



Milton Malsor News
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Christmas 2021

COVID SAFE SYSTEM IN PLACE



CHRISTMAS
—FAIR—

12th December

12pm – 4pm

Milton Malsor Village Hall

High Street, Milton Malsor, NN7 3AS

LOTS OF STALLS

FOOD & DRINK

FREE ENTRY



Village Remembrance Service

Sunday 14 November 2021



This year's service and act of remembrance was led by Reader John Booth from Towcester. Thanks are due to John for travelling to Milton from outside his normal area.

The names of the fallen were read out by Steve Howell representing the Royal Navy.

Wreaths were laid by;

Gary Day on behalf of the Army; David Hayworth RAF; Steve Howell Royal Navy; Simon Jones Chair of the Parish Council on behalf of the village. A wreath was also laid by the Scouts and Guides Groups.





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT CHRISTMAS 2021



Well, here we are with Christmas peaking around the corner! In the Jones household Christmas is fair game after Bonfire Night and the first step is to whip out the Christmas DVD's (well over 30 by the way) and start our evenings with a mince pie.

At the time of writing, we're preparing for the arrival of the Village Green Christmas Tree which should be up by the end of this weekend weather allowing. Just the small matter of stringing the huge number of lights needed. I look forward to singing carols around the tree in December with home-made mince pies & mulled wine. A real village get-together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas and share in the community that we love.

Rail Freight Community Funding:

In my Autumn report I mentioned the Community Funding Project that will provide up to £75,000 to those affected communities such as ours.

You may have seen that we asked for you to submit to us your ideas as to how best to use that funding before we make the relevant application. We've had some good suggestions already, but I would still like to for those who haven't taken a little time to consider, to please do so. You can attend our monthly meetings or if that's not for you, you can let one of your Parish Councillors know.

The Poor's Trust:

The Parish Council were informed a short time ago that both Trustees to The Poor's Trust had resigned. Regrettably, no new Trustees were appointed to take their place and therefore there was no-one who can legally operate the bank account to make the annual payments to those who qualify.

The Parish Council is not allowed to operate The Poor's Trust and so the only steps we could take were to inform the Parish that until the matter was resolved no payments could be made this year.

We have been able to make some headway to try to resolve this situation but are disappointed that we will be unable to reach a solution before the end of the year.

If you would like to be considered for the role of Trustee & provide much needed support for your community, please do contact us for further details.

Planning Applications:

- 1. Lower Road development: we are happy to confirm that the Appeal was rejected by the Planning Inspectorate.**
- 2. Northampton Gateway Logistics Park (SEGRO): we were made aware of a late application (Ref: WNS/2021/1860/MAF) regarding the first warehouse near to the A508. The proposal is for this building to be some 5 metres taller than the original plan at 28.4 metres. This is a significant change that would cause the current landscape mitigation such as the bunding, to be insufficient to shield the building from view.**
- 3. In addition, the Parish Council were invited to participate in a consultation regarding an update to the West Northants**

Council (WNC) Strategic Plan which, provided protections to Milton Malsor amongst others, from being encroached upon by Northampton either in terms of housing or business developments. The proposed new plan identifies areas for future possible development, and we have responded questioning the calculations projections used in assessing the housing need and the validity of the forecasting models used. We are concerned about developments to the west of the M1 and the real possibility of overspill from Northampton Borough affecting the village as well as the Oxford Cambridge Corridor which is suggested as driving development throughout our area. I would urge you to examine the plan on the WNC website and make your views known.

<http://westnorthantsplan.inconsult.uk/>.

- 4. We have contacted the Land Agent to the owner of the Leys Field regarding making repairs/tidying up the entrance to the field from the stile end at the junction of High Street and Rectory Lane.**

Dog Fouling:

Since lockdown there has been a large increase in dogs to our community. My family have recently welcomed a Cockapoo puppy called Reggie who, if you're a dog walker, will probably be known to you already!

However, dog fouling has increased substantially so please, please, please be considerate and take sufficient bags with you to clear up after your four-legged friend. It really isn't much to ask to pop a bag into one of the dog poo bins around the village or to dispose of it at home. We can't be perfect and remove all trace, but we can and must do better.

This will be my last Chairman's report of the year so on behalf of your Parish Council have a wonderful Christmas, cherish your friends and

family, and provide support to those on their own over the festive period. Have a Happy New Year and fingers crossed for 2022.

Medicine Collection contacts:

Nicola James – 07989 307670; Jacqui Jones – 07728 027507 and Katie Marshall – 07792 842358

As a reminder this volunteer service is offered to assist those who are physically unable to travel to collect their prescriptions.

**Simon Jones
Chairman**



SOUTH NORTHANTS COMMUNITY RESPONDERS



Learn how to save a life

CPR 
& Defibrillator

Training

**South Northants Community
Responders will be delivering a FREE
CPR & Defibrillator Training Course**

**Milton Malsor Village Hall
FRIDAY 28th JANUARY 2022
@ 7- 9pm**

**Places are limited to 30, so don't
delay in booking your space.**

To book your place please email: katie.spruels80@gmail.com
or call: 07971 839621



FOMS **Christmas** **Raffle**

*Lots of wonderful
prizes*

**To be drawn on Monday
13th December 2021**

*Tickets can be purchased at the Village
Christmas Fayre on 12th December or by
emailing the.foms@milton.northants.sch.uk*





CHRISTMAS IN
MILTON MALSOR

CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVENING

We all know Christmas in Milton Malsor is incomplete without some carols around our tree! Come join us on The Green for some festive singing, delicious mince pies and mulled wine!

THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER | 6.15 PM

WITH A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO STOKE GOLDDINGTON TREES FOR
DONATING MILTON MALSOR ONE OF THEIR BEAUTIFUL TREES!



Milton Malsor & Collingtree WI



At the November meeting Steve Pateman spoke to us about his story behind the very successful film 'Kinky Boots', he was the real 'Charlie Price' and the owner of the shoe factory that made the boots. His talk was certainly one with a 'difference' and enhanced by the thigh length red high heeled boots he was wearing!

Our December meeting will be more traditional, there will be musical entertainment and members will have the opportunity to be creative and make a Christmas decoration.

We are a warm and welcoming group, drop into one of our meetings next year and see what WI has to offer.

Details from Brenda: 01604 858866



Santa's coming to Milton Malsor!

**Santa will be visiting us, on his sleigh on Thursday 16th December
7pm, on the Village Green
(Just after the Carols on the Green)**

In aid of Trussell Trust, a charity who support food banks in the UK. Collection buckets will be used on the night or you can donate online:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/santassquad>



Water Hall (or The Fisherman's Lodge) Milton Malsor.

A very small cottage which was an old fishing lodge, once stood behind where No 17 Rectory Lane is now, and was last inhabited by Mr & Mrs Jim Green up to the early 1950s. It had been built for an occupant to maintain three nearby fishponds



The fishponds were eventually filled in when the section of Rectory Lane opposite Milton House was lowered in the mid 1800s.

.....and did you know that the former Primitive Methodist Chapel in the High Street was once



used by the Heinz Company to store Soups and Baked Beans! More recently it was converted to a dwelling and once occupied by Tim Rodber, the former Northampton Saints, England and British Lions rugby player.

Milton Malsor Village Hall. Conveyance Dated 1957



Long before the village hall was built in the Workhouse Yard there stood fourteen or more stone houses, some of which abutted The Greyhound (see b/w photograph below).

Sadly, over time the houses fell into disrepair and demolished. However, like the houses that no longer exist along the top of the Memorial Green, the ruins soon became, to the delight of all the children during this time, their adventure play area.

It was not until 1957 that Albert George James (a Dairyman) married to Alice who died earlier, transferred by Deed of Conveyance on October 12th, 1957, the area to the representatives of Milton Malsor for the purpose of creating a recreational building for the benefit of the village.



Unfortunately, it took a great deal of effort to raise the necessary funds (times were hard) yet the perseverance of individuals eventually prevailed. Architectural plans were accepted, and building began during 1976/7 and the hall formally opened in 1978. Subsequently, those nominated as Trustees authorised a separate but small and voluntary management group to administer the hall on their behalf and as they say, “the rest is history.”

But not quite, because should you ever go along the footpath, known as The Jitty, between The Compass and Rectory Lane, you will see a medium sized wooden hut behind a stone wall that belonged to The Compass proprietor and would you believe was the ‘original village hall’ and well used it was too. Was it Michael Caine that once said “not everyone in the village know this.”



VILLAGE WINTER CHECKLIST

Residents whose properties adjoin the footpaths or a neighbouring garden please check that your shrubs or trees are not overhanging. People using the footpaths may need to walk onto the roadway or could possibly catch their faces on the obstructions when walking past.

Those whose gardens have the stream running along their boundary, can you please check to make sure that the stream is not blocked and that the banks are clear? This will help to stop the possibility of flooding during heavy rainfall.
Finally thank you to all residents who pick up litter from around the village.

BONFIRES

- When lighting a bonfire, only burn dry material. Damp vegetation does not burn well as it produces large volumes of smoke and smoulders for long periods of time.
- Before having a bonfire, please let your neighbours know. This gives them an opportunity to shut windows and bring in any washing.
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres, anything containing plastic, painted materials, plywood and chipboard, foam or paint.
- Never use old engine oil, meths or petrol to light the fire or encourage it.
- Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions - smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days and in the evening. If it is windy, smoke may be blown into neighbours gardens and across roads.
- Never leave the fire unattended or leave it to smoulder put it out.



Christmas Services in Milton



Holy Cross Church

12th December Carol Service at 4pm

24th December Christmas Service at 3pm

25th December Christmas Day Service 9.30am

Baptist Chapel

**25th December at 10 am. Short Service led by the Turner Family
followed by Coffee and Mince Pies.**

**Village Author Neil Jagger has published his book 'Jaggers Jottings'-
which is available from Amazon.com**

This is a collection of original short stories set all around the world. One covers the Village Action group fighting off the proposed secondary school. Another highlights the need to take carbon dioxide out of the air as the only certain solution to climate catastrophe

"It was a routine day on the farm until I unearthed the hoard".

Dip into this rag-bag book of short stories and you will be hooked.

These enthralling, well-crafted gems are suitable for book lovers of all ages. Wide variety and brisk pace ensure the reader will discover something that grips or intrigues.

Some are set in exotic overseas locations, others in rural England. Many have unexpected endings. All polar with believable characters.

Themes vary from tense and exciting to educational, humorous, philosophical or surreal. One urges us to fund research into removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as the only way to save humankind.

This original collection provides an absorbing read for a few minutes or a few hours. It deserves a wide audience.

Please let the publishers know which is your favourite story.



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Village Groups

(Please Check with contacts in each Group for any 2021/22 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)

Beavers: Wednesday, Village Hall, 5.30- 6.30pm in term time (age 6-8).
Contact Group Scout Leader Carol Fraser 01604 862717 (email:
GSL.1CMM@gmail.com)

Brownies: Monday, Village Hall 6.00-7.15 pm in term time (age 7-10) Contact Christine Ladd (Brown Owl) 705910 (eMail: christine.ladd@btinternet.com)

Cubs: Wednesday, Village Hall, 6.30-7.45pm in term time (age 8-10½)
Contact Group Scout Leader Carol Fraser 01604 862717 (email:
GSL.1CMM@gmail.com)

Film Club – see www.miltonmalsor.info or telephone John Brice 01604 858418 for further details

Historical Society: Telephone John Brice 01604 858418

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 Carol Fraser Group Scout Leader 01604 862717 (email: GSL.1CMM@gmail.com)

Short Mat Bowls Village Hall Telephone Pauline Mellors 01604 858588

WI: Contact Brenda Jenks 01604 858866

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Colin Neal	Website Manager	
Katie Spruels &		
Tom McManus	Facebook Admin	
Chris Eads	Newsletter Editor	

Other useful contacts

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Karen Cooper	West Northamptonshire District Councillor	01604 859684
Adam Brown	West Northamptonshire County Councillor	07714 255077
Chris Heaton-Harris	MP (Daventry)	0207219 7048
Nicola James	Medicine Collection	07989 307670

Parish Council website: www.miltonmalsorparishcouncil.org.uk

Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/MiltonMalsorVillage

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

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