



MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HOLY CROSS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS SPRING 2021



Parish Council News

Chairman's Report

Another report and we are still in lockdown, but hopefully now that we have a vaccine and many people have had their first dose things will improve and 2021 will prove to be a better year for us all.

New Council Unitary Authority – On the 1st April we will belong to the new West Northants Council which will take over from South Northants Council, Daventry District Council and Northampton Borough Council. These Councils will be united and all work together under the newly created 'Unitary Council'.

Local Council Elections – will be taking place on 4th May, information on candidates and voting procedure will shortly be sent to all residents in South Northants.

Parish Council Elections – will also be taking place, residents will receive notification in due course.

Village Park – The seesaw is now repaired with new parts fitted and we have a new 4 bay swing and new safety surface. The repairs have also been completed on the raised mound and tunnel, hopefully we will have no further expenses.

New Dog Poo Bin – A new bin has now been installed at the junction of High Street and Rectory Lane. Again a plea to dog owners, we have 7 dog poo bins located around the village, please please use them.

Seat on Rectory Lane – The Parish Council has finally received a settlement from its insurers for the seat in Rectory Lane that was damaged by a vehicle in early 2020. A new seat has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives.

Orchard Field – The original planning application for a single storey dwelling (the conversion of the existing black barn) in the Orchard Field next to the Church, was turned down by South Northants Council. However, an appeal against this decision has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and the outcome is awaited.

Compass Pub – Sadly the pub is now boarded up and empty. Its future is uncertain and I am sure villagers are hoping that it will reopen again as a village pub.

Logistics Park Junction 15 M1 – Work has now started on Northampton Gateway Logistics Park. Footpaths KX13 and KX17, across the site, have now been closed off and the old mature trees removed, major earth works have also commenced. Work will progress on site throughout this year and into 2022.

Smart Motorway – As you will have noticed all the trees and vegetation have been removed along the motorway in order for new signage to be installed. The Highways Agency instigated this work under the Smart Motorway scheme and the Parish Council was not consulted.

New Chairman – I would like to thank you all for your help and support over the last eleven years whilst I have been your Parish Council Chairman. Simon Jones who is currently Vice Chairman will be taking over from me in May, and as always your Parish Council is here to look after our lovely village and keep it a pleasant place to live.

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Janet Winchester

Chairman

Church of the Holy Cross

Signs of progress will have been noticed at Holy Cross Church as scaffolding is gradually being removed.

The unique 14th century octagonal spire is being revealed with the weather vane gloriously re-gilded and flying triumphantly over the village. Whilst the church, similar to the Baptist chapel, remains closed during the lock-down it is a symbol of the return to a more normal lifestyle and that the pandemic is hopefully being beaten. It is hoped that a copy of the Miltonian can be produced by Easter giving more positive news of the revival of village activities.



Services from Holy Cross Church, as part of the Grand Union Benefice go out online on Zoom every Sunday at 9.30am and also every Wednesday at 9.30am. If you want to join please email grandunionbenefice@gmail.com so you can be given access.

Milton & Collingtree WI



We have missed seeing our members during the pandemic but have kept in touch via email and phone calls. At Christmas each member received a hand delivered 'goody bag' and these were much appreciated.

Meetings over Zoom have been well attended, in February we had a talk on 'Climate Change' and also a successful craft evening hosted by Lucy Phelps.

We look forward in the coming months to speakers on: 'Hypnosis and Hypnotherapy', 'The Royal Collection' and 'Diving for Gold', all will be over Zoom.

When the weather improves and Covid restraints allow, we plan to meet socially outside. We are determined to thrive despite the current difficulties.



Neighbourhood Watch - Milton Malsor Village (S57)

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk>

Sign up and join our village scheme.

By becoming a member you will have taken the first step to make our village stronger and safer.