

*Milton Malsor News*  
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## *CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Spring 2024*



A short report this season as little has gone on that has not already been reported in the Minutes posted each month. I would encourage you to please read these to keep abreast of the matters your Parish Council discuss. Something in the Minutes may spawn an idea that we could consider and implement for the good of everyone.

### **The Compass:**

It has been widely reported throughout the village and in the press that a cannabis farm was discovered operating out of The Compass. This has been closed and the Police have made several arrests according to the Northampton Chronicle article. The Parish Council has declined some posts regarding this matter from being placed on our FaceBook page as we did not want to potentially get in the way of the Police investigation.

If anyone has any information that could help the Police with the investigation, including dashcam, CCTV or smart doorbell footage, please contact Northamptonshire Police on 101 quoting incident number 24000093017.

The Parish Council will be making enquiries regarding the building itself as it is listed and in a conservation area. We are concerned as to what damage may have been inflicted on the building.

### **Planning:**

Aside from local applications that we are formerly made aware of we continue to monitor the various applications and planning variations made in respect of the Rail Freight Terminal. Rest assured that should anything appear to be out of order, it is followed up and we will of course make you aware of any situation that will fundamentally affect this Parish over and above the effects we do feel already.

### **Traffic control:**

Your Parish Council continues to make enquiries into VAS style signs to be placed around the speed hotspots of the village to try to deter those using our village as a racetrack. The new units record important information that could be used to support any future applications for traffic calming or speed reductions.

### Village Park:

Our village park is well visited and well used because it is a good and safe place for our children to play. Inevitably this does mean that high traffic causes wear and tear. The wooden goalposts will be replaced shortly as these had split and we continue to monitor and plan the equipment in general particularly the play tunnel which is showing considerable wear. We have recently replaced some signage and made repairs where we could and as the days hopefully become warmer, we would expect the park to be frequently visited as it usually is.

### War memorial:

We have made enquiries with a stone mason to refurbish this important part of our village heritage as it is showing some distress.

### The Poor's Trust:

The Parish Council would like to offer our thanks to the Trustees of the Poor's Trust for their work in the run up to Christmas. We hope that those that could, made use of the Trust and some relief was able to be provided.

### Simon Jones

#### Medicine Collection contacts:



Nicola James	-	07989 307670
Jacqui Jones	-	07728 027507
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.



Telephone: 01604 858816

Email: [office@milton.pdet.org.uk](mailto:office@milton.pdet.org.uk)

[www.milton.northants.sch.uk](http://www.milton.northants.sch.uk)

The children have been enjoying taking part in various events this term, which include fun games for NSPCC number day, Bikeability for Year 5 and multi-school tournaments such as The Cube, Boccia and Multiskills Games.

We're so proud of how our pupils conduct themselves and always give their all at the tournaments. They have already achieved some amazing results this year and some of our pupils have even been awarded 'Player of the Tournament' to recognise their individual achievements throughout the event – well done Team Milton!

We have lots more to look forward to in the next couple of months; we have more Benham Sports Competitions, World Book Day, our Easter Service, more Bikeability, a visit from Preacher the Storyteller and our annual May Day celebration to name but a few!

Milton Parochial Primary School  
Green Street  
Milton Malsor  
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### Recent Fundraising:

A huge **thank you to everyone who has supported our recent fundraising events.**

We were so grateful for all the generous donations for our Online Auction, as well as the wonderful bids on the great selection of items. Together, your support helped us to raise a phenomenal £1,505.00 for our lovely school.

Our wreath making event was also well supported and it was lovely to host groups of friends as well as individuals, who had an enjoyable time and went home with some beautiful creations.

This event was kindly match funded by Barclays, which brought the total amount raised to an amazing £2,031.97 for this event!

FOMS have enjoyed seeing our school families enjoying our events such as the return of the Christmas fete, and we were pleased to be able to gift all pupils with a chocolate selection box for Christmas too.

### Future Plans:

We are now busy preparing for our Spring events (Children's disco, Mothering Sunday and Easter events), as well as making plans to spend the funds raised for all the children to enjoy and benefit from this year.



## *The Church of The Holy Cross Milton Malsor*

Firstly we must thank all the people that came & supported our Christmas Tree Festival. Those that added trees to our display, the children & their leaders that entertained us & made us join in with them on the Saturday afternoon. The Benefice Choir sang for us on Sunday afternoon led by Helen, their musical director. Many thanks to those that came & joined in this event, it makes it all worth while the amount of work involved.

So a date for the DIARY will be December 7th & 8th December 2024 for our next Christmas Tree Festival. If you would like to participate then let me know. You have plenty of time to get an idea together.



We still hold our monthly Coffee Mornings 10am-12 noon along with Messy Church for the children on the first Saturday of the month. There are always homemade cakes to choose from along with the tea or coffee & a Raffle. Come join us. Meet old friends & make new ones along the way. For Easter there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children of Messy Church to participate in as well.

We are in Lent now leading up to Easter. There are 5 study evenings following Martha, Mary & Lazarus in the church here in Milton at 7pm on Wednesday 21st & 28th February, 6th, 13th & 20th March. All are welcome.

### **Services for Easter:**

Maundy Thursday 7pm in Blisworth.

Good Friday 2pm in Stoke Bruerne.

Easter Sunday 6am Sunrise service at Alderton followed by breakfast. 9.30am service at Holy Cross.

Other week 1st & 3rd Sunday Communion 2nd & 4th Family service both at 9.30am.

Another Date for the DIARY Friday 21 st June PROMS and PROSECCO.

An evening of songs familiar & not so, sung by Benefice Choir with the second half after refreshments as above. With audience participation, waving of flags & enjoying yourselves. The proceeds will be shared with local branches of the British Legion organisation. Tickets £10 from 07729311988 or [jatreharne55@gmail.com](mailto:jatreharne55@gmail.com)



## **MILTON & COLLINGTREE WI**

At our February meeting we put our creative hats on and decorated green hearts in support of the 'Show the Love' campaign. This annual national campaign draws attention to the ever increasing impact of climate change on our world. The hearts will be displayed around the village, take a stroll and search for them and think what steps we can individually take towards protecting our climate.



We will be holding our Annual meeting on 7th March at 7.30pm, in Milton Village Hall followed by a talk on alcoholism given by a representative of 'Alcoholics Anonymous'.

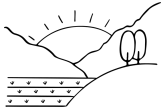


Due to the Easter holidays the April meeting will take place on 18th April in Milton Village Hall at the usual time 7.30pm. Michelle's Fancy Felts will be returning to guide us through needle felting, this was a great success when she visited us last year.



Our WI is approaching its centenary, a massive milestone and one we look forward to celebrating in 2025. We are a sociable group of like minded ladies, 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 WINTER & SPRING

What a wet winter we are having. David has been busy re-drilling fields, this is something we do not like to have to do, but because of the wet the wheat rotted off, so to ensure we have a crop to harvest we have had to drill some more. We had a short period of frost where it dried up enough to be able to get the tractors in the field. Although we do not like to have to plough, we did not have much choice as it was the only way to get the field dry enough to get the tractors in and allow the fields to drain.

We have also been harvesting the beet that we grow to feed the cows and the sheep over winter, this we harvest as we need it as it will continue to grow. As long as the temperature is above 3 degrees it will grow 4 tons an acre per month. (picture from inside the cab of the beet harvester)



With the cattle and sheep in, the winter is a cycle of check, feed, muck out, repeat. The cows are happily tucked up in the maternity unit. At the point of writing this we have had 5 calves since 1st Feb, and when I last checked half an hour ago, there was another looking like she was in the early stages of labour, so will check her again before bed. As soon as the weather dries up we will get the cows and calves out on the grass.

We have had the first batch of Lambs born, which you will have seen in the field on Lower Road. There are 45 ewes and 61 lambs, we unfortunately have had a large loss of 20 lambs this year, we believe this is due to Schmallenberg. This is a virus that causes malformations and still births, it is transmitted by midges and was first discovered in Schmallenberg Germany hence the name in 2011 and reached the UK in 2012. It is not a Zoonotic virus (can not be transmitted through species). We took some of the deceased lambs to the vets so they could be tested for the virus, we are still waiting on the results.

The main bunch of ewes are due to start on the 1st March. So keep your eyes open for more lambs in the coming months.

The Tups (male sheep) are now on holiday until the end of the summer and are in the Orchard field. One of the bulls is in the shed with the cows, he is bossed about by all the pregnant cows but gets to eat well. The other bulls Derek and Charlie are happily living in the Dip. They will all go in with the cows around June time.

In March we will have our annual TB test, and will be drilling our spring oats, these will mainly be used for feeding but they will be good enough to sell for porridge if we have more than we need for feed. We will also be looking to get some fertiliser on the grass land once it dries up enough.

Ally



## **Community transport taking people to medical and well-being appointments**

**Towcester Door to Door community transport is a friendly, affordable service which helps people attend their medically related appointments and access services which contribute to their wellbeing. The service, operated entirely by volunteers supports the NHS and other healthcare providers in combating isolation and loneliness and helping people remain independent in their own homes.**

**To register with TADD, telephone us on 01327 810300 between 9.00am & 1.00pm Monday to Friday and we will post to you an application form or please visit our website [www.towcesterareadoor2door.com](http://www.towcesterareadoor2door.com)**

**We continually require new voluntary drivers to meet the increasing needs of our ageing population. Many of our volunteers are retired and approaching old age themselves, and so each year we need to replace some as they become unable to continue due to changes in their personal circumstances.**

**Without the continued recruitment of new volunteers, we would struggle to help the elderly and vulnerable in YOUR community.**

**If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer driver, please call us or visit our website.**

## Triumph in the Totem Pole Challenge

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> Collingtree and Milton Malsor Cub Scout pack achieved an impressive victory in the highly anticipated Totem Pole Challenge, a thrilling competition that brought together Cub Scouts from across the Scouting district. The Totem Pole Challenge served as a platform for Cub Scouts to demonstrate their proficiency in a variety of scouting skills while fostering camaraderie and sportsmanship. Throughout the day, our young scouts showcased their talents and teamwork, conquering a series of challenges that tested their map skills, knot tying abilities, and even their prowess in paper plane making.

After a day filled with spirited competition and camaraderie, the Cub Scouts of 1<sup>st</sup> Collingtree and Milton Malsor emerged victorious in the Totem Pole Challenge, their exemplary teamwork and skilful execution earning them the admiration of their peers and leaders alike.

As they stood proudly alongside their fellow scouts, clutching their hard-earned trophy it was evident that the true prize lay not in victory alone but in the invaluable lessons learned, friendships forged, and memories made along the way. As leaders, we are immensely proud of their accomplishments and look forward to many more adventures and triumphs in the future.



## Beaver Scout Adventure: Splashing through Mud and Fun

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> Collingtree and Milton Malsor Beaver Scouts embarked on a circular walk from Stoke Bruerne, covering a distance of four and a half miles. One of



the defining features of our walk was the abundance of muddy puddles that dotted our path. Rather than avoiding them, the Beaver scouts embraced the opportunity to splash and play, revelling in the joy of getting dirty. With infectious enthusiasm, they leaped into the puddles with abandon, their laughter echoing through the woods as they competed to create the biggest splashes.

The Beaver Scout walk was an unforgettable adventure, filled with laughter, splashing, and great fun. Through their resilience and unwavering enthusiasm, the Beaver scouts demonstrated the true spirit of scouting, turning obstacles into opportunities and forging lasting memories along the way.

On return to Stoke Bruerne they were treated to hot chocolate and cake and had the opportunity to empty their wellies of water!

Neither of these activities would have been possible without our amazing leaders and parent helpers. Volunteering with our scout group is not only a rewarding experience but also an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young people. If you have a passion for the outdoors, a knack for teaching essential life skills, or simply a desire to give back to your community, there is a place for you in our scout family. By volunteering your time and talents, you will not only help us expand our reach and impact but also create lasting memories and friendships that will endure a lifetime. Whether you can spare a few hours a week or a month, your contribution, no matter how big or small, will make a world of difference to the young people in our scout group.

For more information or to get involved, please contact: [gsl.1cmm@gmail.com](mailto:gsl.1cmm@gmail.com)

Yours in Scouting

*Carol Fraser*

Group Scout Leader – 1<sup>st</sup> Collingtree and Milton Malsor Scout Group



# ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

Sunday 28 April, from 2pm  
St Columba Church,  
Collingtree

**Join us there will be  
Dragons!**

1<sup>st</sup> Collingtree and Milton Malsor Scouts will lead  
a procession from the school to the Church  
where the service will be held. Scouts will then  
parade through the village with Afternoon tea  
served at the School.

**All welcome**



## OUR VILLAGE HALL

**WHAT'S NEW AT THE VILLAGE HALL?** - Strength & Balance class on a Thursday afternoon at 2:15pm.

**VILLAGE HALL AGM** - Our AGM will be held on Friday 26th April 2024 at 7:30pm in the village hall, where we will deliver our yearly accounts, our activity over the year and to welcome any questions from our community (all questions should be made in writing and sent to the Secretary at least one week prior to the AGM: please email Keith Parker @ [patricia.parker15@btinternet.com](mailto:patricia.parker15@btinternet.com)).

**COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY** - we are pleased to welcome four new members to our management committee; Susan Lowin (WI), Betsy Hunt (Baptist Chapel), Jane Treharne (PCC) & Jill Franklin (Bowls Club)

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](mailto:juliet.mmvh@gmail.com)

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th March 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), Susan Lowin (Management Committee), Betsy Hunt (Management Committee), Jane Treharne (Management Committee) & Jill Franklin (Management Committee).



## Milton Football Club

Are seeking sponsors to raise funds towards the £30,000 cost of a six-year, much needed, pitch maintenance and improvement program. We would be delighted to hear from any individual, local company, or organisation who may be able to assist in any way.

Please contact our chairman on 07871 933 850 or email

[mike.billingham25@gmail.com](mailto:mike.billingham25@gmail.com)

Our Clubhouse and Sports Bar is open to the public on match days.

Your attendance and support would likewise be most welcome at any of our activity/event days. Further information can be found on our Facebook page or the village Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Milton-Football-Club-100040081796273/>

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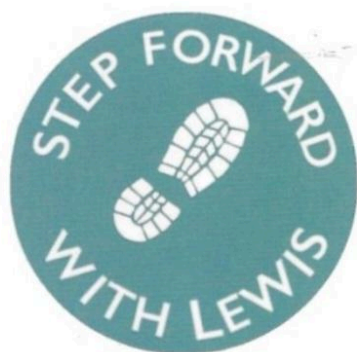


Our clubhouse and playing field can be booked, for private events and activities. For further details please contact the club

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

Chairman: Mike Billingham, 35 Milverton Crescent, Gt Houghton NN4 7AP (07871 933 850)  
Secretary: Len Mackintosh, 71 Buttmead, Blisworth, Northampton NN7 3DQ (07729 127 614)  
Treasurer: Mike Billingham, 35 Willow Crescent, Gt Houghton, NN4 7AP (07871 933 850)

# Get Up & Go



## Strength and balance exercises

Falls prevention and reduce the risk of injury programme providing strength and balance for those adults wanting to improve their mobility and confidence.

**For more information:**  
[stepforwardwithlewis@gmail.com](mailto:stepforwardwithlewis@gmail.com)  
**07423074891**  
[stepforwardwithlewis.com](http://stepforwardwithlewis.com)



Location	Day	Time
Far Cotton Community Centre (Downstairs)	Mondays	11:15am
Hardingstone Village Hall (Back room)	Tuesdays and Thursdays	10:00am
Wootton Community Centre	Wednesdays ----- Fridays	11:10am ----- 1:10pm
Milton Malsor	Thursdays	2:20pm
Abbey Centre Baptist Church (East Hunsbury)	Fridays	10:00am

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

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## 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	07971 839621
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	<a href="http://www.miltonmalsorparishcouncil.org.uk">www.miltonmalsorparishcouncil.org.uk</a>	
Facebook Group	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/MiltonMalsorVillage">www.facebook.com/groups/MiltonMalsorVillage</a>	

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