and are certainly more eco-friendly with a low carbon footprint. If you only have a small garden, it is still possible to produce some items by sowing them in the flower borders. Mixing plants in this way often reduces the incidence of attacks by unwanted insects and diseases.

tomatoes, sweet peppers and chillies are also popular crops to grow. I will certainly be planting our favourite tomato plants (Sweet Aperitif) very shortly in the greenhouse as they are growing vigorously at present. It could be worth investing in a polythene tunnel or a second-hand greenhouse from a recycling website, although some varieties of Tomato will grow well outside. Protect them from any intense sunshine, like we experienced last season – you will benefit from the taste of your own grown tomatoes.



Although I have my own Raspberry plants, I have in the past had a large plot of strawberry plants, which took up rather a large section of the veggie plot. They are easy to grow, but need watering in dry spells. Other types of currants are also easy to grow, such as blackberries, gooseberries, tayberries, loganberries and various coloured currants. All these berry crops will need protecting from the bird population with netting, which should last for years if carefully stored over the winter. If you have never grown these crops

before, you may be surprised by their fresher taste, due to their short journey from plant to your plate only being a few minutes.

Be wary of May. The old saying goes, 'Cast ner a Clout before May is Out'. Late frosts can catch us out, so be sure to harden off any seedlings you have growing by placing them outside in the day and bringing them indoors at night. On the other hand, you may find that the heat intensity in the Greenhouse will require shading to prevent plants from scorching, wilting, and drying out very quickly. I will be resorting to my own system of an old duvet cover over the top, tied at one side and weighted on the other side. Beware of any strong winds causing the weighted side to flap around and cause damage to the glass! This does allow me to roll it back if the weather turns wet or dull.

There is some clearing up to be done from the early spring bulbs and shrubs. Remove faded spring bedding and bulb flower heads, such as wallflowers and forget-me-nots and prune shrubs such as Forsythia, Choisya, and Japanese quince, after they have finished flowering. Remove one in three of the oldest stems and shorten those that remain to a healthy bud. Remove any dead wood you find. This will give the shrubs time to grow new flowering stems for next year's spring display. Don't forget to harvest the rhubarb regularly and water the plant with a liquid fertiliser to encourage fresh growth.

As well as the plants you set, the weeds will be trying their best to take over the area, so you will need to be ready to use the hand fork regularly to repel the invaders and cast them into the garden bin or compost heap. We may all benefit from the new legislation our illustrious government is introducing to separate the food kitchen waste from other household waste. Perhaps our new resolution should be to start our own scrap food compost heap, although I am not sure what we can do with the chicken bones!!

On that note, it is time for me to say cheerio once again.

KEEP SMILING – HAPPY GARDENING. It would be great to see you at the meeting on May 7th.

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What a treat we had at the WI meeting on 8 April. Andrew French was our speaker, and it was a nostalgic evening recalling the talent and music of the 1960's with an emphasis on the Beatles. Who knew the Beatles started life as a two man skiffle group known as the Quarry Men and played the majority of their early career in Hamburg with the various titles of the Nerk Twins, Long John Silver and the Silver Beetles. As with most things in life, it was fate "acquiring" George and Ringo, and the success of the Beatles (apart from their talent) was being managed by Brian Epstein with George Martin the brains behind the scenes. How embarrassed would anyone be to turn down the Beatles when they requested to be signed up by Decca – well that happened to Dick Rowe and as a result Parlophone records signed up the Beatles. That was a mistake Dick Rowe has probably never been allowed to forget!

Polly won the competition which was an item from the 1960s with a record on which there were several artists from that era.



We were pleased that several members of Kingstone WI had been able to accept our invitation to attend the meeting, all of whom departed with thanks for a great welcome from our members and a very enjoyable talk, as well as the delicious home made cakes and nibbles that had been provided.

Our Programme for the coming year is now complete and copies of the Programme were available. As always, the Committee has done its best to provide a variety of speakers and events, the first event being a behind the scenes visit to Oak Tree Farm at Hilderstone on 7 May.

The banner on Pedleys Croft marking International Womens Day has been removed but there will soon be a reminder that it is St George's Day on 23 April.

Our next meeting is on 13 May when we have Joane Massey who will be entertaining us with vintage clothes. Members of several local WI's have been invited so it promises to be a "full house" with the competition being a vintage jewel. If any of you ladies are tempted to come along, then, as always, you will be made welcome.



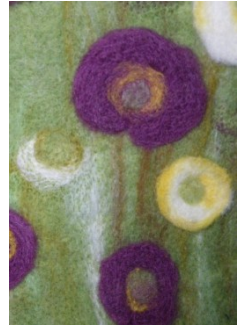
Colton Crafters

At the Village Hall, Colton
1-3pm alternate Mondays



2026 calendar

9 & 23 March
6 & 20 April
4 & 18 May
1, 15 & 29 June
13 & 27 July
10 & 24 August
7 & 21
September
5 & 19 October
2, 16 & 30
November
14 December



All welcome
An opportunity to
meet with
fellow crafters
and enjoy crafting
in an informal
group

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Friendship Club: March Report



Twenty two members attended the Friendship Club's March meeting and, in a change to our scheduled speaker, Karl Smith attended, with his talk entitled 'Collecting revisited.'

Karl collects many things, including china memorabilia and Christmas decorations – this talk focussed mainly on a small amount of his china collectibles, all of which had to be retrieved from the back of his cabinet, following some redecoration work at his home.

Karl's first collectible piece (a Wedgewood item) was purchased from Marshall & Snelgrove in Birmingham and this initial purchase began a lifetime of collecting. Amongst the items on show, there was a Royal Worcester Siamese cat, a Henry Sandon teapot and a set of Royal Doulton characters depicting evacuee's.

There was a significant collection of Royal related china (Karl, like his mother before him, is an ardent royalist) including a Plate and mug both with the inscription 'The three graces - Queen Elizabeth II, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret.' Other items commemorating more recent events were a mug with Queen Elizabeth II and Paddington Bear walking away into the distance and another mug commemorating the Coronation of King Charles III. We were also shown a set of (unopened) racing Royals!

As previously mentioned, another of Karl's passions are Christmas decorations (to quote Karl "Christmas decorations send me funny!") and his grandmother had bought him (when he was a small boy) a small choir boy Christmas tree decoration. They were sold in sets of six but, of course, Karl only had one. He scoured antique fairs and found four more, so he is now only one short to complete a set!

Karl was thanked for coming at short notice and giving an interesting talk.

Members were reminded that the next meeting on Wednesday 15th April was our annual buffet lunch, to be held at the later time of midday - £5 payment required in advance, please.

The Wednesday 20th May meeting will be the start of our new programme year and subscriptions will be due. Subscriptions will remain the same, at £8. The speaker will be Karen Foster, talking about 'The Dark Side of the Theatre.'

We would love to see you if you would like to try us out!

Karen Hill
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Colton History Society. March Meeting . “Mrs. Fitzherbert”.

The talk was given by Steve Geale who, because the talk was about events in the 18th century, came dressed in the style of a fashionable wealthy gentleman of that time.

Mrs. Fitzherebert’s interesting life took place in the English royal court initially in the time of George 111. George 111 suffered from bouts of what people called then “madness” but now we would probably recognize that he was suffering from bipolar disorder. It meant however that when he was experiencing an episode, he was incapable of ruling effectively. His eldest son George who was born in 1762 became Prince Regent in 1811 and controlled the government during his father’s prolonged periods of illness. He was known for his charm and style and set the trends of fashion for what became known as the Regency period. He was also criticized for his excessive gambling, drinking and scandalous love life which did not make him popular with the public.

Mary Ann Smythe was born to a Catholic family living at the time at Tong Castle near Shiffnall. When she was still young her father inherited Brainbridge House near Winchester. This inheritance moved the status of the family upwards in society. Mary was the eldest of their 8 children. As a young girl the family visited Paris where they were presented to Louis 1V which again enhanced their status. The family were strong Catholics although at that time they could not practice their faith openly in England. In order to give Mary a good catholic education she stayed on in Paris so that she could attend a convent school. There she received a good all round education which prepared her for her entry to high society when she returned to England. At the age of 18 she married Edward Weld who was 32 and very rich. He owned vast amounts of land and estates around the country, a small one of which was Pipe Ridware. He died after a riding accident. As he had not signed his will Mary inherited nothing. She soon had to leave the castle where she had lived because her brother in law inherited his brother’s fortune. At 21 she married again this time to Thomas Fitzherbert who was 29 and they lived at Swinnerton Hall near Stone. They had one son who died and after that she had no more children. In 1780 she changed her name to Maria Anne and In 1781 she was widowed again.

Thomas left her a yearly annuity of £1000, a considerable sum in those days, and also a town house in London where she went to live. At the age of 27 she was introduced to George the then Prince of Wales when he was 21. They became infatuated with each other and in 1785 they secretly married although this was not legally valid because of her Catholicism. They could not live in a royal residence so she lived in a house in Brighton where soon George, who would become George 1V when his father died, would build the famous pavilion. By now she had a few houses in London but preferred Brighton as it was becoming popular with high society as a place to enjoy the water.

She and George had long periods of separation whilst he spent his time womanizing, gambling and living an expensive high life. They were obliged to separate when George was forced by his father to marry Caroline of Brunswick in 1795 which turned out to be a disaster and he tried to divorce her when he succeeded to the throne but this attempt failed.

George eventually became King in 1821. One of the important acts of his reign was the Catholic Relief Act in 1829 when Catholics were once again able to practice their faith openly. During his lifetime as well as his secret illegal marriage to Maria he had 12 affairs that we know of that produced children. His profligate life led him to be hugely obese and the scandal that always surrounded him gave rise to lots of caricatures in the press about him and his associates.

In 1830 George 1V died and he was buried in the Chapel at Windsor Castle with an 'eye miniature' of Maria around his neck. He left her a pension. She died in Brighton in 1834 aged 80. She was remembered for being kind to people in Brighton and many came to watch her funeral procession. She was buried in a Catholic church that she had paid for to have built in Brighton. After her death the Pope subsequently declared their marriage valid. A film was made about her colourful life in 1947.

There will be a change of speaker to the programme for our May meeting. The talk on the 27th. May at 2.30pm will now be given by Michael Priest. The talk is The Wolseley family of Wolseley Hall.

I have also been asked to advertise a 10 week course entitled " Vikings in the Midlands", delivered by Charlotte Ball who has been our guest speaker on a number of occasions. The course is to be held at Cruck House Lichfield starting May 8th. Tickets available at:-

<https://www.ticketsource.com/lemonandgreyheritage>

SUMMARY OF COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL (Full minutes will be available at www.coltonpc.org.uk after approval at the May meeting)

1. Parish Assembly meeting/Public Participation session - No questions or issues were raised on the evening and none had been received by councillors or by email or via the Colton Residents group on Facebook.

2. Attendance – County Councillor Janet Higgins had given apologies due to a personal commitment but said that she would continue to pursue the various highways issue and would attend the May meeting.

3. Payments approved for April – Included work tidying and clearing vegetation at the side of High St and at War Memorial. This was discussed as, although improved, they are still somewhat green with moss. It was questioned whether it is worth repeating in future and also whether pressure washing at the War Memorial might be possible and more effective.

4. Planning Matters – No issues raised by councillors for erection of an industrial building at Rydal Estate, Colton Rd nor for an application for conversion and extension of a stable block off Jonghams Lane to create a dwelling. However, the latter had been refused by LDC and an appeal had recently been lodged.

5. Highways, Footpaths and Open Spaces

- a) Flooding - SCC confirmed they had been out to Hollow Lane on 16th March, but could not find the puncture in the pipe, although it had been seen on camera previously. The outlet pipe had however been cleared previously, which should remove the danger of serious flooding. Garren Edwards reported that Sonja from the FAIR team had met the owner of one of the fields near the culvert and brook and he was in the process of clearing out ditches on his land. Sonja was also going to try to contact another landowner to see if further work could be done on an adjacent field.
- b) State of roads – County Cllr Janet Higgins had previously reported that Highways were to attend to carry out temporary repairs on Stoneyford Lane. This was done but the road is still badly in need of more work and permanent repairs.
- c) Speeding - County Cllrs had been looking into ownership and whether the car park at the reservoir could be closed. But it had been pointed out that it cannot be closed as it is an access road. Speed monitoring on B5013 is due to be carried out by Highways but no firm dates have been received yet.

6. Correspondence

- a) Newlands Lane - Road closure notice received covering top of High St to B5014 Lichfield Road for 1 day but no more than 5 days from 11 May for highway repairs. Whilst these repairs have been pursued by residents along that section, other parishioners were more affected by the poor state of the section from the top of High St to Stockwell Heath. There is a 1-foot-deep chasm on the right-hand side where water runs down. **Clerk** to contact Highways and Janet Higgins to point out that this section urgently needs repairing too.
- b) Staffs Search and Rescue – Request for a donation towards purchase of a drone to enable wider area searching had been received and, after discussion, PC agreed to donate £50.

7. Burial Ground Committee – PC approved request for £500 to ensure sufficient funds to cover ongoing maintenance.

8. Maintenance of Village Hall flower beds - PC agreed to reimburse VHM for £330 incurred for gardener's work last year. For the new financial year, PC set a budget of £360 for 6 months' work, to be reviewed at the end of September.

9. Colton Festival – No festival to be held this year but a date of Saturday 26th June 2027 had been fixed, with the last festival's band secured for that date.

10. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6th May at 7pm, including Annual Meeting

No meeting to be held in early June due to lack of quorum but a short agenda meeting would be held on Wednesday 24th June to approve the annual return and accounts and any essential payments.



Please note that this years Summer Festival is having a little Holiday

The good news is that its back next year with even more packed into the day. More bands in the evening, more events in the day and plenty to eat and drink all day and night long.

So *Save the Day* - Sat 26th June 2027 in next years diary

If want to get involved, then please get in touch with us.

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Next meeting is 6:30pm June 25th @ Greyhound

COLTON COMMUNITY CHOIR PRESENTS

• A NIGHT AT THE •
MUSICALS

Saturday 16TH May at 7:30pm

at St Mary's Church, Colton

An unforgettable evening celebrating the magic of musical theatre! From timeless classics to modern favourites, enjoy a wonderful showcase of songs that will have you humming along and tapping your feet.



Refreshments available

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Miscellaneous Numbers		
Age Concern Advice Line	0800 678 1602	https://www.ageuk.org.uk/
Childline	0800 1111	https://www.childline.org.uk/
Citizen advice - Lichfield	0808 278 7977	https://www.casestaffs.org.uk/
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	https://crimestoppers-uk.org/
Cruise Bereavement Line	0808 808 1677	https://www.cruse.org.uk/
Deer casualty Line	101	https://www.deeraware.com/report-incident/
Domestic Violence	0808 2000 247	https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/
Drug/Alcohol Information line	0300 123 1110	https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Health-wellbeing-and-leisure/Keeping-well-and-staying-healthy/
Electrical Power Loss	105	National Grid ED (West)
Gas escape	0800 111 999	
Highway repair Hotline	0300 111 8000	https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/
NHS Direct	111	https://www.nhs.uk/
Neighbourhood Watch	Back Page	https://www.staffordshiresmartalert.co.uk/
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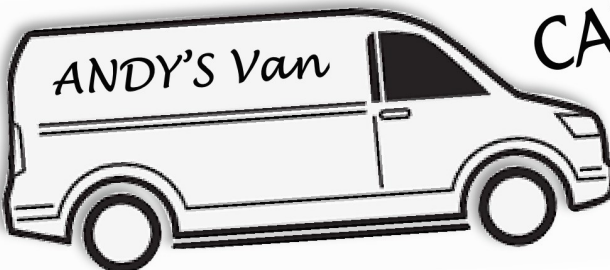
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