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**Milton's Animal Farm
Affordable Quality Homes
'The End' for the Post Office**



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ALTHOUGH we are now three months into the New Year, the Parish Council (PC) would like to wish you all a belated, happy and healthy 2008. If you are also new to the village, a very warm welcome from all of us on the Parish Council.

AT LAST

AFTER many delays I don't think any of us thought the day would come when a new road surface would finally be laid on roads in our village.

THE four roads, Green Street, Collingtree Road, High Street and now, at last, Lower Road which have been completed, are now preferable and safer to walk on than our poorly maintained footpaths. These are so uneven and are an accident waiting to happen, with someone tripping and hurting themselves badly.

BUT NOT YET

RESURFACING of Stockwell Road, Stockwell Way and Church Close has been delayed. The footpaths are to be resurfaced along these streets and have to be completed before the roads can be done. Funds were not available in the current financial year for the paths to be resurfaced, and so hence the delay.

OUR District Councillors, Mrs Ann Addison and Mrs Janet Eliot, together with our

DOWN YOUR WAY This local community column appears in every Monday's edition of Northampton's *Chronicle and Echo*. If you have any village news items, notice of events or photographs, please email, phone or drop details in my letterbox. The deadline for the column is 4pm on the preceding Wednesday. Photos welcome in any format (JPG, TIFF or BMP etc) or copy for scanning. Please include details of the pictures including names of individuals. *The DYW column is not an official voice of the Parish Council.* **EDITOR**

Highways Warden, Mrs Sally Townsend and County Councillor, Brian Ingram have all been in contact with the contractor to ensure we are not forgotten about, so that these roads are completed this year.

THOSE POLES

I HAVE sympathy for all those who live in Lower Road. The last few months must have seemed an eternity with the road workings and path installation. This was especially during the period when we had so much rain and with mud everywhere. The poles are still waiting to be dug out from the newly laid footpath. Co-ordination does not appear to be a strong point for some!

GOOD BYE TO OUR POST OFFICE - 19TH MARCH

IT has now been confirmed that Sam and Kay's Village Post Office - but thankfully not the shop - will be closed from mid-day on Wednesday 19th March. The PC has made en-

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quiries about available alternatives, which could possibly be initiated. We know there are those who will find it difficult to travel to use Blisworth Post Office. See later in the newsletter for more details.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

MEMBERS of the PC visited an 'Affordable Housing' scheme at Norton, near Daventry recently. It comprised four two-bedroom houses and one three-bedroom house and a two-bedroom bungalow. The development was very impressive with high specification and attention to detail. The visit was part and parcel of the PC's ongoing project with

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The 'Alternative' Olympics 2008

SPORTS men and women all over the world are eagerly anticipating the Beijing Olympics, but here in Milton Malsor we are busy preparing for the 'Champions Challenge'.

'WHAT is Champions Challenge?', I hear you asking.

CHAMPIONS Challenge is the theme of this year's Holiday Club. The children are asking about it! Once again

we are holding it at Milton School hall, and the dates are **Monday 5th to Friday 9th August**. Look out for the publicity in the coming months! And don't forget to start training!

IN the meantime we are looking for helpers. If you can spare us some of your precious time during the mornings of that week then please contact me on 858152 or email to gdjlg@tiscali.co.uk for the details. I look forward to hearing from you!

Graham Buckle

Northampton Rural Housing Association to have affordable housing built within Milton.

SAND EXTRACTION – VERY GOOD NEWS

THE PC has received, in writing the very good news, that any sand extracted from the proposed Collingtree Road site will be hauled from the site over land and not through the village. Our next objective is to have the proposed sand extraction site removed completely as an option from the Northants County Council’s *‘Issues and Options Report’*.

LITTER

THIS is a constant problem within the village. I know I’m very quick to blame passing traffic. Some drivers throw their rubbish out of their vehicles as they drive through the village and residents are then left to clear up after them. However, the other day when walking through the village I followed a trail of sweet papers.

THIS ran from outside the Church to the corner of Green Street. It could only have been deposited by someone walking, due to the frequency of the dropped litter.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS are on the second Tuesday each month (August and December are optional). Details are on the back cover. All meetings are open to the public, so all residents are welcome to attend. If you wish to speak on any parish matters, an opportunity is given in the public session. Meanwhile, please send any letters and other communications about Parish Council matters to our Clerk (see p3).

WE live in a magnificent village, which I know we are all proud of and as such we should be taking our litter home with us or using the bins around the village, please. (see also article on p18)

NEW BUS STOP SIGNS

THESE new signs appeared in the village without any consultation with the PC. Whilst the PC was generally happy with the design of these signs, the one on the Green near the War Memorial caused some concern.

IT was considered that it looked disrespectful and out of place in the conservation area and right next to the Memorial. The PC has had discussions with the County Council and the sign will be moved. More on this later in the newsletter.

WISHING all residents a happy and pleasant Easter break.

Carolyn

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- **H**OLY Cross Church. Fund raising
- for the planned new St Helen’s
- Room is now getting under way.
- £30,000 has already been raised.
- THE scrap metal collection in January
- brought in £470.
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- **P**LANNED events include a
- wheelbarrow sale on Saturday, 10th
- May on the Village Green and Milton
- Open Gardens on Saturday, 12th July.
- So plenty for the keen gardeners to
- plan and do as this spring begins.
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LATEST SHIFT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL SAND EXCAVATION LATEST

IN our Christmas 2007 newsletter, we reported on Northant's County Council's outrageous proposal to widen the roads in Milton Malsor and Collingtree.

THIS was in order to make life easier for the aggregate companies and their lorries, to gain direct access to the 'allocated site' for potential sand extraction. This is on land in the Parish between the village and Collingtree.

THE Parish Council wrote to the County Council strongly objecting to this scandalous road widening scheme. It was completely contrary to one of several conditions imposed by two previous Public Inquiries.

WE also encouraged everyone in the Parish to write in support of us and exert maximum influence on the County Council to abandon this ludicrous idea. In all 262 letters of

objection were received from residents and organisations in Collingtree and Milton Malsor. Over 155 were from the village. A big thank you to everyone for your help and support in this - do not underestimate the impact this has on the County Council.

WE also thank Bernard Ingram, Mrs Ann Addison and Mrs Janet Eliot our County and District Councillors, who have also been lobbying the County Council on our behalf. WE have, as a community, prevented this road widening scheme from happening - the County Council has now abandoned the scheme! THEY have written, confirming that, should planning permission be applied for, and granted to extract sand, the contractors will be required to build (which will be at their cost) a haul road across the railway and to the former A43 trunk

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FOR THOSE NEW TO THE VILLAGE *The proposed sand extraction site is located to the north of the road between Milton and Collingtree, bound by Collingtree road, the railway line and the M1. There have been two Public Inquiries on the proposal which have both agreed that the site can be worked but with stringent conditions. In both cases these included a requirement (amongst others) that all vehicles to and from the site had to use an access point from Towcester Road between the village and the M1 bridge. This would need work to strengthen an existing available railway bridge. It might, also possibly, require a charge per load from the owners of the land and railway line. The issue has been discussed at length in previous copies of the Parish Council Newsletter - all available on the Parish Council's website.*

The allocation of this site was a mockery of two Public Inquiries conducted at huge public expense

road, as the only means of access to the site. This is wonderful news for Milton Malsor.

THE Parish Council has also objected yet again, to the site being allocated for sand extraction at all. THIS is on the basis there are more appropriate sites in the county which are less onerous with easier access than in our Parish. Therefore we have urged the County Council to remove the 'allocated site' completely from their plans on the grounds that:

- 1) The site is unsound as it cannot be accessed directly from a main road without affecting Milton Malsor, Collingtree or other residential developments in Blisworth or Hunsbury;
- 2) Heavy goods vehicles would severely affect the amenity of residents during prolonged mineral extraction and restoration.
- 3) Alternative routes via a 'haul road' are likely to make the site uneconomic to work. This is also un-



sound. (Since 1991 no planning application has ever been received to work the site).

4) Mineral working and restoration will adversely affect the villages of Milton Malsor, Collingtree and Blisworth by the generation of unacceptable noise, dust pollution and HGV traffic over at least a ten year period. This is also extremely unsound.

IN Spring 2008, the Northants County Council will submit to the Government their revised Minerals Plan for the County. This will be in the public domain, so we will be able to closely monitor the situation.

IN the event the County Council has not removed this 'allocated site' from their plans, we will then take the matter up further with the appointed Inspector of a Public Inquiry. This will be the third Public Inquiry! It will be taking place in early 2009 - again at huge public expense.

THE Inspector's report on the outcome of this third Inquiry which will be binding (we are led to believe), is expected to be published around June/July 2009. It will then be formally

"Was the issue of road widening just a cynical attempt by Northants County Council to provide an artificial issue on which they could later 'back down'? They could then be seen, by a Public Inquiry perhaps, to be giving way to the village on one of the issues. But this was an artificial issue, entirely of their own making."

EDITOR

MEMO TO NORTHANTS COUNTY COUNCIL

“WE ...REMINDE THE COUNTY COUNCIL..ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND...OFFICERS THAT THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY OF CARE TO PROTECT RESIDENTS AND THEIR PROPERTY AND ALSO A WIDER RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE AND WAY OF LIFE. DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SITE HAS BEEN OPPOSED BY RESIDENTS FOR 20 YEARS.ARE YOU LISTENING??”

adopted by the County Council in late 2009.

OUR next aim is to ensure this ‘*allocated site*’ for potential sand extraction in our Parish, is finally removed from the County Council’s Minerals Plan. Rest assured, we will leave no stone unturned.

WE would like to remind the County Council, its elected repre-

sentatives and its officers that they have a responsibility and duty of care to protect residents and their property and also a wider responsibility to preserve our heritage and way of life.

DEVELOPMENT of this site has been opposed by residents for 20 years. *Are you listening, County Council??*

FRIENDS OF CEDOS, BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

THE ‘Friends of Cedos’ (the Northampton manufactured motorbike of the 1920’s, is holding a ‘Cedos Day’ at The Greyhound Inn in the village on Easter Monday Bank Holiday, 24th March.

IF you have an interesting bike (Cedos or otherwise) you are invited to bring it along. A number of clubs will be present including Hesketh Owners, East Midlands Classic and

Northampton School for Boys Moto X plus other groups such as Velocette, BSA and BMW.

THERE will also be live blues music by the group

‘*Sunshine and Blues Guys*’ and so sunshine is definitely guaranteed. The event take place from midday till early evening.



“Sunshine...is guaranteed”

CEDOS DAY
2008
The Northampton made motorbike of the 1920s

Come and see these beautiful old machines

THE GREYHOUND INN
MILTON MALSOR

Easter Monday 24TH March 2008. From midday to early evening.

Other Marques expected:

- FRANCIS BARNETT
- VELOCETTE
- SCOTT
- WRELL
- NORMAN
- BSA
- BMW
- ABC

And blues:

- HESKETH OWNERS
- EAST MIDS CLASSIC
- NITON SCHOOL BOYS
- MOTO X

Live Blues Music by...
“Sunshine & Blues Guys”

If you have an interesting bike – bring it along
DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY
Organised by Friends of Cedos

Protect your home from Burglars



THIEVES are opportunists, looking for doors and windows left open, no lights on, and keys left on display. Offenders, in a third of burglaries, get in through open or unlocked doors or windows. Simple measures can protect your home from these 'unwanted visitors'.

FOLLOW these simple steps:

- ◆ Keep windows and doors locked even when you are in.
- ◆ Keep keys out of reach and sight.
- ◆ Don't leave spare keys outside or in a garage or shed.
- ◆ Visible locks on windows will always deter burglars. If your locks are not effective, new ones are cheap to install.
- ◆ Glass panels on or around doors can be vulnerable. Use obscured glass, so that people can't see in.
- ◆ If installing new doors and windows, get ones certified to British Standards BS7950 (windows) or PAS 24-1 (doors).
- ◆ Keep fences and hedges below head height to ensure entrances to your house aren't hidden.

..and car...

A few simple steps:

- ◆ Never leave keys in the ignition, no matter how short a time you are gone.
- ◆ Don't leave any items on display and don't hide them under seats or in boots - offenders look there.
- ◆ Lock all doors and windows when parked - even for a few minutes.
- ◆ Do not leave work tools in your vehicle, especially overnight.
- ◆ Don't leave electronic items on display like CD's and GPS systems.
- ◆ Park in a garage or in a well-lit area.
- ◆ Use a steering wheel lock, a car alarm or immobiliser.
- ◆ Fit gates or bollards on the drive
- ◆ Hide car keys at home so that they cannot be seen.

FOR anything suspicious, call the Police Contact Centre on 432436. This is the only number you need to call the Police for anything - whether it be to pass on information, report non-urgent incidents, or to contact Police Community Support Officer, Tara Cooksammy - when calling please say you are a member of the Milton Malsor Neighbourhood Watch scheme. IN EMERGENCIES do not hesitate to dial 999. See also www.northants.police.uk

Are YOU someone SPECIAL?
Could you Volunteer your time to serving your community?

Become a SPECIAL CONSTABLE

If you would like to find out more about this exciting and rewarding role please contact.....
Deborah Gordon, Northamptonshire Police Recruitment Team
08453 706700 ext 2098 or email: deborah.gordon@northants.police.uk

**SPECIAL CONSTABLES INFO
CONTACT Deborah Gordon 08453**

New development proposals - an update

IN our Autumn newsletter we reported on the 'West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit' (WNJPU). This comprises the Daventry District, Northampton Borough and South Northants Councils. It concerns proposed plans for the future growth of West Northants.

THESE Councils, plus the County Council and West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) have produced a consultation document on the proposed future developments. IN this the WNJPU suggested four op-

"...the village could disappear..."

tions for future growth and development. This included housing, in and around Northampton. NO decisions have been made about where the planned growth will be. But the Parish Council (PC) is very concerned with one of the options.

THIS proposal is for 'mixed use' growth including housing, south of Northampton and the M1, west of the A508 up to Milton Malsor. It extends as far as Blisworth and Roade, including a new station near Milton.

IF this happens, Milton Malsor will end up surrounded by houses - just like Duston and

Wootton. The village would disappear as a community.

THIS proposal would bring with it masses of traffic clogging the village. It would compound existing congestion on M1 junctions 15 and 15A

A STATION is unnecessary. It is de-

"...another station...makes no sense for anyone..."

clared policy to develop Northampton's existing Castle station at the centre of the town. Another station so close makes no sense for anyone. With another stop, journey times get even longer than they are now..

A NEW station would also attract commuters from further north who could drive there via the M1 and park all day in our village streets.

THE PC has responded to this consultation. We have emphasised that there are

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WHEELBARROW SALE

**SATURDAY MAY 10th
ON THE VILLAGE GREEN
2.30-4.00pm**

**Funding (50:50) towards
the new St Helen's Church
Rooms at Holy Cross
Church (or all sale monies if
you are feeling
generous!)**

**Ring Gill Pountney for
details (859332)**

much better growth options for development in and around Northampton.

IN particular, the north and north western areas of the town are consistent with Government planning policies. These are to develop green field sites next to existing urban areas.

THIS should be done before developing green field sites in rural areas such as those in and around Milton Malsor.

IN a circular in October, we asked every household to also write in support of the

Parish Council. The intention is to exert maximum influence on the WNJPU to abandon the option of developing in and around Milton Malsor.

MANY did so, and thank you.

THE WNJPU is currently considering all the responses received from this consultation. They are now producing a 'preferred options' paper to be issued this Spring for a further 'public consultation.' THIS will contain their preferred proposals. *And we hope Milton Malsor will not feature at all!* Our MP, Mr Brian Binley, is giving us his full support to prevent such a development.

THE PC will do everything possible to prevent unnecessary and unwanted mass developments being imposed on us in Milton Malsor.

For the latest news and background see the PC website see:

www.miltonmalsorparishcouncil.org.uk/news

The Milton Malsor Parish Plan 2005 was based on a survey of all residents. The response rate was 80%. Of these over 95% said they considered it very important, or important, that Milton Malsor "remained a village separate from Northampton and nearby villages".



IT has now been confirmed that the Village Post Office will be closed from mid-day on Wednesday, 19th March.

THERE are four 'Outreach' services available to villages,

in circumstances where residents cannot get to a Post Office within 3 miles of the village:

- ◆ Mobile Post Office: is operated from a van by the sub-postmaster which visits small communities at set times and days of each week, to deliver core Post Office products and services to customers.
- ◆ Hosted Service: a fixed site Post Office from which the sub-postmaster

or his assistants will transact core Post Office products and services during restricted hours each week. The premises are owned by a third party, such as a shop or community centre.

- ◆ Partner Service also a fixed site Post Office branch. A local partner, such as the pub landlord, appointed by the sub-postmaster, transacts a reduced range of products and services from the partner's own premises.
- ◆ Home Delivery Service: for very small communities, the sub-postmaster delivers a reduced range of Post Office products and services, which are ordered by telephone. They may either be delivered to customer's homes or at a local Drop-In session. There is no Post Office building in the community.

Up to 27 branches in Northamptonshire were destined 'for the chop' in November. After the so-called 'consultation, only one was saved - in Gloucester Avenue, Delapre, Northampton.

OUR Post Office was identified for closure 'as there was insufficient use relative to the number of transactions taking place each month and we fell short of the necessary requirement to remain open'!

WHAT can they possibly mean?

THE Post Office claimed 95% of the total rural population across the UK will be within 3 miles of their nearest Post Office.

IN Milton's case, this is Blisworth Post Office, just under 2 miles away. There is also a regular bus service direct to Blisworth every half hour. HOWEVER, the service the PC considers most appropriate for Milton, is the 'Partner Service'. We have made enquires about the process to apply for an Outreach service, and we await a response. We would like to seek the views of residents to identify demand for a reduced service and use the views of the community to put a case for it.

PLEASE submit views to our Clerk (see p3) by the end of April.

Alternative locations and opening times of nearby Post Office services are on page 23.

COURTEENHALL FÊTE

OUR sister church of Saints Peter and Paul, Courteenhall, in the three parishes group, are having their bi-annual fête this year on **Saturday, 7th June** in the beautiful grounds and garden of Courteenhall House by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Charles Wake. THE fête will run from 2pm to 4.30pm. There will be plants, cake, bric-a-brac, tombola, raffle, art gallery and amusements for all.

QUOTE.....

"I am ...concerned the Government has withdrawn valuable services from small post offices and...has not taken account of their role in the social structure",
Brian Binley MP, Northampton South, Northampton Chronicle and Echo, 17 November 2007

"...a Labour Chancellor will not waste money on consultancy fees for the privatisation of the Post Office. The Post Office will remain as it is, run in the public sector as a public service.",
Gordon Brown MP, transcription of speech made in Blackpool 1996

"The Conservatives have tried to privatise the Post Office. We opposed that, in favour of a public Post Office providing a comprehensive service. Conservative plans would mean higher charges for letters and put rural post offices under threat.",
Labour Party Manifesto 1997, section: 'Life in our Countryside'
.....UNQUOTE

TEAS will be available and Daventry Band will be playing during the afternoon. Entrance is just £1 per car and there is ample parking.

THIS is an early date for your diary and more details will follow nearer the time. The church will be open to view or sit quietly and listen to organ music. WELL worth a visit to view the house and grounds close up and we can only hope for great weather.

FUNDS will be raised for the village church of Saints Peter and Paul.

THE CONSERVATION AREA and PARISH MAP



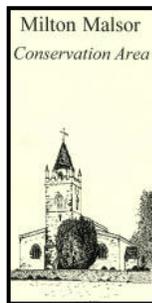
TWO maps have recently been placed onto the Parish Council's website, on two new sections headed 'Conservation' and 'Parish Map'. These cover the village Conservation Area and a map of the Parish Council's administrative Area.

THE maps are in the form of 'PDF' (portable document format) files and instruction for viewing them are on the site (most computers will probably already be set up to open them by just clicking the thumbnail images). The maps are Ordnance Survey copyright but the Parish Council is licensed for this purpose.

PLEASE note that you cannot copy, print or edit them. If you require a high resolution copy this must be obtained from South Northants Council, who may charge a fee. It is possible, however, to view the maps at high enough resolution to read street names and house numbers or names quite clearly.

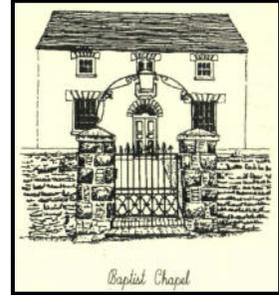
CONSERVATION AREA

THIS part of the website provides access to details of the designated Conservation Area within the village including Listed properties, existing trees with Preservation Orders and Public Footpaths. Not all the area of the village is covered by the Conservation Area which exists to retain



and enhance the distinctive character of the village. In particular:

- ◆ To encourage the maintenance and repair of all buildings and other features, which make a positive contribution to the character of the area and thereby secure retention for future generations.
- ◆ To ensure that any development, redevelopment or alteration is of a similar scale with adjacent buildings, and that the design and materials are sympathetic to the surrounding character.
- ◆ To ensure that the trees and woodlands are protected and, where appropriate, made the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.
- ◆ To ensure that all planning applications are advertised so as to inform members of the public.



NOTE that not all of the listed buildings in Milton are in the Conservation Area. AN in-depth descriptive text is in preparation and will be published on the website by the end of April. For definitive copies of the Conservation Area Map and Regulations contact: The Planning Department, South Northants Council, Springfields, Towcester NN12 6AE.

PARISH MAP

THIS Map covers the entire administrative area of the Parish Council which is

quite large. A description of the area is on the website. Whilst the descriptions will be very obvious to most residents, remember that the website is viewed from anywhere on the globe. The area extends north to include part of the M1 London to Yorkshire motorway between junctions 15 and 15A. In the west the area is bounded by the A43 trunk road connecting Towcester and the M1 motorway. THIS dual-carriageway road was constructed to by-pass the village and Blisworth. It opened in 1991 with access points at junction 15A, Tiffield and Towcester. In the east the area is partly bounded by the A508 Northampton to Milton Keynes road, whilst in the south the area extends roughly half-way between the main village areas and Blisworth. The West Coast main railway line, which runs from London, Euston, to north west England and Scotland, is just south of the parish.

A BRANCH of the line is just east of the main village, running from just south of the parish to Rugby, with stations at Northampton and Long Buckby.

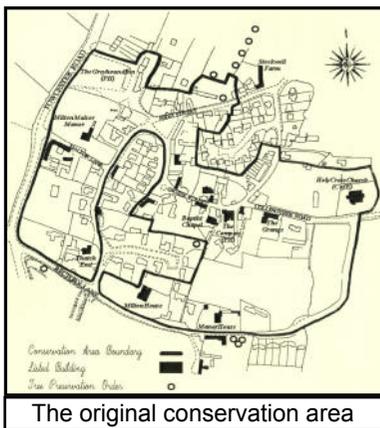
THE description of the area continues with some data on population, facilities and political boundaries.

CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT

THE background to publication of this information on the internet, is a continuing threat of development. This has been

the case for at least the last 30 years and continues with two articles in this newsletter. The Parish Council is very conscious of this and is determined to fight to retain the village as a separate community. Designation of a Conservation Area does not rule out the possibility of new development. What is important, is that new developments should be designed in a sensitive and sympathetic manner. THEY should have regard for the special character of the area.

APPLICATIONS for planning permission for any development likely to affect the character or appearance of the area must be advertised by a notice displayed in the local press and on, or near to, the land



to which the application relates. THE public then have the opportunity to inspect the application and to make comments. Advice as to what type of development requires consent can be obtained from South Northamptonshire Council's Planning Department. There is generally a right of appeal to the Secretary of State if an application is refused, or approved subject to conditions.

THE CONTEXT

THE Parish Council wants to show that Milton Malsor extends well beyond the village and the village is largely a Conservation Area worth preserving.

WE intend to protect both.

NEWS BRIEF



BRASS BAND

Residents will recall that, Rebecca Ludlow, aged 17, a member of both the Northampton Brass and Moulton 77 Brass Bands, played the Last Post and Reveille magnificently on her cornet for our 2007 Remembrance Day service at the village War Memorial. Moulton 77 Brass Band have asked us to say that they are keen to recruit new members. They would be pleased to welcome anyone with an interest in brass instrument playing either from the village or in the Northampton area generally.

DISTRACTION

BURGLARS - NEW PLOY

SOME Anglian Water uniforms have been stolen from the Market Harborough/Northamptonshire area. Please be aware that distraction burglars often use the excuse that they need to check the water supply in order to gain access to peoples homes. Once inside, they locate and steal cash and valuables before leaving.

IT is quite possible that these uniforms may be used for this purpose so be on the lookout. The police offer the following advice: be suspicious of any unexpected callers at your door and keep a lookout for elderly neighbours and relatives.

DISTRACTION burglars almost always target the elderly and vulnerable. If someone says they are from the 'waterboard', shut the door and call the police on 999 immediately. There is no such thing as the waterboard - they are definitely lying.

NEVER allow a caller to bully you into letting them in by pretending their visit is urgent. If you are at all suspicious, call the police straight away. If you see people dressed in Anglian Water uniforms and suspect they may be bogus, again call the police. Please pass this message onto as many people as you can, especially the elderly and the vulnerable.

PENSIONERS BENEFITS:

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN THE LAW

PENSIONERS are advised to seek benefits advice before April 2008, when the law changes.

AGE Concern Northants state that, for those claiming benefits, there will be a change in the way pensions are backdated. They say that, currently, pensioners can claim a backdate of up to 52 weeks for Pension Credit, Housing and Council Tax benefit.

FOR example, a pensioner entitled to a Council Tax benefit of £10 per week making a new claim now, could get £520 in backdated benefit. If, however, the claim was to be delayed until after April, the backdate is limited to three months, so only £130 can be claimed - a loss of £390.

AGE concerns advises that you call and get a free benefits check on 01604 611200 or the National Information line on Freephone 0800 009966.

ART GROUP

PLEASE note the change to the nature and format of the meetings.

THE group now meet on Wednesdays, Village Hall, 1.30-3.30pm in term time. They are 'self help', with regular visiting artist demonstrations and workshops. Come along and give it a try or tel Marion 859109 or Anne 858326. *(The village group information details have been amended. This section now appears on page 21).*

FLY TIPPING - WHAT HAPPENS?

WHEN the Parish Council receive reports of fly-tipping incidents they are reported to South Northants Council asking them to remove the offending material. However items can only be removed if they are on public land. Removing items from private land is the responsibility of the landowner.

DOG WARDEN REPORTS

SORRY that we didn't get into the last issue. Gus was very upset because he didn't get any entries in his competition from the previous issue. You remember the one? Best reason for not scooping the poop. I have managed to placate him and we are still enjoying our walks around the area. UNFORTUNATELY, the question of 'Scooping the Poop' is to the forefront of our minds again. The position is, in fact, getting worse and the Parish Council is receiving more complaints about the amount of poop on our streets.

AFTER much judicial sniffing and detailed examination Gus is of the opinion that whilst there is without doubt more on the street, it is coming from just a few sources. As is often the case, a few spoil things for the many.

THE Parish Council has no wish to become heavy handed in this matter but it does have a duty of care to the whole community and it will, if necessary, take steps to enforce the law.

SO come on you irresponsible few, CLEAN IT UP! Consider the unwary who may find your dog's poop on their shoe or trodden into their car or house.

A REQUEST for an additional Poop Scoop bin was received by the Parish Council for the Lower Road end of the village and this has been ordered. Hopefully this will make life more convenient for both poopers and scoopers.

ISN'T it nice now to walk around the area and see young lambs and calves in our fields? As I no longer allow Gus into

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Milton Malsor Historical Society

PLEASE note that the next MMHS meeting will be held on March 27th (and not March 20th - as previously announced). The meeting will be at Raynsford House as usual, starting at 7.30 pm.

THE meeting will include the AGM and a display of the society's website and photos old, and not so old, in and around the village, in the hope of identifying ancient locations and individuals. So please come along and help where you can. New members are also welcome.

ON May 15th there is a visit planned to The Sywell Aviation Museum.

ADVANCE notice that the club will be holding a race night on Saturday, March 29th, at the clubhouse in Collingtree Road from 8.00

MILTON FOOTBALL CLUB

pm. More details will follow to households later.

THE main team or the reserves

are usually in action at the football grounds most Saturday afternoons and welcome your support and new members, players or not.

THE club has two adult teams plus one for veterans and one for under 17's. For membership and club hire details:

Secretary, Jim Mackintosh 858145

GENERAL PARISH NOTICES

BONFIRES

PLEASE consider your neighbours before lighting a fire. SNC state: *'It is not an offence to have a bonfire, but it is an offence to create smoke which is a nuisance to neighbours'*.

SNC suggest: warn neighbours in advance; burn only dry material, never rubber, plastics or painted timber; do not burn when wind will carry smoke towards neighbours or over roads; do not burn in the evenings or let fires smoulder. Consider more environmentally friendly disposal. If you are concerned with nuisance bonfires, please call SNC Environment Dept on 0845 2300 226. Calls are confidential.

GARDEN waste can be composted for future use, or taken to a civic recycling site. It can also be added to your green bin and will then be composted to improve agricultural land.

DOGS

DOG fouling still occurs in High Street, Lower Road and Rectory Lane. Helen Hunt, SNC Animal Welfare, patrols the village. Fixed penalty notices can be issued to anyone seen allowing a dog to foul without clearing up after. Use the dog waste bins. To report fouling, contact Helen Hunt – on 01327 322277 in strict confidence

ENVIRONMENTAL ASBOS

SOUTH Northamptonshire Council (SNC) have the powers to issue fixed penalty fines of £75 under the heading of 'Environmental Antisocial Behaviour'. This covers issues such as dog fouling, graffiti, fly posting, noise and littering.

WE still have problems with litter in the village. PLEASE take litter home with you, or put it in the bins. Thanks to residents who regularly pick up litter. Drivers 'rat running' through the village, may be responsible for litter in Collingtree Road, Barn Lane, Gayton Road and Rectory Lane. The Parish Council has requested NCC to clear all the litter from Towcester Road.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE 7.5 TONNE LIMIT (EXCEPT FOR LOADING).

IF you see an HGV driving through the village which clearly exceeds the 7.5t weight limit, please make a note of the number plate and any vehicle markings, record the date, time and direction of travel, and, if possible, take a digital photograph. PLEASE ALSO REPORT details immediately to the Police on 432436.

GRAFFITI

THIS is classified as anti social behaviour - it is unpleasant and it affects the quality of people's

lives. We don't want graffiti to escalate into a serious problem in the village, so evidence is always passed to the Police to track down the people responsible. If your property is vandalised with graffiti, please report it to the Police on 432436. Then remove it as quickly as possible. For advice on this, contact Peter Austen, the Environmental Services at SNC on 01327 322347.

LOCAL HANDYMAN SERVICE

MR Chris Claydon in Roade, is pleased to do small odd jobs for the residents of Milton Malzor. These include painting, treating fences, gardening, changing electric plugs and bulbs, cleaning windows, re-felting sheds, hanging pictures, cleaning cars, taxi service (long and short journeys) and other small jobs. Chris Claydon charges £8 per hour (contact details p23).

PLEASE NOTE whilst the Parish Council is happy to make residents aware of available services, we do not recommend any preferred organisations or individuals, etc

MOTOCROSS

NOISE from motorcycle scrambling is an issue. The Parish Council monitor the number of meetings at the Motocross track. When planning permission was initially granted, it was conditional that the organisers could hold up to a maximum 14 events a year including practice sessions. In 2004, 17 sessions took place. This was reported to SNC who served a planning contravention order. 14 sessions took place in 2005.

HOWEVER we are concerned with new Government legislation which now permits up to 20 sessions per year. In 2006, 16 sessions took place. We continue to monitor activities.

OVERHANGING SHRUBS

THESE have been highlighted as a problem in the village. Please have consideration for the safety and comfort of fellow villagers.

PLEASE trim your plants back from the pavement. You may be causing a nuisance or even breaking the law if you do not.

PARKING

PLEASE be considerate when parking. Parked vehicles can block resident's driveways, particularly in Green Street, High Street, the entrance to the Baptist Chapel and the pavement entrance to the school, causing inconvenience.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ALTHOUGH the Parish Council is consulted on planning applications, we are only asked for our views. We are not a planning authority and cannot either grant, or refuse, planning permission.

these fields or near them, he feels we should remind everyone to do the same. SHEEP and cows can become extremely stressed and aggressive if they feel their young are in danger from dogs running free. Remember also that a farmer has the right to shoot any dog he thinks is worrying his sheep.

YOU have no right to be on his land unless you are on a public footpath and your dog has you on a lead.

GUS also points out that on a recent visit to prison (kennels) he came across a stray dog who had no identification on his collar. His owner hadn't been found. He would like to remind you that all dogs should have information on their

collar to enable their owner to be contacted, even if they have also been chipped.

Well thats all for this issue folks,Happy walking and enjoy our lovely area David. and Gus

SPEED WATCH: REPORT

AT the request of the Parish Council, the Police carried out a traffic data analysis in Towcester Road, from 13-20th November inclusive. VEHICLE movements recorded included cars, buses, coaches, lorries, motor bikes and scooters etc. D uring the week, there were **51,564** vehicle movements travelling



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SNC, the County Council and WNDC are the recognised planning authorities who can either refuse or grant planning permission.

PLAYING FIELD - DOGS AND ALL MOTORBIKES ARE BANNED

SNC has imposed a ban on dogs and motorbikes, including mini-motorbikes, in the playing field. Notices are displayed at both entrances. People have been seen riding mini motor bikes in the field. The Police have been informed and will be carrying out 'spot checks'. If you see any motor or mini-motorbikes in the playing field please contact the Police on 432436.

PEOPLE walking dogs, on or off leads, in the playing field will be prosecuted. SNC Dog Wardens carry out 'spot checks'. We request the co-operation of all dog owners in observing this banning order. If you see anyone walking a dog there, please report the matter to Helen Hunt on 01327 322277.

POLICE DEDICATED TEL NUMBER FOR MILTON MALSOR RESIDENTS: 432436

IF you see anything suspicious which you are concerned about please call the Police immediately on this number. This is the only number you need to contact the Police for anything - whether to pass on information, report non-urgent incidents or contact the Police Community Support Officer, Tara Cooksammy.

WHEN calling please say you are a member of the Milton Malsor Neighbourhood Watch scheme. In emergencies continue to call 999

RECYCLING BINS -

GREYHOUND PUB ADDITIONAL recycling bins are provided in the Greyhound car park. Please be considerate of noise to neighbours when using them.

STREET LIGHTS - POTHOLES

WATER LEAKS - ABANDONED VEHICLES - FLY TIPPING

REPORT all problems with these to our Clerk. (see p3). They will be logged and reported on your behalf to the relevant authorities. If you see anyone 'fly tipping' please take details of the vehicle registration and call SNC Environment Dept Hotline on 0845 2300226, in confidence.

TREES AND THE VILLAGE CONSERVATION AREA

THE Parish Council wish to remind everyone living within the village conservation area, that permission is required from SNC before felling or pruning any trees on your property.

CONTACT Ian Lorman, SNC Arboricultural Officer, (01327 322260) for permission.

IF you are not certain if you are within the conservation area, contact Ian Lorman to check before either felling or pruning any trees on your property.

in both directions. This is equivalent to **2,681,328** vehicle movements a year in Towcester Road.

POLICE data showed that **16,574 (32%)** of the vehicles exceeded the 40 mph limit. The highest speed recorded was **119** mph, probably a motorbike. We are now in discussions with the Police to see what measures can be taken to enforce the 40mph limit.

IN partnership with the Police, the Community Speed Watch team will be monitoring speeding traffic in the village later in the year. Meanwhile Police will continue carrying out regular speed enforcement measures in the village.

IN the two years we have participated in the scheme, we have spent 39 hours of monitoring, and have recorded details of over 270 vehicles doing speeds between 35-55 mph in Rectory Lane.

WE are grateful to all residents who volunteer to help us run this scheme. This is an ongoing programme and we are always looking for more volunteers to help us. If you can help us please contact our Clerk (see p3).

7.5 TONNE SIGNS

VEHICLES over 7.5t in weight are prohibited from driving through the village at any time unless making deliveries in the village. The Parish Council is still concerned that large continental HGV's well over the limit, that are still turning off the M1 at junction 15, and then cutting through the village. THIS is due to poor advance signs on the A45. We are actively chasing the Highways Agency to install the proper advance warning signs. We have been waiting since December 2006.

LITTER

THE Parish Council wishes to thank those people who regularly pick up litter from our streets and playing field. Yes, your efforts

have been noticed! Without your contribution our village would be a much less pleasant place to live.

CAN we also appeal to residents and visitors not to throw down cigarette packets or butts. Please take them home and bin them. Such littering is now an offence and subject to a fine which the Parish Council has the power to enforce.

WE have asked South Northants Council to place a large bin down by the swings. Their reply was that they will only collect from their own bins at the roadside. This old fashioned 'work to rule' is difficult to accept, but, in the long term, to rely on volunteers is impractical.

WE regularly appeal to Highways asking them to clear up Towcester Road, which is an eyesore mainly caused by passing motorists. Other bad areas are Collingtree Road and Green Street where children drop sweet and chocolate wrappings on their way home, or to mum's car. Please try to prevent this. A village litter pick has been suggested. If enough readers think it merited, one could be organised for later in the year. Please contact our clerk if you can help (see p3).

PHEASANTS.....

OUR appreciation goes to the organisers of the annual pheasant and partridge rearing project. Each winter, the more crafty of the birds wander through our village gardens adding colour and interest at a dreary time of year. An occasional 'click clack' indicates their presence, as does a sudden whirr of wings when one is disturbed. Some of us have even had nests in our long grass. THIS year, a wider variety of breeds was introduced. The sight of steel blue or totally black and white plumage mixing with the traditional brown is a delight. Who needs peacocks when we have our own, home grown, decorative birds to grace the parish.

.....OAK TREE PESTS...

THE 'oak processionary moth'

– so named because the caterpillars form ‘nose to tail processions’ – has invaded from mainland Europe. Is this another indication of climate change?

THESE hairy caterpillars form silken nests on the trunks and branches of oak trees. If you see them, don’t touch the nests or caterpillars because there is a health risk from the hairs. Report any sightings to Forest Research on 01420 22255 who will organise effective treatment.

...AND FARM ANIMALS

DO YOU walk your dog in the village? Several local fields are crossed by public footpaths. If you use public footpaths to exercise dogs, remember that all dogs should be on a lead and kept to the footpath. There are working farms using several fields with paths in and around the village where a variety of farm animals are kept. It is particularly important that dogs are not walked, even on a lead, in fields containing farm animals. **This is especially the case at this time of year during lambing.**

DEBT ADVICE

SOUTH Northants Council and Welfare Rights at Northampton have set up a free advice service to help you with any debt problems. They can make sure that you are receiving full entitlement to benefits.

IF you have problems, for example, with County Court Claims for money you owe, paying back loans, credit cards, catalogues, rent, mortgage, utility bills, Council Tax or are under threat of eviction, they may be able to assist.

TO access this free, confidential and independent service please contact Lisa at the Council - 01327 322396.

VILLAGE HALL

TWO recent Village Hall events both made healthy contributions towards the

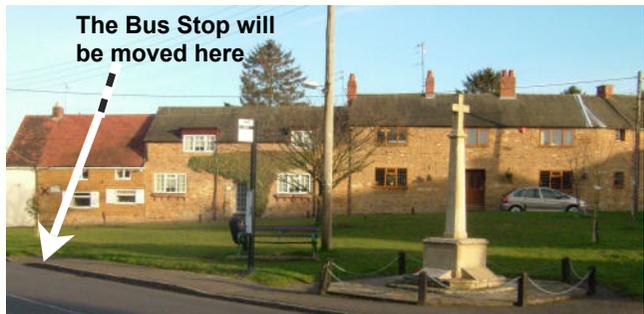
Hall’s refurbishment fund. The New Year’s Eve party raised £570.20 and the Race Night £575.50, a grand total of £1,145.70. The Trustees of the Hall thank all who attended, and also the volunteers who made the events possible.

THE Village Hall events of the last three years have funded the recent completion of the first phase of the refurbishment. Phase one has now been completed and new double glazed windows and doors have been installed.

THE Hall was opened in 1978 after many years of fundraising starting in 1945. The final accounts show the total cost of construction at the time, as a little short of £35,000. The land on which it stands was a gift to the Parish Council for the village, in 1957 from Mr Albert James, a local farmer. It was the site of the old Workhouse Yard in the village. I am grateful to Mr Alan Digby’s book, Milton Malsor, ‘*History Revisited*’, published in 2004 for this information. The book can still be purchased from the Milton Historical Society via their website at: www.miltonmalsorhistory.org.uk in the ‘publications’ section.

THE MEMORIAL BUS STOP

THE new bus stop, close to the War Memorial, has been discussed with the Engineers at County Hall. It was agreed that to minimise the inappropriate visual impact on the War Memorial, placing the bus stop sign and timetable on the telegraph pole, where it had been located previously, was a possibility. However, whilst this might have been



considered suitable in the distant past, safety and other concerns were raised, believe it or not, based on a site visit. For example, if an infrequent bus user or person new to the area wanted to use the timetable, they would have to walk over several yards of grass causing 'an issue' in poor weather, especially for elderly or disabled users. Moreover, if the pole was repositioned close to the current telegraph pole, there were worries that it might be dangerous for the telegraph pole maintenance people. An engineer might slip from the telegraph pole and be impaled on the bus stop. Also, local children might see it as a means of climbing onto the telegraph pole. Much discussion later, a second location for the stop at the end of the tarmac

path, and on the path with a dropped kerb, was proposed by the Parish Council. When finally moved, it has been agreed, however, that the bus will continue to stop where it always has done.

HOUSING TRANSFER AND OPEN SPACES

A RECENT PC meeting heard from a number of residents concerned at the proposal to transfer open space land from South Northants Council. Our District Councillors, Mrs Ann Addison and Mrs Janet Eliot, have requested that the land be transferred to the Parish Council instead. South Northants Housing are committed to keeping the land for recreational purposes. §

MILTON HAM PLANNING APPLICATION

WEST Northants Development Corporation (WNDC) has received a planning application for office units, 26 industrial units and 3 very large warehouses. This is on green field land north of the M1 next to junction 15a, and east of the former A43 trunk road near the Crematorium. The site is in within Northampton Borough but, due to its size, planning consent needs will be decided by WNDC.

THE area within South Northants, adjoining the site and south of the M1, is open countryside and is designated as an important 'Local Gap'. It is vitally important for this gap to be preserved.

THIS is a massive development. It could impact severely on Milton Malsor. The village is about half-a mile from the edge of the site.

THE height and size of the buildings will be an eyesore on the open countryside. Potentially, it will be even worse than the existing warehouse developments in Swan Valley.

20 OUR village and community will suffer

from light pollution and the appalling visual appearance. The Parish Council is mindful of the intensity of light pollution suffered by residents in Kislingbury. This is from the vast Sainsburys warehouse on the M1 near their village.

VEHICLES will access the site via a spur from junction 15a. In reality, some form of development will happen on this site. Our

Northampton...needs to change its image as Shed City. This...is no help...at all.

challenge is to influence a softer and more, low key development than that proposed. THE PC has written to WNDC strongly objecting to this application in its current form. The grounds are poor design, layout, appearance and light pollution.

THIS is an important gateway for both Northampton and South Northamptonshire. We have emphasised that given the importance of this site as a gateway Milton Ham Industrial Park is very important.

THERE should be buildings of a high quality design which we can all be proud of.

The PC is totally against having warehouses in the middle of such a prime gateway location.

IT is already a declared policy that Northampton wants and needs to change its image as Shed City. We should not be the 'warehouse centre' for the country. This proposal is no help to the the area at all. WE need to become a knowledge centre, attracting higher quality and higher income employment. Another group of tall tin sheds at the entrance to the town will not assist this long term policy.

WE have emphasised to WNDC, that it would be far more appropriate to adopt a quality approach. This can be done by reducing the size of the development.

IT seems to us that it would be more conducive to build a 'Business Park' This could consist of two storey offices with appropri-

ate landscaping..Such a tasteful design would not be an eyesore in open countryside. Nor would it have a severe impact on the village from light pollution. A BUSINESS Park, sympathetically built, would bring added value. It would be a high quality gateway to the area. We don't know when WNDC make a decision on the application, but the PC remains vigilant.

ON

**behalf
of the**

STOP PRESS

Village Hall: they need to contact anyone in the village, who works at, or is now retired from, Barclays Bank, to contact The Village Hall Secretary, on 858408, as soon as possible, please.

VILLAGE GROUPS

DO YOU BELONG TO A GROUP?

If so help us keep this list up-to-date and tell us if you spot an error, change of time, contact or other details or belong to a group not represented.

(Dial code 01604 if none stated)

ART GROUP Meet Wednesday, Village Hall, 1.30-3.30pm in term time. The group is self help, with regular visiting artist demonstrations and workshops. Come along and give it a try or tel Marion 859109 or Anne 858326.

BADMINTON Meet Tuesday, Village Hall 7.15-8.15pm

BEAVERS Meet Thursday, Village Hall, 5.45-6.45pm

BROWNIES Meet Monday, Village Hall 6.00-7.30pm

CHURCHES Details of local church activities are published the monthly 'Three Parishes Newsletter' which is distributed to all homes in the village. See also: www.threeparishes.org.uk Details of activities including services around the main festivals are also in the weekly

'Down Your Way Column (see p2).

CUBS Meet Wednesday, Village Hall, 6.30-7.45pm

HISTORICAL SOCIETY Secretary John Brice. See the web site at: www.miltonmalsorhistory.org.uk

MILTON FC has two adult teams plus one for veterans and one for under 17's. For membership and club hire details: Secretary, Jim Mackintosh 858145

PILATES Meet Fridays, Village Hall, noon-1.00pm (From March 21st with fully qualified instructor, Caroline Eames - tel for availability 07940 434911

SCOUTS Meet Wednesday, Village Hall, 7.45-9.15pm

SHORT MAT BOWLS Meet Village Hall, Mondays and Thursdays (except 2nd Thursdays other than August) 7.30-10.00pm. For details please contact Mrs M Joll 767277

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE Contact Brenda Jenks. Meet 2nd Thursday each month except August, village hall 7.30-10.00pm. Details - please see the Village Diary for meetings. New members are very welcome. **New residents please note!**

VILLAGE DIARY

2008

March

Thu 13 WI 'Ingredients for Health'

Thu 20 **Campion Easter Holiday Part I closure; Re-open Thu 27 March ***NB extra day*****

Thu 20 Historical Society - AGM Museum proposal; website and photo display

Thu 20 Mobile Library

Fri 21 *Good Friday*

Sun 23 *Easter Sunday*

Mon 24 *Bank Holiday* Cedos Event From midday - see p7

Sat 29 Milton FC Race Night 8pm at the clubhouse

April

Fri 4 **Campion Easter Holiday Part II closure; re-opens Mon 21st April**

Tue 8 Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

Thu 10 WI 'Rockingham Castle'

Thu 10 Mobile Library

May

Thu 1 Mobile Library

Fri 2 Village Hall Trust AGM For time see notices.

Mon 5 *May Bank Holiday*

Thu 8 WI: Resolutions 7.30pm

Sat 10 Holy Cross Church Wheelbarrow sale, 2pm on the Memorial Green

Tue 13 Parish Council Meeting

Wed 14 **Summer Newsletter cut off**

Thu 15 Historical Society visit to Sywell Aviation Museum

Thu 22 Mobile Library (no further available dates at time of publication)

Fri 23 **Campion Whitsun Hol close; re-open Mon 2 June**

Mon 26 *Spring Bank Holiday*

June

Tue 10 Parish Council Meeting

Tue 11 **NB Summer Newsletter cut-off now Wed 14 May**

Thu 12 WI 'Pelargoniums Explained'

Sun 15 Holy Cross Church Picnic and Walk from Bronte Farm Tiffield (details to follow)

July

Tue 8 Parish Council Meeting

Thu 10 WI An evening in Collingtree inc village tour

Sat 12 Holy Cross Church: Milton Malsor Open Gardens

Thu 17 Historical Society 'Paschendale'

Wed 23 **Campion Summer Hol close**

August

Mon 5 Holiday Club at Milton School (to Fri 9th Aug)

Tue 12 Parish Council Meeting (optional)

Wed 13 **Autumn Newsletter cut-off**

Mon 25 *August Bank Holiday*

TO include items, please send details to the editor before the Newsletter cut-off dates shown. Please include: date, time, location, contacts and costs.

Unless otherwise indicated: the WI meet in

the village hall and the Historical Society and Parish Council in Raynsford House. Note: see also p23 for groups holding more frequent regular meetings and mobile library time details

VILLAGE SERVICES

Information in this section changes rapidly so help us keep this list up-to-date and tell us if you spot an error, change of time, contact or other details. (Dial code 01604 if none stated)

HANDYMAN Mr Chris Clayson 862195

(PLEASE NOTE The Parish Council does not recommend preferred companies, organisations or individuals)

HUNSBURY LIBRARY Tel 702830

Open Mon,Thu 10am-7pm; Tue, Fri

9.30am-5pm Sat 10am-5pm

JASON Journeys Around South North-

ants - enquiries 237801

MOBILE LIBRARY Tel 462049 Village

Hall 2.05-2.25pm, Raysford House 2.30-

2.50pm Dates: please see the Village

Diary for the next few months

NORTHANTS COUNTY COUNCIL

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

County Hall, The Lakes, NORTHAMP-

TON NN1 1AP Tel 236236

POST OFFICES

Milton Post

Office is due to

close after

trading on

Thursday 20th

March.

The nearest

alternatives are

as follows:



Main Offices

These offer main services such as Road Tax Discs:

NORTHAMPTON DELAPRE

Towcester Road, Far Cotton

NORTHAMPTON St Giles Street

TOWCESTER, Watling Street

Sub Post Offices

These do not offer some main services

BLISWORTH VILLAGE SHOP AND

POST OFFICE, Northampton Road

This is the nearest office with opening

hours **PO:** M-F 9.30am-1pm & 2pm-

5.30pm exc Wed am only Sat 9am-

12.30pm **Shop:** M-F 7am-6.30pm Sat

8.30am-12.30pm Sun 8.30am-12.30pm

CAMP HILL SHOP AND POST

OFFICE Hunsbury Hill Road. PO: M-

Sat 9am-12.30pm M-F 1.30pm-

5.30pm

ROYAL MAIL COLLECTIONS

Sunday or Bank Hol's

No Collections

Village M-F 5pm Sat

10.30am

Blisworth M-F 4.45pm

Collingtree M-F

5.30pm Sat 10.45am;

Tesco Supermarket

Mereway

M-F 5.30pm Sat 12.15pm

Northampton St Giles Street M-F 7.15pm

Sat (NB Change) 10.15am (*Note Collec-*

tion box is now outside the Guildhall to

prevent vandalism)

Towcester Watling Street

Mon-Sat 12.30pm

RECYCLING CENTRES

Towcester - Old Greens Norton Road,

Sixfields - Walter Tull Way. Open: Apr-

Sep M-F 8.30am-7.0pm Sat/Sun/Bank

Hols 8.30am-5.30pm Oct-Mar 8.30am-

5.00pm every day exc Christmas, Boxing,

New Years Days See also:

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Environment/Waste/Opening+hours.htm

SAMARITANS Tel: 637637

email: jo@samaritans.org

SOUTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

Website: www.southnorthants.gov.uk

Springfields, TOWCESTER NN12 6AE 0845

230 0226 (Environment: 0845 230 0226

Graffiti: 01327 322347 Dog Fouling: 01327

322295 Enquires 01327 237801 Tenants out

of hours call out: 01327 322399)

VILLAGE HALL Booking: Caretaker, Mar-

garet Wilkinson, 4 Towcester Road, 859234

VILLAGE SHOP (THE POST OFFICE

WILL CLOSE MIDDAY WEDNESDAY

19TH MARCH) Services include delivery of

newspapers and other publications.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VILLAGE SHOP

Opening hours: M-F 9am-12.30pm and

2.30pm-5.30pm Sat 9am-noon Sun: closed

For alternative post offices see under

Post Offices



Your Parish Councillors

With position (underlined if any) and responsibilities.

Please address all correspondence to the Clerk - see page 3.

The Crime and Disorder team also includes PCSO Tara Cooksammy, and village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Rebecca White.

Chairman Crime and Disorder; Community and Environment; Website
Mrs Carolyn Dent
Copper Beeches
Gayton Road NN7 3AA



Finance; Parish Plan; Website
Mrs Brenda W Jenks
Orchard House
17 Orchard Close NN7 3AY



Planning; Crime and Disorder
Christopher Mair
11 Milton Court
NN7 3AX



Planning
Roger Pinnock
The Old Barn
Rectory Lane
NN7 3AQ



Finance and Trusts
David Green
1 High Street
NN7 3AS



Finance; Planning
Vice Chairman
Brian Sumpton, Spring Gardens, Towcester
Road NN7 3AE



Community and Environment; Newsletter; Website
Shaun Hope,
27 Rectory Lane NN7 3AQ



Crime and Disorder; Planning
Mrs Janet Winchester
April Lodge, 27A Lower
Road NN7 3AW



Planning and Structure Plans
Neil Jagger
1 Milton Court
NN7 3AX



Clerk; Responsible Financial Officer
Mrs Ann Addison, The Paddocks, Baker Street,
Gayton NN7 3EZ



WARDENS Dogs - *David Green*; Footpaths - *Bob Pyke*; Highways - *Sally Townsend*; Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - *Rebecca White*; Trees - *John Brice*; Web - *Steve Hunt*.

◆◆◆ OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS ◆◆◆

Bernard Ingram - Northants County Councillor for our Division Tel 858489
Mrs Ann Addison (Tel 858226) and **Mrs Janet Eliot** (Tel 830231) - South Northants Councillors for our Ward. SNC, Springfields, Towcester, NN12 6AE Tel: 0845 230 0336
POLICE: 432436, except emergency - FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE 999
MP (Northampton South): Brian Binley, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

◆◆◆ PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ◆◆◆

All parish council meetings are at 7.30pm at Raynsford House and open to the public.
(Agendas are posted on PC notice board and web site). Next meetings - see diary, page 22

◆ Items for the next edition. Please note cut-off date: **Wednesday, 14 May** ◆