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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT CHRISTMAS 2020



Well, here we are in a second lock-down, hopefully it will have ended before Christmas.

Chairman Stepping Down – In our last edition of the Milton Malsor News, I told you that I would be stepping down at the May elections 2020, but due to Covid 19 this did not happen, however, I will be stepping down in May 2021.

Parish Council – The Parish Council has lost Alison Skillen as a member, she resigned at the beginning of September and we welcomed Katie Marshall as a new member at our November meeting. Kevin Flynn has also resigned, he stepped down at our October meeting due to a move out of the village in the New Year. The Parish Council will be able to replace Kevin shortly.

My thanks to Alison and Kevin for their work on the Parish Council.

Village Park – The back gate and fence have been repaired and we are awaiting more spare parts for the see-saw, it has proved to be somewhat problematic. A new casting is to be fitted to the 4 bay swing frame, and repairs to the raised mound and tunnel are ongoing.

New Dog Poo Bin – After several requests a new dog poo bin will be located on Rectory Lane near the entrance to the public footpath at the top of the High Street.

A polite reminder to dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs, after the new bin is installed there will be 7 dog poo bins located

around the village, there is no excuse for not cleaning up after your dog, it is an offence not to do so.

Gigaclear – Their work in the village is almost finished; the cabling ready for the installation of Fibre Optic superfast broadband has been installed up to the boundary of every house in the village. If you have any problems with the tidying up and reinstatement where the cables have been laid, please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Ann Addison email: ann.addison97@gmail.com

65 Dwellings Lower Road – Outline planning application for 65 dwellings on land off Lower Road S/2020/0599/MAO. This application was turned down unanimously by SNC.

Vehicle Parking

Please be considerate and don't obstruct pavements, especially as Santa will find it difficult to make his Christmas deliveries!



I would like to wish you all A Merry Christmas and a happy and Covid free New Year.

Janet Winchester
Chairman

Village Remembrance Service

Sunday 8th November 2020



This year's remembrance service was as we all know almost unique due to the Covid Pandemic which meant only a few were able to attend at the War Memorial.

However all those wishing to participate in the village's Act of Remembrance were able to do so by watching live streaming of the event on the Milton Facebook site or by coming out of their homes just before 11 am to join in the 2 minute silence.

The service was led by Peter Heffron and Malcolm Deacon and the names of the fallen read out by Andy Smith representing the Army.

Despite the changes enforced upon us this year, we were still able to achieve the same as we do every year by paying tribute to and remembering those from our village and across the nation who gave their lives for our freedom.



Wreaths were laid by;

Gary Day on behalf of the Army; David Hayworth RAF; Steve Howell Royal Navy; Peter Brothers on behalf of Scouting and our Uniformed Organisations and Gary Marshall on behalf of the Parish Council.

The school also created a wonderful 'Field of Remembrance' around the war memorial and laid their own wreath at the memorial on the Friday preceding Remembrance Day.



News from the FOMS



Due to the Coronavirus, unfortunately we are unable to carry out most of our fundraising activities and events. This is a huge financial loss to the Village School, as our extra funds really do make a difference. Our funds help to purchase extra resources and equipment for the children, school trips and the school minibus, to name just a few.



We are however, still able to hold our Christmas Raffle, which will be drawn during the last week of term. (Week commencing 14th December). We are currently collecting in our prizes, but so far we have: * £50 voucher for The Greyhound *



*** Hampers ***

*** £20 voucher for Chasing Rainbows ***

*** plus many, many more ***



If you would like to purchase some tickets please contact us via email and we will be happy to deliver some to you.

the.foms@milton.northants.sch.uk

In other news.....

Scoob the Snake is on the move! (The painted stone snake by the Church wall)

Scoob arrived in the village on 27th May 2020, he was the idea of Eloise, Dylan, Jack and Luke. He grew massively during the first lockdown, and we thought it would be nice to preserve these stones that lots of village and non-village children and adults created during a very difficult period. The FOMS approached the Village Hall Committee to ask if it was possible to move Scoob there, so that he could become a permanent feature. The Village Hall committee are very happy to accommodate him. We are currently looking at a few ideas about how we can do this.



The stones will be re-varnished and some will need repainting as they have not weathered well. The Village Art Group have offered to help with this.

If you have any questions with regards to this please contact the FOMS team on:

the.foms@milton.northants.sch.uk



Milton Malsor & Collingtree WI



Fortunately, we were able to safely hold our Annual Meeting in October and welcomed two of the younger members to our committee, a very positive step for us.

We are doing our best to keep in touch with everyone during these unusual and uncertain times and look forward to enjoying our meetings again and welcoming more members whenever this is possible next year.

Restoration work is well under way at The Church of The Holy Cross in the village. Despite being clad in scaffolding it is still an impressive site flanked by the autumn colours.



Milton Malsor Pooors' Trust



This charity started in the 18th century and has long since outlived its real purpose to provide bread and coal for the needy of the village at Christmas.

It is however hoped to keep this old custom alive.

There is a limited income, a small cash payment will again be made to beneficiaries. Eligibility is based on 'the poor'. This is interpreted to mean a pensioner over 65, unable to work due to sickness or reasonable cause and living in the village for at least 3 years.

If anyone believes they are eligible and meet the above criteria please contact:-

Alison Skillen on (01604) 859713 ASAP

or send an email with your name and address to:-

alisonskillen@hotmail.com

Due to COVID 19 I will post your donation through your letterbox.



Milton Malsor Historical Society.....

MILTON MALSOR - not just another village.....



Milton Malsor Historical Society has been stood down since January of this year, but it is anticipated we might be able to get back to some form of normality in the New Year and invite you to join our society.

Forever the optimist, one day Covid -19 could be history and it does no harm to occasionally remember the past - the various happenings and the 'goings on' of WW1 and WW2, for example to name but two.

Did you know during World War One?

- *A Zeppelin Airship dropped bombs near Milton*
- *Vast numbers of British troops passed through this area by train on their way to the south coast and onto Belgium*
- *Gas street lighting was turned off in Milton*
- *Several men from the village, some aged no more than 18/19 years volunteered to join the army; some never to return*

Did you also know during World War Two?

- *Enemy planes could be heard on their way to bomb Coventry after which the sky became red as the city began to burn*
- *Several incredibly young children from the London area were billeted for their safety, with families in the village*
- *Food rationing began in 1940 and continued until 1954, long after the war ended (the lack of tissues was not the biggest issue at the time!)*
- *German and Italian Prisoners of War were located within the area*
- *Many of our villagers not eligible for active service worked in various war factories*
- *Northampton and nearby Kislingbury suffered bomb damage*

- Wave after wave of Service men and their vehicles transited through this area moving south in support of the D Day Normandy Landings in France
- Many American and British military aerodromes, Silverstone included, were located throughout the Midlands and East Anglia
- In 1944, a Wellington Bomber crashed in Rothersthorpe - just ask Ken Johnson for the details who ran across the fields to the scene, although it comes as no surprise, he should have been in school at the time

A Wellington Bomber in flames.

On the 5th April 1944, a Wellington Bomber (designed by Dr Barnes Wallis during 1934 and Dam Busters fame) took off from Westcott, Buckinghamshire to fly to Otmoor on a training bomb run with a crew of five, two New Zealanders and three from the UK. Unfortunately, due to engine failure and the plane in flames, it flew over Milton and crashed at Poplars Farm, Rothersthorpe where it exploded, killing all the crew and their families left to grieve - being inevitably, the price of war.

The Milton Malsor Historical Society have had regular and enlightening meetings and very many interesting outside visits including Baddesley Clinton Hall and its priest hides and the Birmingham Assay Offices during the years, in fact since 2004. There is a slim chance our society might be able to start afresh with a meeting in the village hall maybe in the Spring of 2021. All our members and you would be welcome to attend as we would be pleased to see you. Hopefully, the Government Regulation of Self - distancing might have been relaxed a little, but there is no certainty at present. When it is possible for a meeting, a reminder will be issued for all to see, either in the various Milton Malsor Magazines or on the Notice Boards, so do come along if you can.

For more information about MMHS have a look at the website www.miltonmalsorhistory.org.uk



Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Relaunch

The Parish Council have relaunched the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Anyone can join the scheme, it's free and by becoming a member you have taken the first step to making our village a stronger and safer place to be.

www.ourwatch.org.uk

Once on the website, enter your postcode and then select "**Milton Malsor Village S57**". As a member you would have access to various online toolkits, crime prevention, Discounts and offers. This can include 10% discount on your Co-op Home Insurance.

Help to keep Milton Malsor safe!





CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



Come and join us!

Milton Malsor Village Hall

Sunday 6 December at either 2pm-4pm,

4.30pm-6.30pm or 7pm-9pm

Bookings now being taken please email

the.foms@milton.northants.sch.uk



£25 per person which includes all materials, refreshments and mince pies



Would you prefer to buy a ready made wreath?

£15.00 small or £20.00 large

All proceeds go to Milton Parochial Primary School

email: the.foms@milton.northants.sch.uk



A TRIVIAL LOCKDOWN QUIZ

For Milton Malsor's Younger Residents

1. How many puppies were in the film 101 Dalmations
2. Can seagulls dive and swim under water
3. What TV chef tried to make school dinners better
4. How many teams compete in the $\frac{1}{4}$ finals of a sporting competition
5. What are men and women called who work at The Tower of London
6. What position did Harry Potter play in the game of Quidditch
7. Which land animal can run the fastest
8. Is the shadow of your body longer at 1.00 o'clock or at 3.00 o'clock
9. What is the only mammal that can fly
10. How long does it take the earth to travel once around the sun
11. Which animal sleeps the most
12. What is the name of Horrid Henry's brother
13. Humans have 3 main types of teeth, incisors canines, molars. Which are at the front of your mouth.
14. What is the name of the galaxy the earth is part of
15. Which was the first film to feature Buzz Lightyear
16. Which author created the character Fantastic Mr Fox
17. What do fish use to breath
18. Which is larger, a duck or a goose
19. What gives a lower sound, the thick or thin strings of a guitar
20. Which of the following animals has the biggest eyes, giant squid, barn owl or elephant

Answers will be posted on the Parish Council website and Milton Facebook site after this newsletter has been delivered to residents.

Village Groups

(Please Check with contacts in each Group for any 2021 changes)

Art Group: Wednesday, Village Hall, 1.30-3.30pm in term time. The group is self help, with regular visiting artist demos and workshops. Contact Marion 859109 or Anne Manson 858326 (eMail: stuart.manson@btopenworld.com)

Badminton: Tuesday, Village Hall 7.15- 8.15pm. If you enjoy badminton or would like to learn and are over 16 years old, please come along

Beavers: Wednesday, Village Hall, 5.30- 6.30pm in term time (age 6-8). Contact Mike Ladd 705910 (eMail: m.ladd187@btinternet.com)

Brownies: Monday, Village Hall 6.00-7.30pm in term time (age 7-10½) Contact Christine Ladd (Brown Owl) 705910 (eMail: christine.ladd@btinternet.com)

Cubs: Wednesday, Village Hall, 6.30-7.45pm in term time (age 8-10½) Contact Mike Ladd 705910 (eMail: .ladd187@btinternet.com)

Film Club: Meets every month from September to May. A new film is shown on the first Friday of every month – see www.miltonmalsor.info or telephone 01604 858418 for further details

Historical Society: Meets bi monthly recommencing January at 7.30pm at Raynsford House. Contact Malcolm Deacon 858363

Milton Tots: Friday, Village Hall, 9.15-11.00am in term time. Newborn to preschool children with parents/grandparents/carers. Contact Pat Parker 859219

Milton FC: Has one adult team. For membership and club hire details contact Len Mackintosh 01604 858145

Milton Parochial Primary School: Mrs Rebecca Osborne - Executive Head Teacher 858816 eMail: office@milton.northants.sch.uk

Scouts Wednesday, Village Hall, 7.45-9.15pm in term time. Contact Mike Ladd 705910 (eMail: m.ladd187@btinternet.com)

Short Mat Bowls Village Hall, Mondays and Thursdays (except 2nd Thursdays other than August) 7.30-9.30pm. Contact: Pauline Mellors 858588 (37 High Street.)

WI: Contact Sheila Charlton 859133. Meet 2nd Thursday each month except August, Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome

Crafty Yarns: Raynsford House, Usually every 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 2.00pm All are welcome. Contact Pam McManus on 07544 618660 or pam.mcmanus42@gmail.com

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Parish Council website: www.miltonmalsorparishcouncil.org.uk
Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/MiltonMalsorVillage
If you're not already a member, ask to join