

Milton Malsor News

Autumn 2022





HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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A week last Thursday, 8th September I had been in the midst of compiling this newsletter when the sad news came through from Balmoral Castle that our Queen had passed away.

We will I'm sure all have our very own personal thoughts and memories of the Queen at this time, mine simply being that she has always been there as a steadfast reassuring presence during my lifetime, a period of some 70 years which has seen enormous changes and challenges in our lives.

I believe we all became rather concerned when there were signs of her health deteriorating and hoping and praying she would recover. I recall earlier this year the Windsor Horse Show being televised amidst these concerns, but there she was looking quite well and clearly enjoying her evening out watching her beloved horses. I remember thinking at the time with some relief "that's good to see, she's ok!"

I am sure we all have our own favourite memories of her, some may have even been lucky enough to have met or seen her at close quarters, rather than through the usual tv and newspaper coverage.

Many of us in Milton Malsor enjoyed the celebrations in June of this year for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was originally intended to include photographs and accounts of the events in this newsletter, but it is now thought to be inappropriate during the period of mourning. However we may well include them in the Christmas edition as a celebration of her life, as well as remembering those happy few days in June.

Some will have seen the Union Flag at the village hall flying at half-mast showing the villages respect for our very special Queen.

Rest In Peace Your Majesty.

*CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT
Autumn 2022*

Well, what a Summer we've had with consistent warm weather the likes we've not seen since 1976. I don't remember that myself but as I'm not built for a hot climate, I'm certainly glad that temperatures are now cooling. So is my garden....and Reggie my dog where we've had to take early morning or late-night walks. Hello to the fellow dog walkers we've met on our travels including new faces furry and otherwise to the village.

Planning

Over the Summer we've seen increased activity regarding the SEGRO site most of which is down to road construction which has caused issues with traffic along with the continued construction of the safe motorway at J15/15a.

In my last Report I included information regarding the attempted change of the Development Consent Order by SEGRO so that effectively there would be no need to have the Railway line open and in operation before warehousing could be sold.

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Let us remind ourselves that when SEGRO (then Roxhill) had their application rejected by local government they stated that as their application was aligned with the Government's wish to reduce the amount of freight on the road network therefore it was of Strategic National Importance.

Now SEGRO wants to change the nature of their application so that warehousing can be built that are highly automated and require little in the way of jobs and to be occupied by business' that do not need to use a rail

freight terminal. SEGRO call this new application to allow businesses to occupy a Rail Freight industrial space that won't use Rail Freight a non-material change.

Your Parish Council along with others are determined to be heard and for the ridiculousness of this situation to be shown for what it is and always was, a chance to build warehousing and use the law to bypass common sense.

Paul Heath, the Councillor with the job of responding to this application, has been extremely busy reading the many endless tranches of paperwork and attending online meeting, has prepared a very detailed objection to the amendment requested and once finalised and submitted a copy will be added to our FaceBook page for your reviews, plus pages 9 and 10 here

The Motorcross Park:

Regrettably it seems that this land along with the land adjacent to it, is up for sale.

Your Parish Council is keeping a close eye on this transaction so that we're forearmed for any application to try to build on this presently protected piece of land.

Community:

I re-read my first Chairman's Report from the Summer of last year the other day and reminded myself why it was that my family and I chose to move here. It was because we wanted to be part of a community and we especially wanted our boys to grow up in that environment where they had help and support all around them and they would learn that the community would hold them accountable for their actions.

To be part of a community such as ours is to contribute to it for the betterment of everyone within it. This is not some new liberal ideal but rather one that I believe is fundamentally part of who we are or at least, who we want to be.

Not everyone can contribute the same time to our community as others due to family, employment or physical constraints and it's certainly true that many won't get the recognition they deserve.

It's the little things that we do or can do to keep our village a nice place to live, picking up the odd piece of litter, cleaning up after our dogs, not blocking the road or pavement with inconsiderate parking, checking on your neighbours or weeding that patch of grass the other side of your hedge that isn't yours.

We are going through post-pandemic, post-Brexit financial hardship and people are suffering whether you are aware of it or not. Individuals, families, communities, and Councils are struggling to make ends meet and we're not near the zenith of this yet. If you can help your community, do it, step up, yes it could be someone's else's job and yes you pay your taxes, but times are hard across the board and essential services are being cut as the cost of everything skyrockets.

To butcher an oft used and abused John F. Kennedy phrase "Ask not what your community can do for you, but what you can do for your community". Many of us who chose to come to Milton Malsor came with the idea of a community but to make a community work we must work at it.

As ever, it would be great to hear from you if you have any ideas that you think could add value to Milton or if you see anything that needs attention. You can attend our monthly meetings or if you would prefer, you can ask any one of your Parish Councillors to bring your ideas or concerns to the fore. Though we meet once a month work continues via email or in certain circumstances by ZOOM where we can discuss what we can do to help.

Dog Fouling:

Thank you to everyone for your patience as we'd run into problems having our dog poo pins emptied but I believe the problem was short-lived and is

now solved going forward. As ever, please let us know if you notice any problems.

On my walks, I have noticed an increase in poo bags just being left for someone else to pick up. This isn't really on and let's face it you've done the hard work and there are plenty of bins about! On those rare occasions that your nearest one is full, take it to another or take it home.

Village Park:

We continue to make monthly checks to make sure that the play equipment, fencing, and greenery is in good working order, and we hope the space will be enjoyed over the summer period. If you do notice anything broken, please let us know as soon as possible.

Medicine Collection contacts:

Nicola James – 07989 307670, Katie Marshall – 07792 842358
Jacqui Jones – 07728 027507.

Simon Jones
Chairman

Milton and Collingtree WI

Our meetings, held in the Village Hall, started again on 8th September when Neil Lyon gave a talk on the late Joan Wake, a local Historian who led a successful campaign to save Delapre Abbey.

October 13th is the Annual Meeting when the business of electing Officers and a President takes place. Following the formal part of the evening we will be getting creative and enjoying some welcome social time!

On 10th November we are looking forward to a demonstration of 'Gold Embroidery' by Gill Franklin. Gill is very skilled at this special and expensive craft so it promises to be an evening with a difference.

As always, visitors are most welcome, there is a small charge of £4 which includes tea and coffee and biscuits.

We welcome new members too, give me a call if you would like more information.

Brenda Jenks. Tel.01604 858866



News from The Friends of Milton School

We enjoyed a lovely Summer fete on Friday 8th July, it was smaller than it would normally be and we wanted to try something different with holding it straight after school on the Friday afternoon - it worked really well. The weather was lovely and the event was well supported. We managed to raise a great sum of £927.66. Thank you to all those that bought raffle tickets, bid on the Golf Auction, your support is greatly appreciated.

This money will be going towards the outside learning area we are currently planning for the bottom of the field. This is a big project for the FOMS team and we are looking for any help and support with this. If you know of any companies or people that can help us with building a wooden structure, ideally about 5msq please email us at:

thefriendsofmiltonschool@gmail.com

A few of our officers are stepping down this year, after a number of years in office, if anyone is interested in joining the FOMS team you would be very welcome.



MILTON MALSOR VILLAGE HALL



We are glad to say we are fully open after COVID 19, and due to the removal of all Covid related restrictions, have now increased the capacity of the hall to 90 people.

HEALTH & SAFETY - Milton Malsor Village Hall is a non-smoking site, and as such we have removed the cigarette bin from the entrance porch as this is a public space and smoking/vaping is strictly forbidden in and around the porch area.

YOUR VILLAGE HALL - Are you interested in organising a Quiz Night? Do you need a new venue for your chess club? Are you celebrating a big birthday and haven't got room at home? Have you considered your Village Hall? We have capacity for 90 people, a fully serviceable kitchen, toilets, wifi, an outdoor patio area and easy parking. If you'd like a tour of the hall, please contact the Chairman, Julie Tite on 07854 366803 or email juliet.mmvh@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW you can now book directly on our website:
<https://miltonmalsor.info> or enquire via email enquiries@miltonmalsor.info

If you would like to get more involved in the running of the village hall, why not come along to one of our meetings and see what we do. Contact Julie Tite on the number above, or email.

Parish Council Notices

Vacancy for a new Councillor

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a new Councillor. If you feel you would like to contribute to supporting the local Parish in this important role, please contact Ann Addison the Parish Clerk for more information:

ann.addison97@gmail.com 01604 858226

Vacancy for delivery of the Milton Malsor Newsletter to residents in High Street

The Parish Council would like to thank David Green for delivering the Parish Newsletter to High Street residents for so many years. David has now retired and there is a vacancy for the delivery of 43 quarterly newsletters to homes in the High Street. Residents do not always notice It may also involve delivery of other leaflets, when the occasion arises. If you are interested please contact Janet Winchester or Brenda Jenks, their contact numbers can be found on the back of this publication.

Parking in the village

Please can we ask that you, your visitors and any trades persons attending your property park sensibly and safely within the village. There have been a number of cars and vans parked in such a way making it impossible for pedestrians to walk by, forcing them into the road. While it is not illegal to park on a pavement, it is illegal to cause an obstruction to a pedestrian. There needs to be room for a pushchair or wheelchair to pass.

Shrubs and trees etc overhanging the village footpaths and roads.

There are a multitude of regulations on this subject and often residents do not always notice how quickly their trees and shrubs are growing, particularly adjacent to footpaths and roads. Rather than going into all the rules and regs here, a quick check is all that is probably needed plus a bit of pruning here and there.

Update on Major Planning Issues

SEGRO Northampton Gateway – The Parish Council has submitted its detailed objections to the proposal to allow warehouses to be operational before the rail link is complete. The Planning Inspectorate, the Secretary of State, and local MPs have all received our submission. Residents wishing to object to this should email:

NorthamptonGateway@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
quoting **TR050006**

or post to:

National Infrastructure, The Planning Inspectorate
Temple Quay House, 2 The Square
Bristol BS1 6PN

Please note the deadline for receipt of representations is :

11:59pm on Monday 26 September 2022

Additionally, it would help if objections were also sent to :

Secretary of State for Transport

Great Minster House 33 Horseferry Road

London SW1P 4DR

annemarie.trevelyan.mp@parliament.uk

And our MP: Chris Heaton-Harris MP House of Commons

London SW1 0AA

chris.heatonharris.mp@parliament.uk

Harworth Group Junction 15 – This is a proposal for 1.64 million sq.ft. Of warehousing situated on the A508 opposite the 5.0 million sq.ft. SEGRO site, and bordering the M1. Clearly any modifications made to the road network by SEGRO would be rendered inadequate if the Harworth site was approved, and the current concerns about traffic through local villages would be amplified. We are awaiting a formal application before registering any objections.

Kalvec, Northampton Road – The redevelopment of the old abattoir and nursery site near Blisworth was not unexpected, but the inclusion of a large warehouse with 12 loading bays for HGVs is disturbing. Kalvec say there will be 16 HGV movements per hour at the site, traffic which will have to access the A43 and A45 through Blisworth or Milton Malsor. Large 16m HGV traffic is entirely unsuitable for the local road network , is very unwelcome and could prove dangerous. The Parish Council has objected to the large warehouse and we are awaiting WNC's decision.

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)

Beavers: Wednesday, Village Hall, 5.30- 6.30pm in term time (age 6-8). Contact Group Scout Leader Carol Fraser 01604 862717 (email: GSL.1CMM@gmail.com)

Brownies: Monday, Village Hall 6.00-7.15 pm in term time (age 7-10) Contact Christine Ladd (Brown Owl) 705910 (email: christine.ladd@btinternet.com)

Crafty Yarns : We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 2.00 at Raynsford House. Contact Tom McManus on 07845 962708

Cubs: Wednesday, Village Hall, 6.30-7.45pm in term time (age 8-10½) Contact Group Scout Leader Carol Fraser 01604 862717 (email: GSL.1CMM@gmail.com)

Milton FC: Has two adult teams. 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 Carol Fraser Group Scout Leader 01604 862717 (email: GSL.1CMM@gmail.com)

Short Mat Bowls Village Hall Telephone Pauline Mellors 01604 858588

WI: Contact Brenda Jenks 01604 858866

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Other useful contacts

Ann Addison	West Northamptonshire District Councillor	01604 858226
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Adam Brown	West Northamptonshire County Councillor	07714 255077
Chris Heaton-Harris	MP (Daventry)	0207219 7048
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Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/MiltonMalsorVillage
(If you're not already a member, ask to join)

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