

Milton Malsor News
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Spring 2020

Thank goodness Spring is on the way and we can look forward to longer days.

PARISH COUNCIL

Shaun Hope retired from Parish Council duties last year and I would like to thank him for the many years' service he has given to the village. I would also like to welcome our new Parish Councillor Kevin Flynn who lives in Lower Road, he has lived in the village for around 20 years.



VILLAGE PARK

The raised mound and tunnel is showing signs of wear and is due to be repaired shortly. However, there are concerns about the seesaw, this is very disappointing as it was repaired and new parts fitted late last year. The Park is inspected monthly by Parish Councillors and a log is kept of any issues found.

RAIL FREIGHT UPDATE

There is very little to report at present, we await the first signs of the start of construction!

The Roxhill (Northampton Gateway Junction 15) Community Fund of £300,000.00 will be administered by SNC. When the first warehouse on site is occupied the fund will be open to bids for projects by the villages of Blisworth, Collingtree, Milton Malsor and Roade

The Roxhill Action Group has disbanded and monies remaining in their fund have been donated to the Stop Rail Central Action Group (SRC). The Parish Council understands that Ashfield Land (Rail Central) plan to resubmit their proposals this year.

STREET LIGHTING – The Parish Council are delighted that at long last the new replacement light in Church Close has been connected to the mains electricity supply by Western Power.

PARKING – The Parish Council would like to remind all residents and their visitors not to park on the pavements, it makes it very difficult for people with mobility scooters and mothers with young children and pushchairs to pass by. They need to use the highway in order to get around the vehicle obstructing the footpath.

The Parish Council is aware that there are issues in Green Street for pedestrians and residents. Village roads were not constructed to cope with the amount of traffic which now uses them. Please be considerate.

CHAIRMAN STEPPING DOWN – At the May elections I am stepping down as Chairman, I have served in this position now for 8 years and would like to thank everyone who has helped over this time. I am not retiring from the Parish Council and hope that I can still contribute to keeping Milton Malsor a pleasant place to live.

Janet Winchester

Local Elections Thursday, 7th May 2020

Parish Council

**Milton Malsor Parish Council consists of 9 members.
Anyone living in the Parish or within 3 miles of the Parish
boundary may apply.**

**Should there be only 9 applications then no election will take
place.**

**If there are fewer than 9 applications, the process of co-
option will take place without an election being required.**

Application may be made to the Parish Clerk:

Mrs A Addison,

The Paddocks, Baker Street, Gayton NN7 3EZ

01604 858226 / ann.addison97@gmail.com

**All applications to become a Parish Councillor MUST be with SNC no
later than 4.00 pm on the**

8th April. Please remember that one-minute past 4.00 pm will not do.

It is better

to get your application in well before the 8th April.

New Unitary Council

Blisworth Division - Voting for up to 3 candidates

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

Voting for this position is for a four-year term of Office

**Ballot Papers for all of these elections will be issued on the
day at the Polling Station.**



Milton Malsor & Collingtree WI

Our summer outing this year is to Chatsworth House, Derbyshire on Saturday 11th July. The cost is £30 per person to include coach fare and admission to the house and grounds. There are a few places left; this is



open to everyone, please call: 859133 or 764433 if you would like to book a seat/s.

We have a variety of topics covered in our 2020 programme and in January a talk by a representative of the Leprosy Mission was enlightening. 'Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed' exploded the myth that Leprosy no longer exists.

In February, Alexis Prince Donoghue introduced us to 'Pilates for all'. The members participated under Alexis' guidance and it was a most enjoyable evening with the benefits of Pilates appreciated by everyone.

The March to May meetings will cover 'From Ration to Fashion', Climate Change and the choices for the latest WI Resolutions campaign.

Visitors will receive a warm welcome at our meetings which take place in the Village Hall on the second Thursday of every month excepting August.

News from the FOMS



On Thursday 5th December the Children enjoyed another great pantomime performance from The Looking Glass Theatre. The performance was Dick Whittington – all the Children and Staff thoroughly enjoyed the show. We are in the process of booking them again for this year - Cinderella! This is one of the FOMS favourite events and they are happy to fund this for the children.



A big **THANK YOU** to all that attended our Christmas Market on Friday 6th December. We raised almost £1,300 for the school, to go towards school equipment and class trips. We are currently looking at doing something slightly different for this Christmas.

Another big **THANK YOU** also goes to Joe and his team at T&L Marquee Hire for the use of their marquee again this year at our Christmas Market. We very much appreciate this very kind donation. Also to Cineworld Northampton for their kind donation of popcorn for our film night for children on 11th February.

The FOMS team are now busy planning lots more events over the next few months – Mother's Day crafts, an Easter Egg Hunt and a possible Masquerade Ball!!



Milton Football Club



On Wednesday 12th February Milton FC beat local rivals Blisworth in Gorell Barnes Cup. It was 2-2 after full time with Milton going on to win 5-4 on penalties. Milton now progress into the next round against Duston Dynamo. Date and venue to be announced.

Milton are currently sitting 9th in the Northants Combination League One. The next home game is at the end of February, where they host Northampton Spartak. During March all games are an away fixture.

Please follow us on www.facebook.com/Milton-Football-Club for all our fixtures, results and match reports.

If you are interested in playing for Milton Football Club, or would like to hire the football club for a function **please contact Len Mackintosh on 01604 858145.**



“The Winston Churchill Memorial Oak”

During a recent walk around the village our editor, looking for inspiration for the next copy of the *Newsletter* was fortunate enough to come across fellow villager Ken Johnson who was also out and about for his daily stroll. Ken very quickly said....“*don’t forget the Churchill Oak*” and following a very brief history lesson he quickly directed the editor to the Churchyard to the site of the magnificent tree.



The story goes that the tree was originally offered to the village but no suitable spot could be found in the knowledge that it would grow to a very large size.

The Church stepped in and said they would have it, and the rest as they say is history!



The inscription on the plaque by the tree reads “*This memorial oak tree was planted on Sir Winston Churchill’s birthday in 1966 a year after his death. It was*

grown from an acorn planted at Blenheim Palace and presented to the village by “The Men of the Trees””

Have you seen a Red Kite?



These magnificently graceful birds of prey have recently been seen gliding over the village, they are unmistakable with their reddish-brown bodies, angled wings and deeply forked tails.

At one time just confined to Wales as a result of persecution the Kite was saved from national extinction by one of the world's longest running protection programmes.

It has now been successfully re-introduced to many parts of England especially the Chilterns, the kites are now migrating northwards as sightings over the village show. The re-introduction scheme has brought kites back to England, Scotland, Central Wales and Northern Ireland.

During the middle ages the red kite was a valued scavenger that helped keep streets clean and was protected by a Royal decree as they eat mainly carrion and worms. However, over the centuries they, in common with many other birds of prey, were relentlessly persecuted as vermin.



The Red kites future as a British breeding species is now much brighter with numbers rising over a 1,000% from 1995 to 2014, they are listed under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

They are a great spectacle, no doubt local twitchers will have already spotted them!

What's On.....

Diary dates Spring 2020

March

- 4th Crafty Yarns – Raynsford House, 2-4pm free inc tea/coffee
- 6th Film Club – Village Hall doors open 19.00 – ‘The Post’
- 7th Holy Cross Church – Coffee Morning, 10am to midday
- 10th Parish Council meeting, Raynsford House 7.30pm
- 12th WI – Village Hall 7.30pm ‘From Ration to Fashion’ Patricia Heed
- 18th Crafty Yarns – Raynsford House, 2-4pm free inc tea/coffee
- 19th Historical Society, Raynsford House 7.30pm ‘Northamptonshire Murders & Mysteries’
- 20th The Annual Scout ‘Quiz & Chips’ Night, Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm:
Selena Smith 769439

April

- 1st Crafty Yarns – Raynsford House, 2-4pm free inc tea/coffee
- 3rd Film Club – Village Hall, doors open 19.00, ‘Fisherman’s Friend’
- 4th Holy Cross Church – Coffee Morning 10am – midday.
- 9th WI – Village Hall, 7.30pm, ‘Climate Change’, Kate Mawer
- 14th Annual Parish Meeting 7.15 followed by the Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
Raynsford House, 7.30pm
- 15th Crafty Yarns – Raynsford House, 2-4pm free inc tea/coffee

May

- 1st Film Club – Village Hall doors open 19.00 – ‘Apollo 11’
- 2nd Holy Cross Church – Coffee Morning 10am – midday.
- 6th Crafty Yarns – Raynsford House, 2-4pm free inc tea/coffee
- 14th WI - Village Hall - 7.30pm, Resolutions & Social Time
- 20th Crafty Yarns – Raynsford House, 2-4pm free inc tea/coffee
- 20th Parish Council AGM, Raynsford House - 7.30pm
(change from usual schedule due to local Council Elections)
- 21st Historical Society, Raynsford House 7.30pm, ‘All at Sea’

Village Groups

Art Group: Wednesday, Village Hall, 1.30-3.30pm in term time. The group is self help, with regular visiting artist demos and workshops. Contact Marion 859109 or Anne Manson 858326 (eMail: stuart.manson@btopenworld.com)

Badminton: Tuesday, Village Hall 7.15- 8.15pm. If you enjoy badminton or would like to learn and are over 16 years old, please come along

Beavers: Wednesday, Village Hall, 5.30- 6.30pm in term time (age 6-8). Contact Mike Ladd 705910 (eMail: m.ladd187@btinternet.com)

Brownies: Monday, Village Hall 6.00-7.30pm in term time (age 7-10½) Contact Christine Ladd (Brown Owl) 705910 (eMail: christine.ladd@btinternet.com)

Cubs: Wednesday, Village Hall, 6.30-7.45pm in term time (age 8-10½) Contact Mike Ladd 705910 (eMail: .ladd187@btinternet.com)

Film Club: Meets every month from September to May. A new film is shown on the first Friday of every month – see www.miltonmalsor.info or telephone 01604 858418 for further details

Historical Society: Meets bi monthly recommencing January at 7.30pm at Raynsford House. Contact Malcolm Deacon 858363

Milton Tots: Friday, Village Hall, 9.15-11.00am in term time. Newborn to preschool children with parents/grandparents/carers. Contact Pat Parker 859219

Milton FC: Has one adult team. For membership and club hire details contact Len Mackintosh 01604 858145

Milton Parochial Primary School: Mrs Rebecca Osborne - Executive Head Teacher 858816 eMail: office@milton.northants.sch.uk

Scouts Wednesday, Village Hall, 7.45-9.15pm in term time. Contact Mike Ladd 705910 (eMail: m.ladd187@btinternet.com)

Short Mat Bowls Village Hall, Mondays and Thursdays (except 2nd Thursdays other than August) 7.30-9.30pm. Contact: Geoff Mellors 858588 (37 High Street.)

WI: Contact Sheila Charlton 859133. Meet 2nd Thursday each month except August, Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm. Please see the Village Diary for meetings. Visitors are always very welcome

Crafty Yarns: Raynsford House, Usually every 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 2.00pm – Please consult Diary Page. All are welcome. Contact Pam McManus on 07544 618660 or pam.mcmanus42@gmail.com

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Chris Eads	Newsletter Editor	

Other useful contacts

Ann Addison	South Northants District Councillor	858226
Karen Cooper	South Northants District Councillor	859684
Adam Brown	Northants County Councillor	07714 255077
Chris Heaton-Harris	MP (Daventry)	0207 219 7048
Parish Council website: www.miltonmalsorparishcouncil.org.uk		
Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/MiltonMalsorVillage		
If you're not already a member, ask to join		

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