



Milton Malsor News
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Wishing you all a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy New year





I had the honour again this year of placing a poppy wreath in Remembrance of those that sacrificed their lives in the hope that we would live in peace. Thank you to everyone that turned out to give thanks and remember the fallen.

Thank you to the Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/Brownies, Milton Malsor Parochial School, Jacqui Dowdells and Katie Skilton for spending a huge amount of time laminating the Poppies placed by the children so that they didn't wilt! To Glen Bass for again collecting and returning the road closure signs and to Becky our Bugler who played faultlessly again this year.



Thank you to everyone whom I haven't mentioned but who played a part on this special occasion. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those that attended representing our Armed Services and those of our allies. Your service is very much appreciated.

OK, so with Halloween and the Ghost Hunt and Bonfire Night behind us Christmas is very much on our doorsteps. That means the Jones household Christmas movies have come out of the loft, the fire is lit, and mince pies will be consumed at an unhealthy rate. We are also looking forward to the Village Green Christmas Tree being erected and singing carols around the tree in December. It would be great to get a village green-full of people to come and enjoy a mince pie and some mulled wine.

Though it is November, on behalf of your Parish Council, Happy Christmas and we wish you a peaceful New Year.

Village Park:

As you are aware maintenance is ongoing in the park with the goalposts being removed and replaced shortly. There are also some minor incidentals due to wear-and-tear that we are aware of and will be fixing.

We have noticed that there has been rubbish left around the rubbish bins due, in part, to them appearing to be full. We know that the park is used by

villagers and non-residents alike, but please, if the bins are full, take your rubbish home.

Most of you will have hopefully noticed that the 30mph limit has been extended to the other side of the railway bridge when leaving Milton on the Collingtree Road. We hope that this will encourage drivers to keep to the speed limit rather than accelerate up to the park when they see the sign.

We are also making enquiries regarding VAS signs seen in other villages to encourage speed limit compliance.

Rail Freight Community Funding:

This will be a priority for your Parish Council in the coming months now that we have selected a list of works that we think are a priority based in part on your suggestions. We will keep you updated once the monies are received.

Planning Applications:

We continue to monitor the Winvic site with Paul attending the online meetings but there have not been any major developments recently to report on that would directly concern us.

Lighting:

We are aware of a few of our 56 lights/lamp posts that have not been in operation for some time. These have been reported on more than one occasion and we continue to try to ascertain why there is such a delay. We had made enquiries as to whether our electricity supply should become metered to reduce costs however, we have been informed this is not practically possible.

Planters:

We now have a full complement of 'helpers' who have agreed to regularly maintain our planters around the village and keep our village looking vibrant. Thank you to everyone and don't forget to send your receipts in.

Dog Fouling:

Since the lockdown there has been a large increase in dogs in our community. My family have recently welcomed a Cockapoo puppy called Reggie who, if you're a dog walker, will probably be known to you already! However, dog fouling has increased substantially so please, please, please be considerate and take sufficient bags with you to clear up after your four-legged friend. It really isn't much to ask to pop a bag into one of the dog

poo bins around the village or to dispose of it at home. We can't be perfect and remove all traces, but we can and must do better.

This will be my last Chairman's report of the year so on behalf of your Parish Council have a wonderful Christmas, cherish your friends and family, and provide support to those on their own over the festive period.

Have a Happy New Year and fingers crossed for 2024.

Simon Jones

Medicine Collection contacts:

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

As a reminder this volunteer service is offered to assist those who are physically unable to travel to collect their prescriptions.



The Parish Council is delighted that we now have a full list of volunteers to look after our 6 flower planters located around the village.

This involved planting throughout the 4 seasons, weeding and watering, especially during the summer months.

Thank you to our volunteers:

Lower Road - Katie Skilton

Collingtree Road - Julie Baker

Malzor Lane - Linda Forskitt

Rectory Lane - Tina & Kevin Dupont

Village Hall - Janet Winchester



CHRISTMAS IN MILTON MALSOR



THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN

We all know that Christmas in Milton Malsor is incomplete without some Christmas songs around our tree! Come along and join us on The Green for some festive singing, delicious mince pies, mulled wine and a special visit from Santa!



**THURSDAY,
14th
DECEMBER
6.00PM**



COME JOIN US!



**WITH A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO STOKE GOLDINGTON TREES
FOR DONATING MILTON MALSOR, ONE OF THEIR BEAUTIFUL TREES**



A warm welcome awaits you and your children at Milton Parochial Primary .

If you are looking for a positive and flourishing place to start your child's social and educational journey, then we would love you to consider us for Reception in 2024.

We are located in the heart of Milton Malsor, a friendly village in Northampton, with a thriving and inclusive community. We welcome children and families from all over the town, with easy main road access and available parking close by.

As a smaller primary school, we have the advantage of flexible learning alongside nurturing positive well-being, and where all staff know and care for each child as an individual.

Milton has the added bonus of being able to offer excellent wrap-around care, starting at 7:45am, through a range of sports and creative clubs that are open to all, offering childcare for busy families and to extend social and learning opportunities for children.

To find out more and book a visit please call: 01604 858816

Or visit our website: www.milton.northants.sch.uk



★ **Christmas Fundraisers in Support of our lovely Village School** ★

Handmade Wreath Sale:

We have beautiful hand crafted wreaths available to purchase to get your front doors and gates ready for the festive season – all made by our talented team of wreath makers (please see attached poster for more details).

Please get in touch with us if you'd like to order one:

Email: thefriendsofmiltonschool@gmail.com

Heather 07707 289811 or Laurie 07793 001638



Handmade Wreaths

From the Friends of Milton Parochial Primary School
12" wreath £32. Made to order in your own choice of colours
Fresh, natural materials. Proceeds go towards school fundraising,
To order, please email thefriendsofmiltonschool@gmail.com



FOMS Christmas Online Auction:

Please keep your eyes peeled on the Milton Village Facebook page where a link will be shared on **Friday 24th November** for the launch of our **Christmas Auction event**, for your chance to bid on a range of great items, including:

- Amazon Echo Show
- Amazon Tablet
- Juicer
- Beckworth Emporium Voucher
- Cold Laser Therapy Session
- Cut and Blow Dry
- Bag of Firewood
- and many more!



The auction will run until Sunday 10th December 2023.

Why not bid for items to give as Christmas gifts? Or just to treat yourself!

In other news...

We were so pleased to have been able to hold a Macmillan coffee morning event this year. The total raised was £212.27 for this worthy cause. Thank you to all who helped to organise, serve on the day and to everyone who came to support the event.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Wishing you all an enjoyable festive season and a very happy New Year!



Join us around the village for the

Living Nativity

Friday 15th December at

1:30pm

All the Children from Milton Parochial Primary school
will be taking part



The Nativity will start at the War Memorial and travel
up Green Street, knocking on a few stable doors,
moving along Collingtree Road to the Orchard Field
and the final stop will be at the Church.
Refreshments will be served at the Church.



Merry Christmas



The following roads will be closed:
Green Street (From Village Hall) and Collingtree Road



The Church of The Holy Cross Milton Malsor

Firstly, it was lovely to see so many people at the November Coffee Morning where there was a Craft workshop to make a new fairy for the Christmas Tree, plus a Craft stall with items donated by a fellow crafter, which were quickly snapped up with only a few remaining for others. Other events will be coming in the New Year.



Secondly, it was so good to see the Church full for the Remembrance Service along with the uniforms of the Scouting movement and ex-servicemen of the village. I am pleased to say we will be sending a cheque to the British Legion for £311. Many thanks for your generosity.

Now to have a happy start to Advent. We start December with our regular Coffee Morning on 2nd December alongside the Christmas Tree Festival which runs from 10am to 4pm. With decorated trees, stalls, all day refreshments along with entertainment by the Scouts' singers on Saturday at 2.30pm & 'Rechoired' our Benefice choir on the Sunday at 2.30pm. Please come along, have a listen, join in & see what it's all about.

There are still spaces for trees if you have not already contacted me, but be quick. Jane 07729311988.

We are also pleased to say that the School Children's Living Nativity will finish in church on 15th December.



Services for December will be :-

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| 3rd at 9:30am | - | Family Eucharist |
| 10th at 9:30am | - | Family Service |
| 17th at 4:00pm | - | Carol Service followed by Mulled wine & Mince pie |
| 24th at 10:00am | - | Benefice Eucharist at Grafton Regis |
| 24th at 3:00pm | - | Christmas Eve Service |
| 25th at 9:30am | - | Christmas Morning |

Keep safe folks & a happy, joyful Christmas to you all.





Milton Malsor Poors Trust



The Poor's Trust was started in the 18th Century and has long since outlived it's real purpose to provide bread and coal for the needy of the village at Christmas time.

The Trust is looked after by both Alison Treharne and Tara Mortimer.

This old custom is kept alive by making a small cash payment to needy residents who fall in to the below category;

- Pensioners over the age of 65.
- Residents who are unable to work due to sickness or a reasonable cause.

If you have lived in the village for at least 3 years and believe you are eligible **please contact Tara before the 8th of December on 07721160401.**

For those eligible collection of donations will be at Raynsford House on 15th December between 10am and 11am.



Many thanks
Alison and Tara





MILTON & COLLINGTREE WI

The meetings over the last three months have covered participation in Fitness and Wellbeing with Jo, Jo in September. In October, the serious subject of Wills, Power of Attorney and Inheritance Tax was covered by BMTCLaw.



In November Deb Jones Willow introduced us to Willow Weaving with a talk and demonstration. Members enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the craft and make a willow reindeer Christmas decoration.

Our President Jacqui, represented us at the Village Remembrance Day Service and laid a wreath along with other groups and ex servicemen.

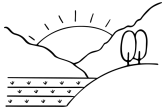
The December, Christmas, meeting will take place in Raynsford House on Thursday 7th at 7.30pm. Please note the change of venue and date to the first Thursday of the month. We plan a relaxed get together with refreshments provided by members and the opportunity to make a Christmas decoration.

Our meeting on 11th January will, once again, be held in Raynsford House at the usual time of 7.30pm Following the Christmas and New Year festivities, we will be guided through the process of Deep Relaxation. Very timely and very welcome we feel sure

Our meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on February 8th focuses on 'Show the Love' month when we will be making green hearts to display, to show how much we care about climate change.

We welcome visitors and of course new members.

Follow us on Facebook: Milton Malsor & Collingtree WI or contact Jacqui: 07728 027507



LIFE ON THE FARM IN AUTUMN

Autumn is upon us, (and what a wet one it has been so far) which means the grain harvest is over for another year.

This year's harvest was slow as we did not have the sunshine to help the crops ripen. Once they were fit and we harvested them they produced a good yield (how much you get off) but the quality was lower than we would like. This was because of the amount of rain we had in June. June is a key month for crops because

it's when they flower and the grain develops. That being said it's still being sold to Heygates Mill where it will enter the food chain as bread flour, it will more than likely be blended with other grain from around the world. So if you buy flour milled in Heygates you could be eating flour grown in Milton Malsor. The combine harvester has now been cleaned and put away for another year. David has been busy Drilling (sowing) the seeds that will grow into next year's crops. As well as drilling the cover crops, that will protect the soil from the weather, as well as provide a food source for the sheep to graze.



John put the Tups (Male sheep) in with the Ewes (Female sheep) on the 14/15 October. Which means we should be seeing baby lambs in time. They will be scanned around 5 months New Year to see and how many each ewe is carrying, normally carry between 1 and 3 lambs. The ideal number for a ewe is 2 as they have 2 teats. If a ewe has more than 2 lambs the third lamb normally joins the bottle fed lambs or if the timing is correct they can be adopted on to a ewe that only has one lamb. To adopt onto another ewe the lambs have to be born at a similar time and of a similar size.



The cows have been scanned and all but one are in calf meaning we should have 39 calves, calving will be starting around February 14th. We have also started to wean the cows from last year's calves, and the young stock will soon be coming in for the winter.

We have fodder beet in the field off Gayton Road which will be harvested a little bit at a time over the winter, this is another food source that will keep the animals fed over winter. We harvest it a little bit at a time as it keeps growing through the winter months unless hit by a hard frost.

Autumn and Winter on the farm means a cycle of feeding, bedding down and keeping the pregnant cows and ewes in tip top condition. Winter also allows us time to clean out ditches and maintain the hedge rows.

Ally



GHOST HUNT 2023



Friday 27th October saw the village turn out for another brilliant Ghost Hunt which has been a village tradition for many years. An eclectic collection of ghosts, ghouls and even Princess Fiona and her donkey braved the cold weather for 3 hours to light up the village with screams.

A huge thanks to the Greyhound for hosting this years event, the gorgeous Nic James for her amazing organisational skills with getting the hunters out on time and everyone involved which made it a huge and hilarious success.

The night not only gave us fabulous memories to treasure but the food raised money for Macmillan, courtesy of Georgina, The Greyhounds fabulous landlady. Also, all monies raised will fund the village 'Christmas on the Green' event which will be held on Thursday 16th December.

Have a lovely Christmas everyone.
Annie & Kimberly xx





OUR VILLAGE HALL

MILTON TOTS

It is with great sadness that we announce that the Milton Tots Group has decided to close its doors after over 11 years of community involvement, due to dwindling numbers. The group attracted local parents and children, and even those as far away as Wellingborough. Set-up by Pat & Keith Parker, together with Maria Rix, the group was extremely popular and the sessions were often full.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all involved in the running of our group, past and present, with a special mention to Peter Heffron, who was instrumental in providing new equipment to make this group the success it was.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

A programme of redecoration was undertaken during the summer holidays to give the hall, entrance lobby and toilets a facelift. Thanks to our local contractor and also to Keith & Pat Parker who have undertaken a lot of the work themselves.



RESURFACED MAIN HALL FLOORING

During the half-term holidays, the hall floor was resurfaced and new badminton court lines were applied. There is an issue with some peeling lacquer, and remedial works to resolve this issue will be carried out in the new year.

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

The village hall management committee has invited local community leaders to provide representatives to join us on our committee, to provide insight and support, and to help shape the future of our village hall. We hope to be able to share more news with you on the progress of our communications strategy in the next newsletter.

If you would like more information on how you could support your village hall, please contact Julie Tite on 07854 366803 or email juliet.mmvh@gmail.com

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th December at 6:30pm 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).



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





***A Warm Welcome awaits everyone at
Milton Football Club***

***Please feel free to come along and
support our teams.***

Forthcoming Fixtures			
Sat 2 December 2pm	Milton First Team	V	Wollaston Victoria
Sat 9 December 2pm	Milton Reserves	V	Harpole
Sat 16 December 2pm	Milton Reserves	V	Daventry Town
Sat 30 December 2pm	Milton First Team	V	– AFC Towcester

Our Clubhouse and Sports Bar is open to everyone on match days and Wednesday evenings
The Clubhouse and playing field can be booked, for private events and activities
For further details please contact the club

***Wishing all Milton residents a very merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year***

MILTON FOOTBALL CLUB, Collingtree Road, Milton Malsor, Northampton NN7 3AU

Chairman:

Secretary: Len Mackintosh, 71 Buttmead, Blisworth, Northampton NN7 3DQ (07729 127 614)

Treasurer: Michael Billingham, 35 Willow Crescent, Gt Houghton, NN4 7AP (07871 933 850)

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

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk (and lead West Northamptonshire Councillor for Milton Malsor)

Ann Addison The Paddocks, Baker Street Gayton Northampton NN7 3EZ

☎ 01604 858226 ✉ ann.addison97@gmail.com

Chairman

Simon Jones	Highways, Street Lighting & Flower Planters	07817 852857
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Vice Chairman

Edmund James	Finance	07899 996279
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Council Members

Neil Jagger	Village Park	01604 859135
Paul Heath	Planning	01604 859453
Ian Appleton	Planning, Maintenance & Environment	07881 022132
Katie Marshall		07992 842358
Katie Spruels	Website & Newsletter	01604 858047
Janet Winchester	Maintenance & Environment lead (All Council members) Newsletter & Grass Mowing	01604 858999
Brenda Jenks	Finance & Newsletter	01604 858866

Parish Responsibilities

Neil Jagger	Trees	01604 859135
Janet Winchester	Footpaths & Dog Warden	01604 858999
Colin Neal	Website Manager	
Katie Spruels	Facebook Admin	
Simon Jones	Facebook Admin	

Other Useful Contacts

Julie Tite	Milton Malsor Village Hall	07854 366803
Karen Cooper	West Northamptonshire Councillor	07753 638180
Adam Brown	West Northamptonshire Councillor	07714 255077
Chris Heaton-Harris	MP (Daventry)	
0207219 7048		
Nicola James	Medicine Collection	07989 307670
Parish Council Website	www.miltonmalsorparishcouncil.org.uk	
Facebook Group	www.facebook.com/groups/MiltonMalsorVillage	

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