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*Milton Malsor*

# *Parish Council Newsletter*

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## *Brian Sumpton*

WELCOME to the Spring edition of our Newsletter. The winter weather has produced some really picturesque scenes around the village with frost and snow covering houses, trees and shrubs. An excellent opportunity for the keen photographer. The downside to all this was, of course, the treacherous conditions on the roads and footpaths making getting out and about very difficult at times. Hopefully by the time you read this issue of the Newsletter all the snow will have gone and our thoughts will be turning to spring.

### **PLAYING FIELD**

A tremendous amount of work has been taking place in an attempt to secure funding for new equipment in the playing field through a Government Grant scheme call 'Playbuilder'. (see article later in this Newsletter and explanatory map on the centre pages). A big thank you to all villagers both adults and children and to those village groups that helped by completing the questionnaire or by giving up time to discuss layouts and types of equipment. The information gained during this consultation forms a significant part of the Grant application process. It will be some time yet before we know if we have been successful in obtaining a grant but we are optimistic.

### **BUS STOP POLE**

IT is now over a year since the Parish Council asked, and the County Council agreed to move the bus stop pole on the village green away from the War Memorial.

DESPITE having a firm commitment to

**DOWN YOUR WAY** This local community column appears in every Monday edition of Northampton's *Chronicle and Echo*. If you have any village news items, notice of events or photographs, etc you would like included just 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 publication of the Parish Council.*

**EDITOR**

undertake the works and being given actual dates when it would be done, at the time of writing, nothing has happened.

WE will keep pestering the County Council until this work is carried out.

## **WEBSITE**

RECENTLY, members of another Parish Council told me that they thought the Milton Malsor Parish Council website was one of the best they have seen. It's good to get recognition.

OUR thanks go to Steve Hunt for setting up and maintaining our site. For anyone who has not yet viewed it you can do so by going to the site shown on the front page. You can do this from most public libraries in the county.

THE website is worth looking at regularly as, when possible, important news is often published ahead of announcements in the newsletter.

## **SAND QUARRY**

THE battle over sand extraction from the site between Milton Malsor and Collingtree is set to run for some time yet. At the time of writing over 540 letters of objection to these plans have been received by the County Council.

IT'S good to see the support we are getting from residents and organisations in Blisworth and Hunsbury, as well as ourselves and Collingtree. Thanks to all who have sent in letters of objection, it really can make a difference.

THE closing date for letters was 5pm on Thursday, 12 March, before the expected publication of this newsletter.

## **VILLAGE HALL**

PART of the Parish Council website now has a section for the village hall which the Parish Council is very keen to support. To ensure the hall has maximum usage it is important that outside groups and event organisers are aware of its potential.

## *Clerk to the Parish Council*

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THE Village Hall provides an attractive and convenient venue for a variety of functions including receptions of all kinds, parties, exhibitions and conferences etc.

AMENITIES include the James Meeting Room, a large hall, chairs and tables, a fully-equipped kitchen, cloak and disabled cloakrooms, central heating throughout, and a large car park with disabled access to the hall. You can use your own caterers and the Greyhound Restaurant and Pub can also offer buffet style meals in the hall if this is what is required.

DETAILS of hire charges are published on the Village Hall notice boards. Your individual requirements can also be discussed with the hall caretaker who can be contacted on 01604 859234.

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

THE Annual Parish Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, 14 April at 7.00pm in Raynsford House.

THIS village meeting is separate from the Parish Council Meeting and is an opportunity for residents to discuss any issues relating to the village and its environment. I would encourage as many people as possible to attend this meeting

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## **NEXT MUSIC AT MILTON**

**Tuesday, 7th April**

**Holy Cross Church**

**THE CRUCIFIXION by John Stainer  
sung by Towcester Choral Society**

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and take part in the discussions. The regular Parish Council meeting follows the Annual Parish Meeting.

## **YOUR SAY**

MEMBERS of the public are warmly welcome at any Parish Council Meeting, and at every meeting there is an opportunity in the public session for anyone to make a comment or ask a question about anything they wish to draw to the attention of the Parish Council. The Parish Council is not just a talking shop for the Parish Councillors - if we're not listening, then we're not doing our job.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

The meeting in the Village Hall on Friday, 27 February, proved to be a great success, with around one hundred people in attendance including a number of residents from Collingtree, Blisworth, as well as East and West Hunsbury. Many questions were put to our Member of Parliament Brian Binley and County Councillor Bernard Ingram and a very strong message was sent to the County Council that they have a real fight on their hands if they wish to quarry sand near the village. **Brian Sumpton**

**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).

## **EASTER AT HOLY CROSS**

**H**OLY Week this year starts on Palm Sunday, 5th April with a special Family Service at 10am. ON Tuesday 7th April the Towcester Choral Society will be singing The Crucifixion by John Stainer in the church. Admission is free although there will be a retiring collection to meet expenses.

EASTER Sunday, 12th April, is going to be different this year. At 9am there will be Holy Communion. At 9.45am there will be an Easter Breakfast followed by Easter Songs of Praise at 10.30am. We hope to ring the bells at 11.30am to coincide with a big Easter Egg Hunt to finish by midday. Everyone is very welcome, especially families. If you want to book in for the breakfast ring 858363.

MANY opportunities exist for you to get involved with the life of the church. We need folk to help with cleaning and maintenance, singers to join the choir, people to help lead with children's work and simply more folk to come and make themselves at home within a very welcoming community. If you would like someone to talk to please ring 858363. Most Monday evenings the church is open for quiet prayer between 7.30 and 8pm, and everyone is most welcome; if you would like any special prayers said for you please ring 859362.

**All services will be advertised and confirmed as usual in the Easter issue of the Three Parishes Newsletter.**

## SAND QUARRY - WHAT'S NEXT?

### SHORT RECAP

**T**HE Parish Council alerted residents in January that we had received, from the County Council, a consultation on their proposal to quarry sand from the site in Milton Malsor Parish between the village and Collingtree. WE explained that the Parish Council had the view that two alternative sites in Stoke Albany near Corby, were more suitable for sand quarrying as they are not near to any residential areas. We were not simply dumping this on another community - unlike the Milton site, there is no community near the Stoke Albany site.

THE County Council's site assessments for Stoke Albany says: *"the nearest villages are over 1000m away from the sites, and [it] is [in] a rural location away from the villages, [which] decreases potential impacts on residential amenity and safety"*.

IN STARK CONTRAST the County Council has this to say for the Milton site: *"the villages of Milton Malsor and Collingtree are both within 200m of the site with adverse impacts and nuisance affecting residential amenity including potential for dust nuisance, and there*

*are residential dwellings within close proximity of the site"*.

WE REMIND RESIDENTS that the sand will be transported over the railway bridge north of the site, via a new road over the fields leading onto Towcester Road between the village and close to the residential areas of West and East Hunsbury where over 6,000 people live. Sand lorries driving towards either the M1 or A45 via these areas will have a

**THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S OWN ASSESSMENT OF THE MILTON SITE SAYS THAT THE SITE WILL HAVE: *"..adverse impacts and nuisance affecting residential amenity including potential for dust nuisance, and there are residential dwellings within close proximity of the site..."***

negative impact on residents' amenity value and quality of life. The same applies with sand lorries driving towards the M40 via Blisworth where over 2,000 people live.

IT is of concern that our County Council

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**A BRIEF HISTORY** (See map p9) *The proposed new quarry was referred to as the Collingtree site, even though it is in Milton Malsor Parish and the opposite side of the motorway to Collingtree. It has finally been re-named the Milton site in the latest NCC documents. It is on a triangular piece of land between Collingtree Road, the Northampton loop of the railway and M1 between Milton and Collingtree. It is close to both villages. Two previous Public Inquiries both agreed that the site should remain in the plan but with stringent conditions: a requirement (amongst others) that traffic to and from the site was to be from Towcester Road between Milton and the M1 via a railway bridge. The two Stoke Albany sites referred to in this newsletter are near Corby. For other details see previous Newsletters, all of which are available on our website.*

**- PLEASE CHECK THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST NEWS -**

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is so determined to quarry sand in the village areas of Milton and Collingtree where over 1,600 people live.

AS the site is just a few yards from the village, the impact of noise and dust will be appalling:

- ◆ *Destroying the quality of life in the country for all;*
- ◆ *Devaluing your property;*
- ◆ *Dust in the air;*
- ◆ *Dirt on the road;*
- ◆ *Damage to health;*
- ◆ *An eyesore on the landscape;*
- ◆ *Noise - maybe at weekends too;*
- ◆ *HGV's on rural roads;*
- ◆ *Filled in with what?*
- ◆ *Restored? Like what?*
- ◆ *Restored? When? 50 years later like the Weldon site? With more dust, noise.*

PERHAPS the County Council also hasn't noticed: Milton and Collingtree are historical villages with large conservation areas.

IT is also worrying the site could be quarried for at least 10 years. Following which it could take up to another 10 years to fill it in - and heaven knows how long to restore it. The County Council says "*restoration of the site will be to equivalent agricultural grade at or near ground level*".

## **DOMESTIC WASTE DUMP?**

CAN the County Council be trusted not

to fill it in with domestic waste? Definitely not! So there is the possibility the quarry could be filled with domestic waste. It won't be the first time this has happened - Grange Park near Collingtree ended with a domestic waste site five years ago. The stink made drivers retch driving past it.

SO you can add to the list smells, airborne waste, toxic emissions and more health issues. So much for a County Council with a duty to consider the health and wellbeing of residents. THE County Council says it needs 2 million tonnes of soft sand. Milton will only yield approximately 1.2 million tonnes. Stoke Albany could yield approximately 2.5 million tonnes. FOR all these reasons, the Parish Council strongly objects to this outrageous proposal to quarry sand in our village and is campaigning for these plans to be abandoned by the County Council. We are supported by both Collingtree and East Hunsbury Parish Councils who are also objecting on the same grounds as ourselves.

TO exert maximum influence, we asked you all to write to the County Council objecting to the sand quarry. Over 230 letters had been received from Milton at the time of writing with a large number from residents in Blisworth, Collingtree and East Hunsbury, also very concerned.

## **WHAT NOW?**

ALL letters of objection received by the County Council will be considered by an independent Inspector appointed by the government. This will be at a Public Inquiry on the County Council's Minerals Plan, which includes the site in Milton. It is expected this Inquiry will take place sometime in the summer of

***"...an eyesore on our landscape..."***

## ***"The [Inspector's] report will be binding on the County Council"***

2009, following which, the Inspector's report will be published later in the year. The report is binding on the Council. THE Parish Council will be meeting with the Inspector, together with members from both Collingtree and East Hunsbury Parish Councils. We will put forward the compelling reasons why sand should be quarried in Stoke Albany, in preference to Milton Malsor, as supported in the County Council's own site assessments.

REST assured we shall fight this all the way and we will leave "no stone unturned".

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

WITH so many letters of objection to the County Council, the Parish Council organised a Public Meeting in the Village Hall on Friday, 27 February.

OUR MP Brian Binley, who is also currently a County Councillor, attended. So did our County Councillor, Benard Ingram and our two District Councillors, Mrs Ann Addison and Mrs Janet Eliot.

THE meeting was arranged for the benefit of all residents in the Parish, and residents in neighbouring Parishes who will also be affected by the sand quarry.

IT WAS a full house on the night, a tremendous turnout. Brian Binley heard residents' concerns, and said he understood the reasons why the sand quarry should not be in Milton Malsor,

but said it was now "out of the hands of the County Council". JUST before last Christmas the Parish

Council addressed the County Council Cabinet Meeting to put forward the reasons why the site in Milton Malsor should be removed from their plans. Collingtree Parish Council did so also, as did Bernard Ingram and Mrs Ann Addison.

OTHER County Councillors present also spoke raising their concerns with the County Council's plans to quarry sand in Milton Malsor.

HOWEVER, when it came to the vote, the County Council Cabinet, made up of members of the ruling party, voted to keep our site in the plan, and go forward to consultation.

THE final decision would now be made by the Inspector at the Public Inquiry due to be held.

TO those of us present in County Hall at that meeting, it looked like a collective washing of hands by the ruling party. In effect, they were not making a decision. Just shifting responsibility onto the Public Inquiry Inspector.

A GROUP of concerned cross-party County Councillors asked for this decision to be "called in" by the council's Scrutiny Committee for reconsideration.

HOWEVER, the "whip" of the ruling group told its members to withdraw their support for this "call in".

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# **IS THE CURRENT COUNTY COUNCIL WASHING ITS HANDS?**

## Public Meeting 27 February 2009



WHY? One can only assume that either the ruling party has something to conceal or else they wanted a difficult decision taken out of their hands.

COUNTY Councillors from other parties then stepped in to make up the numbers. Finally, the County Council Monitoring Officer, an independent officer, ruled there were no reasonable grounds for the "call in" to proceed.

### **STRAIGHT QUESTIONS - EVASIVE ANSWERS**

THE County Council has not given the

Parish Council any answers to several letters, asking for reasons why they want to quarry sand in Milton Malsor in preference to the sites in Stoke Albany. NOR have we been able to find answers in published documentation.

WE have to ask why? Is there a hidden agenda - a question asked by the public at the Public Meeting.

WE do, however, thank Bernard Ingram our County Councillor, as well as Mrs Ann Addison and Mrs Janet Eliot our District Councillors, who have worked hard on our behalf to get this site

### **THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**A**S part of our submissions to the consultation, a number of Parish Councillors made requests under this Act requesting documents. Some have been answered. However, three were later than the law permitted. At the time of writing, one is known to be outstanding.

THIS is not due for answer till after the closing date for submissions.

GOVERNMENT regulations mean that any late submissions cannot be accepted by the county council. So any information disclosed in those documents cannot be taken into account at this stage of proceedings.

HOWEVER, another request due to be answered on 25 February, was initially delayed - until the 12 March.

THAT was also the date for closure of submissions. When that was pointed out the documents were finally delivered on the 2 March. The documents are now being studied.

**BUT WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR REQUEST?** Simply that it asks for information about the environmental assessments and vehicle access assessments of the Milton site. Crucial information in the light of the total failure so far of the County Council to answer our reasonable questions about these this site. WATCH the website for developments.



**Parish Map (white) with proposed quarry and haul route (orange). A close-up of this map is on the Parish Council website (link from news item of 12 December 2008) but without the haul route.**

removed.

WE have to say however that, as a collective body, our residents are not well served on this issue by the ruling party in County Hall.

### CONCLUSION

THE County Council seem determined to extract sand from our Parish regardless of public opinion.

WHY is the County Council prepared to “sell Milton Malsor down the river” and what is “the hidden agenda”?

ARE they being influenced by developers with options on land in and around Milton Malsor and Collingtree?

COUNTY Council elections are being held in June.

**WHAT'S NEXT? The Consultation ended at 5pm on Thursday 12 March. The Public Inquiry is set to begin during the summer but no date has been set and no Inspector appointed. The Inquiry will decide if the County Council's submissions for Minerals Development are “sound”. That means “justified, effective and consistent with national policy”. The results of the Inquiry will be published later in the year and it is binding on the County Council.**



## NEW E-MAIL SCHEME

AS you may be aware, there has been an influx of general crime in our area - credit card fraud, distraction burglary, general theft etc. Although most of us have not been affected by any of this, we still need to remain vigilant.

I am asking for residents to sign up to our "NHW" scheme, so we can all keep each other informed of any instances of crime within our area. This involves residents with internet access giving their email address, so I can forward any relevant news and so keep us all abreast of any situations that may affect us, our friends or our families.

THE information can be passed to others, either electronically or by word of mouth, so as many as possible are aware of events.

This is particularly relevant in ensuring the safety of our vulnerable residents. It should help us all prevent crime rather than becoming victims of it. To become part of the NHW scheme, contact me by email at:

[becwhite264@btinternet.com](mailto:becwhite264@btinternet.com) or phone me at 07807 047245.

## ALARM SYSTEMS

THE Police have offered the following advice regarding the installation of Security Systems - burglar alarms etc.

ALWAYS get quotations from three companies prior to purchase. These companies should be members of either the BSIA (British Security Industry Association) or the SSAIB (Security and Alarms Inspection Board). For further information and advice call Daventry Crime Prevention Officers on 01327 303046.

## DISTRACTION BURGLARIES AND ROGUE TRADERS

OUR help has been requested in combating the increase in these. The Police advise you to use some basic guidelines in securing your own safety. They would also like us all to keep an eye out for any suspicious individuals in our area, noting vehicle

number plates, vans with only mobile phone contact numbers clearly advertised and general descriptions.

## DO NOT CHALLENGE ANYONE

**DIRECTLY.** Report suspicious behaviour on 432436. Note the following safety guidelines: keep windows and doors locked and use a chain if possible; never open the door to anyone you are not expecting, especially after dark; if someone visits, claiming to be from a utilities company, do not let them enter if you are not expecting them. If you are at all concerned, telephone the company to ask if they have sent a representative to your home, or check with a neighbour. Never give money or bank or credit details to anyone on your doorstep in any circumstances. The same applies to details such as telephone number, dates of birth etc. If you have any concerns whatsoever, always call Northants Police on the number shown in the box.

## BIKE THEFTS AND GARDENS

THERE has been an incident of a bike theft in the village recently. Make sure that such items are securely locked away when not in use. They should never be left on paths or in gardens overnight. It is also possible to get them security marked. Bike Marking Events are held on a regular basis at venues across the region and are usually advertised through the Community Messaging system or the Police website. As spring and summer approach, remember to keep all tools and play equipment locked away.

## CRIMESTOPPERS

YOU can always pass on any information regarding criminal activity of any sort anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

## COLD CALLING

THE police would like to give a few facts about Cold Calling. If traders make a cold call offering services or goods costing over £35, they *must* give a written notice of cancellation rights. If they don't, they

are committing a criminal offence and cannot legally demand any payment for 'work' claimed to have been done. Don't be pushed into making a decision on the spot. Get three quotes from reputable companies, *Trading Standards Trusted Trader Schemes, Buy with Confidence Schemes* and *Recommended Traders Registers.*

**Rebecca White**

**INSPECTOR ALEX**

**TERRY Writes:**

I WOULD like to introduce myself to residents of Milton



Malsor as their Safer Community Team Police Inspector. I joined the area in March 2008. There are 41 Safer Community teams in the county and I head four of them covering the towns and villages of South Northants. Police Sgt Micki Kennett leads Towcester Rural Safer Community team which has responsibility for Milton. The teams underwent supervisory staff changes recently, with a new Inspector and new Sergeant. There should now be stability.

The teams are made up of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Special Constables. They are set up to work with local people within their communities. FOR this to be effective Northants Police have implemented a policy that your local Safer Community Team staff do not get put onto other duties and spend as much time on their area as possible. It has been closely adhered to since the launch 18 months ago. SAFER Community teams are part of the government's "Citizen Focus" and aim to provide a policing service that puts community concerns at its heart.

A CORE aim is to engage with local communities about their current issues and look at ways to tackle problems. The team will continually canvass local people about

**MILTON RESIDENTS ONLY**  
**ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS: call the**  
**Police Contact Centre 432436**

This is the only number other than emergencies - whether 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 Milton Malsor Neighbourhood Watch.

**IN EMERGENCY do not hesitate to dial 999 as usual.**

their concerns. You may be asked for your top three issues or problems.

INFORMATION gathered from this is taken to a Community Panel of local residents to identify the top three issues.

These then become the team's priorities for the next three months. The current three priorities set in December 2008 for Milton Malsor and surrounding villages, are: 1) Anti-social behaviour; 2) Speeding; and 3) Parking.

SOLVING such local issues is done in partnership with local communities, statutory bodies such as the Parish Councils, South Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire County Council and other voluntary agencies to find the cause of the problems and solving them.

MILTON Malsor with other nearby villages of Roade, Blisworth, Courteenhall, Stoke Bruene, Shutlanger, Quinton and Hartwell hold regular Community Panel meetings .

AT THESE, members of the team will report back on previous work but look to the panel to agree the top three priorities for the next three months.

IF you have any issues or wish to become involved by being a member of the Community Panel please contact the Towcester Rural Safer Community Team on 08463 700700 and ask to speak to the Towcester Rural SCT or email [SCTTowcesterRural@northants.police.uk](mailto:SCTTowcesterRural@northants.police.uk)

**Northamptonshire Police website is [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk)**

# Upgrading the village playing field

**D**URING consultation for the Parish Plan in 2005, over 90% of villagers considered that the variety and condition of our playing field equipment could be improved. SINCE then the Parish Council has been accumulating capital each year for use in an upgrade. AT its January 2009 Parish Council Meeting the council approved a long term plan to upgrade the playing field and make it an attractive place for the whole community.

YOUR Parish Council envisages the following changes:

- ◆ ***improving both entrances to allow easier, surfaced, all weather access by wheelchair users and prams and pushchairs to the flat area;***
- ◆ ***supplementing the present swings and slide with more interesting items for the older children ;***
- ◆ ***providing a separate new area for small children near the***

***entrance with seating for parents;***

- ◆ ***an adventure area near the railway line embankment with much more challenging equipment;***
- ◆ ***planting trees to screen existing houses and to enhance the community and adventure areas.***

THE County Council have agreed to contribute towards this work.

SUBSTANTIAL grants for new play equipment have become available from Government's "Playbuilder: Local Play Spaces" scheme.

AN application for this will be submitted in April. This is a competition, but, if we are successful, most of the plan can be completed by mid 2010, rather than by 2017 which is the alternative if we only have the annual precept (that part of the Council Tax which goes to the village) to save from.

INVOLVING villagers ("demonstrating engagement") is an important part of our application (as is understanding the jargon!)

TO meet this requirement the Parish Council distributed a questionnaire. WE are also proposing supplementary drawings, to be done on the Parish Council where they have been (see the link for news section).

IT is vital that replies to this of consultation. WE are also to groups of children people.

THEIR opinion preferences will be used to guide the final choice of play equipment. **THE Council constructive and opinion about this project**

and asks that are sent to our clerk - see page 3.



# NEWS BRIEF



## FREE TV LICENCE FOR THE OVER 75s

IF you're preparing for a spring clean of your finances, it's a good idea to make sure that, if you're over the age of 75, you are claiming your free TV licence.

AROUND 14,500 people in the Northampton area are already enjoying the benefits of this concession. But you do need to apply for it.

ANYONE who is eligible just needs to contact TV licensing on 0844 800 5875 with their name, address, date of birth and National Insurance number.

THE licence covers the applicant's main home and any other household members who live at that address.

PEOPLE who are 74 can buy a short term licence which will cover them until they become eligible to apply for the free licence on their 75th birthday. Call the above number or have a look at the website:

**[www.tvlicensing.co.uk/](http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/)** or just put TV licence in your search engine.

## ROAD SIGNS

ROAD SIGNS have finally been restored at the junction of Lower Road and Towcester Road following a road accident some years ago. One of the 7.5 tonne weight restriction signs at the junction was replaced quickly after someone decided to remove it.

## CRIME AND DISORDER UPDATE

THE Parish Council is concerned with recent incidents of anti social behaviour and vandalism in the village playing field and at the football club. This includes damage to the rubber safety matting due to it being set on fire, as well as obscene graffiti. Complaints have also been received of rowdy behaviour and late night drinking sessions in the playing field, which is evident by all the empty bottles and cans which are left behind. Bad behaviour such as this is unacceptable. The Police will continue to remain vigilant and will carry out more patrols in the area. If you see any incidents of anti social behaviour or vandalism in the playing field or football club, please report immediately to the Police Contact Centre on 432436.

THANKS entirely to a vigilant resident dialling 999 in the early hours of the morning, Police were on the scene within a matter of minutes. Three young men were

then arrested for attempting to steal cars. This is a positive example of how we as residents can help the Police to keep us all safe and sound. So if you see anything suspicious please call the Police immediately - in the case of an emergency dial 999.

### **MILTON HAM: WNDC GIVES PLANNING PERMISSION**

WEST Northants Development Corporation (WNDC) has given planning permission for the construction of eight office units, 26 industrial units and three very large warehouse units. This is on greenfield land located to the north of the M1 adjoining junction 15A, and east of the former A43 trunk road near the Crematorium. Although the entire site is within the Northampton Borough boundary, due to its sheer size, planning consent needed to be given by WNDC.

THE Parish Council strongly objected to this planning application in its current form, on the grounds of poor design, layout, appearance and light pollution, on what is a very important gateway site for both Northampton and South Northamptonshire.

WE emphasised it would be far more appropriate to adopt a “softer approach” for this site by reducing the sheer size of the development. We made the point it would be far more conducive to build a Business Park (similar to the one in Grange Park) consisting of two storey offices

with appropriate barriers, trees, landscaping and lagoons. SUCH a tasteful design would not be an eyesore on the open countryside, and neither would it have a severe impact on the village in terms of light pollution. Furthermore, a Business Park sympathetically built, would bring added value to the area, as well as serving as a high quality gateway when entering either Northampton or South Northamptonshire District. Sadly our “words fell on deaf ears” and this monstrosity was “rubber stamped” for approval by an unelected “Quango” - the WNDC. (See also our website).

### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

IF you have a photo or photos of the Workhouse or Mollie's Cabin which once stood in the area of what is now the Village Hall, the Milton Malsor Historical Society would be pleased to make a copy for their photographic records. Just call 858418 and we will do the rest. Thank you.

Note the meeting in March will include a talk on the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Service. (See diary section for details).

### **SPINAL INJURIES FUNDRAISING**

THE Spinal injuries charity has asked us to promote a fundraising suggestion for them by holding a fish

## **GENERAL PARISH NOTICES**

### **UPDATED: 16 NOVEMBER 2008**

**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

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASBOS** SNC have 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 in the village over the limit, make a note of the number, any markings, date, time and direction of travel. If take a photo. PLEASE ALSO REPORT details immediately to the Police on 432436.

**GRAFFITI** THIS anti social behaviour is unpleasant and affects the quality of village life. We remove it from PC property immediately and evidence is always passed to the Police to find those responsible. If your property is vandalised

with graffiti, please do the same and remove it quickly. For advice, contact Peter Austen, Environmental Services, SNC on 01327 322347.

**LOCAL HANDYMAN SERVICE** MR Chris Clayson in Roade, will do small odd jobs for the residents of Milton Malsor. 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 Clayson charges £8 per hour (contact details p23). **PLEASE NOTE the PC is happy to make residents aware of available services, we do not recommend any preferred organisations or individuals.**

**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. We are concerned with new Government legislation which permits up to 20 sessions per year.

**OVERHANGING SHRUBS** THESE have been highlighted as a problem in the village. Please consider the safety and comfort of fellow villagers. 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. Parked vehicles can block driveways, particularly in Green Street, High Street, the Baptist Chapel and the school, causing inconvenience.

**CHURCHYARD CHURCH** of England rules state that only fresh flowers should be placed on memorials, and wreaths commemorating Christmas or Remembrance should be removed within three months. No other items should be placed on memorials and no plantings, other than spring bulbs are permitted. The same rules apply to that part of the yard administered by the PC.

**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. SNC, the County Council and WNDc are the planning authorities and make the decisions.

**PLAYING FIELD - DOGS AND ALL MOTORBIKES ARE BANNED** SNC has banned dogs and motorbikes, including mini-motorbikes, in the playing field. Notices are

and chip supper. The event is being promoted nationally on Friday 15 May. More details from: 0845 678 6633 or email: [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk) website: [www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk)

## **SOUTH NORTHANTS HOMES TENANTS**

RETIREMENT scheme tenants of South Northants Homes (SNH) will soon benefit from computers with internet access. These will be installed in SNH retirement schemes over the next few months. SOME of the machines have been funded by one of SNH's subcontractors, the others by SNH itself. Training sessions will be held for tenants on how to use the

machines and make the best of the new service.

ONE of the first installations was at Cripps House in Roade, tenants were very pleased with the news. They have now been using the machines to order shopping, buy holidays and pay bills on-line.

SNH are also keen to involve tenants in forums for developing policies and procedures for SNH. Details are in the recent edition of SNH News or you can visit the website at

[www.southnorthantshomes.co.uk](http://www.southnorthantshomes.co.uk) for a leaflet on customer forums.

RESIDENTS in the village should also note that SNH, the SNH maintenance team and other representatives will visit the Milton village SNH estate on Wednesday, 8 April to discuss any issues they

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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 field will be prosecuted. SNC Dog Wardens do 'spot checks'. We ask the co-operation of all dog owners in observing this ban. If you see anyone walking a dog there, report it 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 in the Greyhound car park. Please avoid 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 (See article p13)**

A REMINDER to all in the village conservation area: SNC's permission is needed before felling or pruning any trees on your property. Contact Ian Lorman, SNC Arboricultural Officer, 01327 322260 for advice and permission. **The conservation area map is on the PC website.**

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observe. The meeting point is Raynsford House from 10am.



## MUSIC FOR A WINTER'S EVENING

AN outstanding performance of "Music for a Winter's Evening" was given at a crowded Holy Cross Church in the village on 10 December. Well done to all who took part.

A particular moment of note was hearing part of the *Dolly Suite* by Fauré, some of which was the signature tune for BBC Radio Children's Hour in the 1950's, performed by Barbara Brogden and Alan Macpherson. Barbara works for the charity "The Council for Music in Hospitals" and Alan's first claim to fame was age 15 on Children's Hour.

A trio of singers included twins Anna and Vanessa Murby and

18 Amanda O'Brien. Lisa Nelsen, flute,

and Eleanor Turner, harp, performed several pieces including Blake's 'Walking in the air'. The elegant way the harp was physically moved also raised a round of applause and the evening closed with a selection of Christmas songs. Accompanist was Stephen Ostler, one of Northamptonshire's leading musicians, and well known for the hugely popular concerts at All Saints, Wellingborough, on August Sundays.

Music at Milton has been a very successful event for the past eight years and always to a highly professional standard. This evening was no exception.

The event raised £850. Carol singing around the village raised £76 for the Northampton charity CAN.

## HOW QUICKLY ARE YOU AGEING?

SOUTH Northamptonshire Council and the Northamptonshire Primary Care Trust joined forces to hold an event in preparation for "National No Smoking Day" on Wednesday, 4 March.

THE "How Quickly Are You Ageing?" event was supported by the Council and other organisations such as Age Concern - a charity dedicated to improving the

lives of older people and the Northants Stop Smoking Service. **ADVANCED** age progression technology which can predict how you will look as you get older was on hand to show people how they are ageing. The process involves a photo being taken and the image put into a computer programme which then predicts how you will look in years to come.

THE software gives different

outcomes for people who smoke, have sun-damaged skin or who are overweight.

Councillor Mike Hill, portfolio holder for Environment, said: *"These sometimes shocking images aim to show people how their lifestyle can affect the ageing process and will hopefully encourage people to think carefully about making some important changes to help improve their health and well-being.*

*"Smoking in particular, is still responsible for 100,000 deaths nationally and whilst smoking rates in the district are better than the national average it is hoped that the event will encourage even more smokers to give up."*

The event was hosted at three venues including the South

Northamptonshire Council Offices in Towcester.

## **COUNTY COUNCIL TAX RISE OF 3.9%**

THE County Council accounts for the bulk of the Council Tax.

FOCUSING cash on the county's priorities in the face of the worst economic conditions in a generation lies at the heart of Northamptonshire County Council's budget which was approved by councillors recently. THE council agreed the budget which is designed to face up to the economic challenges with resources tied in closely to key priorities while keeping taxes low with a council tax rise of just 3.9 per cent, meaning that the amount of tax paid by Northants residents and is likely to be one of the lowest in the country.

## **DRIVING LICENCE EXPIRY DATE**

THOUSANDS of motorists are at risk of being fined up to £1,000 because they are unwittingly driving without a valid licence.

THEY risk prosecution after failing to spot the extremely small print on their photocard licence which says it automatically expires after 10 years and has to be renewed.

THIS is even though drivers are licensed to drive until the age of 70. The fiasco has come to light a decade after the first batch of



photo licences was issued in July 1998, just as they start to expire.

Motoring organisations blamed the Government for the fiasco and said most drivers believed their licences were for life.

A mock-up driving licence from 1998 when the photocards were launched shows the imminent expiry date as item '4b'.

THEY said officials had failed to publicise sufficiently the fact that new-style licences - unlike the old paper ones - expire after a set period and have to be renewed.

TO rub salt into wounds, drivers will have to pay £17.50 to renew their card - a charge which critics have condemned as a 'stealth tax' and which will earn the Treasury an estimated £437 million over 25 years.

OFFICIAL DVLA figures reveal that while 16,136 expired this summer, so far only 11,566 drivers have renewed, leaving 4,570 outstanding.

WITH another 300,000 photocard licences due to expire over the coming year, experts fear the number of invalid licences will soar, putting thousands more drivers in breach of the law and at

risk of a fine. At the heart of the confusion is the small print on the tiny credit-card-size photo licence, which is used in conjunction with the paper version.

THE small print on the back of the driving licence is easy to miss. JUST below the driver name on the front of the photocard licence is a series of dates and details - each one numbered.

NUMBER '4b' has a date in tiny writing, but no explicit explanation as to what it means. The date's significance is only explained if the

This article is from "*The Times on line*" February 16 at: [www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/driving/article5741199.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/driving/article5741199.ece)

driver turns over the card and reads the key on the back which states that '4b' means 'licence valid to'.

EVEN more confusingly, an adjacent table on the rear of the card sets out how long the driver is registered to hold a licence. That is until his or her 70th birthday. A total of 25 million new-style licences have been issued. Motoring experts say drivers were never sufficiently warned they would expire after 10 years.

THE DVLA said failure to update the photocard after 10 years fell into the same category as failing to inform them of a change of address.

**SO check your licence expiry date!**

**Easy access to all the public services you need to use and the information you need including motoring, employment, health and well being is available on the main government website: [www.direct.gov.uk/](http://www.direct.gov.uk/)**

## HELP IF YOU CAN'T PAY YOUR MORTGAGE

If you are concerned about keeping up payments on your mortgage there is now help available from the Government.

It is important that you don't just

don't "wait to see what happens" but act immediately you are aware of a problem. Speak to your lender and go online for practical advice at [www.direct.gov.uk/mortgagehelp](http://www.direct.gov.uk/mortgagehelp) which is at government run. There are a range of schemes providing financial assistance.

## 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 in the monthly 'Three Parishes Newsletter' which is distributed to all homes in the village. See also website: [www.threeparishes.org.uk](http://www.threeparishes.org.uk) Details of activities including services around the main festivals are in the weekly 'Down Your Way Column' (see page 2). The editor of the Three Parishes Newsletter is Fay Tennet who can be reached on:

[fayhowardsaunders@hotmail.com](mailto:fayhowardsaunders@hotmail.com)

(see also page 4 for more news)

**CUBS** Meet Wednesday, Village Hall, 6.30-7.45pm

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Secretary John Brice. Meets 3rd Thursday, every other month from Jan. See the web site at: [www.miltonmalsorhistory.org.uk](http://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, Len 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 the secretary, Mr G Mellors, 858588

**TENNIS** Collingtree Tennis Club's catchment area includes Milton, Wootton, Collingtree Park and Grange Park. It is a small, friendly club and they are happy to welcome new members, from complete beginners upwards. For information: Mr Geoff Kershaw, 5 Lake Walk Collingtree, NN4 0NH or see the website:

<http://www.collingtreetennis.co.uk/>

**VILLAGE TRUSTS** There are *two*, quite separate, Trusts, as follows-

### Milton Malsor Village Hall Trust:

Secretary John Brice, 21 Rectory Lane

### Milton Malsor Village Trust:

Secretary Chris Mair, 11 Milton Court

**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 always very welcome.

# VILLAGE DIARY

**NB please see The Three Parishes leaflet for latest details of all Church Services.**

**2009**

## March

Thu 20 Historical Society AGM  
Website and photo archive review plus talk on the Warwicks and Northants Air Ambulance Service

## April

Thu 2 Mobile Library  
Fri 3 Campion closes for Easter Holiday  
Sun 5 *Palm Sunday* - Family Service 10am Holy Cross  
Tue 7 Music at Holy Cross - Towcester Choral Society *The Crucifixion* by John Stainer  
Thu 9 WI: Speaker and subject now pending.  
Fri 10 *Good Friday*  
Sun 12 *Easter Day* 9am Holy Communion; 9.45 Easter Breakfast; 10.30am Easter Songs of Praise; 11.30am Big Easter Egg Hunt; Church Bells  
Mon 13 *Easter Monday*  
Tue 14 Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting  
Tue 21 Campion re-opens  
Thu 23 Mobile Library

## May

Mon 4 *May Day Holiday*  
Tue 12 Parish Council AGM  
Wed 13 **Summer Newsletter cut-off**  
Thu 14 WI: "Resolutions"  
Thu 14 Mobile Library

Thu 21 Historical Society: Visit to the Guildhall, Northampton (possible second visit a week later)

Fri 22 Campion closes for Whitsun Holiday

Mon 25 *Spring Bank Holiday*

## June

Mon 1 Campion re-opens  
Sat 6 WI Coach Outing - Royal Horticultural Society, Wisley  
Tue 9 Parish Council Meeting  
Thu 11 WI: "Nature's Kaleidoscope" With Mr D Larkin  
Sat 20 Grand Summer Ball (Holy Cross Church)

## July

Thu 9 WI: "A Royal Connection" - Speaker to be confirmed  
Tue 14 Parish Council Meeting  
Thu 16 Historical Society: Story of The Post and The Railways  
Fri 17 Campion closes for Summer Holiday

## August

Tue 11 Parish Council Meeting (optional)  
Wed 12 **Autumn Newsletter cut-off**  
Thu 13 WI: NO MEETING  
Mon 31 Bank Holiday

## September

Mon 7 Campion reopens years 7,10, 12, 13  
Tue 8 Campion reopens yrs 8,9,11  
Tue 8 Parish Council Meeting  
Thu 10 WI: "Waste Disposal and Recycling" with Miss Lauren Walden - Northants County Council  
Thu 17 Historical Society: The Elizabethans and Northamptonshire

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

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-Fri 9am-6pm; Sat 9am-5pm

**JASON** Journeys Around South  
Northants - enquiries 237801

**MOBILE LIBRARY** Tel 462049 Village  
Hall 2.05-2.25pm, Raysford House 2.30-  
2.50pm. Visits are on Thursdays every 3  
weeks, for dates see the Village Diary.

**NORTHANTS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk)  
County Hall, The Lakes,  
NORTHAMPTON NN1 1AP Tel 236236

## POST OFFICES

The nearest  
Post Offices 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 and 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 Hols 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 noon

Northampton St Giles

Street M-F 7.15pm

Sat 10.15am (Note that

the collection box is

now outside the

Guildhall is under

camera surveillance to

prevent repeated acts

of 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](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Environment/Waste/Opening+hours.htm)

**SAMARITANS** Tel: 637637

email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

## SOUTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

[www.southnorthants.gov.uk](http://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,  
Margaret Williamson, 4

Towcester Road,

859234. **Village Hall**

**Draw**: David Brogden,  
Hon Treasurer, 859570.

**VILLAGE SHOP** 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.

**The Post Office is now closed.**

**For local alternatives see under Post  
Offices.**



# - Milton Malsor Parish Councillors -

*With position and responsibilities. Please address all correspondence to the Clerk - p3*

## **Chairman**

### **Finance; Planning**

*Brian Sumpton*, Spring Gardens, Towcester Road NN7 3AE



## **Planning; Crime and Disorder**

*Christopher Mair*  
11 Milton Court  
NN7 3AX



## **Finance and Trusts**

*David Green*  
1 High Street  
NN7 3AS



## **Planning**

*Roger Pinnock*  
The Old Barn  
Rectory Lane  
NN7 3AQ



## **Community and Environment;**

### **Newsletter; Website**

*Shaun Hope*,  
27 Rectory Lane NN7 3AQ



## **NEW MEMBER**

*Colin Ramshaw*  
7 Lower Road  
NN7 3AW



## **Planning and Structure Plans**

*Neil Jagger*  
1 Milton Court  
NN7 3AX



## **Crime and Disorder; Planning; Community and Environment**

*Mrs Janet Winchester*  
April Lodge, 27A Lower Road, NN7 3AW



## **Vice Chairman**

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



## **Clerk; Responsible Financial Officer**

*Mrs Ann Addison*  
For contact details please see p3



**WARDENS Dogs** *David Green; Footpaths Bob Pyke; Highways Cllr Sally Townsend; Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator - Rebecca White.* The **Crime and Disorder** team also includes *PCSO Tara Cooksammy*, and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator *Rebecca White*.

## ◆◆◆ 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 needed by cut-off date: **Wednesday, 13 May** ◆