



Milton Malsor News
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *Autumn 2023*



As I write this it has been a disappointing summer with rain for the gardens and not enough sun. For the second year running the world has been severely affected by the impact of record global warming weather extremes so perhaps we should not tempt fate.

With warmer weather we often leave our windows open so please be careful to make sure you're protected from opportunists with those light fingers. With that in mind I need to confirm that Milton Malsor is no longer part of the Neighbourhood watch scheme. It was felt that membership didn't provide any particular value.

Your Parish Council does not meet in August and, in general, there is little beyond the day-to-day work that we do to let you know about. I would recommend a quick review of our approved minutes that are posted on our website and the noticeboard so that you can continue to be informed of the decisions we take on your behalf. As ever, if there is something that you think we should know about, please do contact us directly or via our Clerk.

Village Park:

As you know we carry out checks every month and we have noted some things that need some attention that we will address shortly. We have laid some new rubber pellets under the equipment for protection, and we will need to order some more to complete this. Some work will need to be completed once after the Autumn when visits naturally drop off due to the change in weather.

We had the results of a Safety Inspection Report that was carried out by ROSPA at the end of June this year. The park received a clean bill of health with some recommendations for changes/upgrades that would be needed at some point in the future and broadly these are in line with what we were aware of in any event.

In addition, we have received confirmation that the 30mph sign on the Collingtree Road will be moved in front of the railway bridge so that traffic coming from that direction will hopefully slow-down in good time before the park.

Medicine Collection contacts:

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

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.

Simon Jones

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Chris Eads, our Newsletter editor has decided to step down after 5 years in the post. The Parish Council has valued Chris's support in producing such excellent quarterly copies of the Newsletter. He has done a sterling job, thank you Chris, we wish you and your family well.



Thank You

A happy shot of Janet and Brenda presenting Chris with a hamper in appreciation of his work. A card signed by all Parish Councillors was also given to him.



After a successful year of fundraising, the Friends of Milton School are extremely pleased to have been able to fund an end of year trip for the whole school, some new play equipment, the Year 6 leavers' hoodies, commemorative bookmarks for the King's Coronation, new classroom clocks as well as various treats for the pupils over the course of the year.



We're also very excited to show you the largest project that we've been able to fund this year, which is the new outdoor learning area that FOMS have been fundraising towards for quite some time.

Having raised a total of more than £8,000 this year through various fundraising events, generous donations and community support schemes, we are delighted to share a photograph of the new outdoor classroom with you. Our Chair of Governors and School Council representatives helped to officially open the new facility.

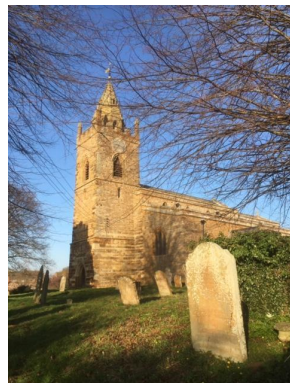


The staff and pupils are over the moon with the new classroom structure and we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Thank You Everyone!

The Church of The Holy Cross Milton Malsor

We continue with our monthly Coffee Mornings to meet fellow villagers and enjoy homemade cake and the company. We have a raffle and a bring & buy sale. First Saturday in the month, 10-12am.



What is The Monday Club? This is held at 2pm on the first Monday of the month in the church. It is for those that have lost a partner. There are refreshments, usually a speaker, company and new friendships to make. This is open to all in The Grand Union Benefice.

Harvest Festival is Sunday 15th October at 11am, followed by a bring & share lunch. All are welcome, not just regular church goers.

All people are welcome to join a series of seven Wednesday evenings entitled "Christianity EXPLORED". This starts 6th September until 25th October at Holy Cross Church at 7pm. Refreshments on arrival. There is no requirement to sing or pray, just explore what the meaning of life is all about.

Our annual Remembrance service will take place on 12th November at the church, and then down to the Green for 11am, followed by refreshments in the village hall, with donations to The British Legion.

We have the return of the Christmas Tree Festival on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd December. All organisations to be asked if they would like to participate and, if room, individual families too. Participants may have a table to fundraise at £5 and bring their own small table to do so. There will not be a lot of space but we shall do what we can. Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend.

Christmas Celebrations have yet to be finalised and will be displayed on the Church Notice Board and around the village. All are welcome to join, and even participate if you wish to do so. Any questions, please phone: 07729 311 988.



MILTON & COLLINGTREE WI

At the July meeting we welcomed 'Lucy Pink Hair' (great name) who is a professional wigmaker. Along with a demonstration of her craft she gave us an interesting talk on the history of wig making.

There is no meeting in August.

We move into Autumn at our meeting in the Village Hall on September 14th at 7.30pm with Jo, Jo who will give us a taster of Tai Chi and other exercises for wellbeing. They will be tailored for all abilities so take this opportunity to discover something new to suit you.

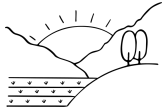
In October we will be meeting in Collingtree Village Room, 7.30pm as usual. Our speaker will be covering the importance of 'Power of Attorney & Wills'. Something for us all to consider.

With Christmas on the horizon we have booked Deborah Jones for November 9th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, she will be demonstrating willow weaving and showing us how to make a reindeer out of willow.

We welcome visitors to our friendly meetings.

Check out our Facebook page: MiltonMalsor & Collingtree WI.

Contact information: mmandc.wi@gmail.com or Jacqui Jones, 07728027507



LIFE ON THE FARM IN SUMMER

The last few months have seen the sheep lose their fleeces and the lambs get fat, our lambs are all grass fed and supplemented with home grown Oats and Peas. Our Lambs go to the abattoir when they are around 42kg, that can vary in age depending on the lamb. Too fat or too skinny means you do not get a good price, it takes good management to get it just right. To know if the lambs are the right weight they stand on the scales and get split into similar weighted groups. You can also feel the lambs back to know if they are 'fat'.

We have had one cow that's had a late calf, born 9th August (Pictured). Summer for the cows and calves, means a summer in the field. The Bulls have been in with the cows and have hopefully created next year's calves. We will know if they have done their job when we pregnancy scan the cows later in the year. This is done by ultrasound and gives us a good idea on how far along they are in the pregnancy. Last years calves are also out in the fields getting fat, some of the heifers* we will keep for breeding. The steers** and the rest of the heifers will be brought in over winter and turned in to beef.



We have had a few new additions to the farm in the form of chicks 11 and 4 young pigs, Susie Sausage, Betty Bacon, Hannah Ham and Gary Gammon. These will eventually make sausages which we do sell.

Back in May we made all our Silage (fermented grass). We mow the grass, leave it a couple of days to allow it to start dying and then we bale and wrap it. The wrapping keeps the oxygen out and basically pickles the grass. This creates a higher sugar content, which produces energy for the cattle helping them to gain weight. In June we made hay which will be fed to the sheep, and the in calf cows over winter.

David's been busy giving the combine a pre harvest service. Whilst we have been waiting for the sun to make an appearance, which feels late this year after last year's early harvest. As I write this the 'men' are getting ready to get the combine in the field. Hopefully they will start today. So if you see them be sure to give them a wave.



We test the crop by feeling or biting the grain. We need the moisture to be around 14% as too wet we have to dry it which costs money and uses energy as it goes in the shed wet it will rot. Once all the crops have been harvested we will fertilise the fields with a natural fertiliser (Muck). This will then be worked into the land by cultivation and then we will drill next year's wheat, beans and cover crops.

Cover crops are used to create ground cover to protect the soil from the weather. It recycles the nutrients, reduces our use of chemical fertiliser and removes carbon dioxide from the air and puts carbon in the soil. They will also provide food for the sheep over winter.

We hope you have all had a good summer and have been able to enjoy the beautiful countryside when the sun has shone!

Ally

* female cows who have not had a calf

** castrated males

Milton Malsor Short Mat Bowls



Tuesday 2-4pm at
Milton Village Hall



Come along on a Tuesday afternoon and give it a try! We can provide the woods and there will be a cup of tea too!

We are in need of new members to join our friendly bowlers. For more information please contact John Brice on

01604 858418



OUR VILLAGE HALL

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - This year we have replaced our central heating boiler, the hot water system in the ladies toilets and all bathroom taps. We are also waiting for installation of new oil filled radiators for the bathrooms, as current heaters are not efficient. The flooring in the hall now requires attention and we will be making enquiries with local firms for their assessment and recommendations. Redecoration of internal walls will be undertaken in late August.

RECYCLING - We are a recycling site and appropriate bins are provided, with helpful hints on which bins to use for paper, glass, plastics and unrecyclable materials. However, we cannot recycle food waste and would ask users to take their food waste home with them and dispose of it appropriately.

SCOOB THE SNAKE - A part of Scoob was moved last year as some stones had fallen off the wooden fascia where it was sited. Following further 'rock falls' this year, Scoob has now been reunited with its tail and has a permanent home along the path leading to the front door. The fascia has been de-nailed and is awaiting painting. Thanks to Glenn Bass for completing these works, Scoob really does look smart.



COMMITTEE SUPPORT - The village hall management committee are looking for additional members to join us, to not only continue to provide a multi-use space for our village and local community, but to also develop our hall into a community hub, as was originally intended when it was built. Are you passionate about getting involved and putting the community back into our village hall? Your management committee are always happy to discuss ideas. Please contact Julie Tite on 07854 366803 or email

juliet.mmvh@gmail.com Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th September at 7:30pm in the James Room, Milton Malsor Village Hall.

YOUR MANAGEMENT TEAM - Julie Tite (Chairman & Trustee), Andrew Eames (Treasurer & Trustee), Keith Parker (Secretary & Trustee), Heather Mair (Bookings Officer), Pat Parker (Trustee), Michael Tite (Trustee), Kerry Devine (Management Committee), Chris Eads (Management Committee).

TUESDAY BOWLS - Our Indoor Bowls Group is still looking for new members. Sessions are weekly on a Tuesday from 2pm-4pm. If you are interested or require additional information, please contact John Brice on 01604 858418

Daventry and South Northants

Neighbourhood Policing Team

In an emergency call **999**
For non emergencies call **101**
Report online at
www.northants.police.uk



Northamptonshire Police
Fighting crime, protecting people



The Police Beat Bus visits our village every couple of months, stopping at the Village Hall. It is a great opportunity to meet with our local Policing team. Please do pop along and have a chat with your local officers or raise any concerns you may have.

Please keep an eye out for the next visit, dates will be posted on the Village Facebook page and on the Parish Noticeboard.

Meet your local Neighbourhood officers!

BEAT BUS

- » Tell us about local crime and anti-social behaviour concerns
- » Find out what's happening in your area
- » Get local priority updates



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.pdet.org.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 Bowls Organiser 01604 858418

WI:

Contact Jacqui Jones 07728027507

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Facebook Group www.facebook.com/groups/MiltonMalsorVillage

(If you're not already a member, ask to join)