



Milton Malsor News
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*PARISH COUNCIL
REPORT
Spring 2026*



I'm pleased to be able to report that we are now back to our full complement of Parish Councillors after a long period of time of having at least one vacancy on the Council. There are a number of matters I'd like to set out for you to remain aware of the activities we are undertaking:

Firstly we have just appointed a new mowing contractor, we parted ways with our previous supplier and we held a formal tender process with five interested parties, the new contractor selected was done so on mixture of pricing and reference provided, the initial term will be for one year whilst we gain assurance that they are able to deliver to the standards we require. Due to input costs for mowing contractors, we have to take a view on what represents value against providing immaculate presentation and quotes ranged from £7,000 to £24,000 and we sought to try and seek a blend of value and quality. Cllr John Walsh will manage the contractor throughout the season and then we can take a view on what we do for the subsequent mowing seasons.



Street lighting has become a rather large expense this year, our lighting contractor will no longer replace the sodium light bulbs so each failure of these requires the replacement with an LED unit, hopefully this should give us less energy consumption and longer life on the bulbs, however there is a significant difference in cost

between replacement sodium bulbs and upgrade to LED units. We are somewhat hostage to our lighting contractors timelines when it comes to



getting items quoted for and replaced, in particular Milton Court as the concrete lighting columns are considered to be non-standard now we will need to replace the entire column, and we are currently seeking a number of quotes for this work and would look to use some of the Segro S106 monies to pay for this upgrade. We have also recently replaced the uplighters on the village green as the water ingress fused the previous units and they were no longer salvageable, so we have the replacements in we are currently struggling with the timer unit which we'll seek to resolve in the coming weeks. We are hugely over budget on street light maintenance this year for the reasons set out above however we have sought to use monies from reserves rather than increasing the precept to pay for this.

The village park, we have recently had some extensive works to cut back the encroaching undergrowth and get the pathways around the park reopened up. We have seen some thoughtless activity taking place in the park with someone deciding to smash a double-glazing unit in the slide area, and the football posts were tested to destruction as well, so we have currently removed those. I'd like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors who spent time tidying up after both incidents set out above.

We have been informed that WNC will be putting Fogg Cottages up for sale, sadly whilst they have been empty, they have attracted a number of different criminal activities so we hope that the process can take place quickly and those properties are brought back into use rather than remaining derelict and a magnet for unsociable behaviour. We have also highlighted to the landowner the state of the barn on the footpath between Milton Malsor and Collingtree as it seems more and more of the fabric is being destroyed and it could potentially become unsafe.

Cllr Paul Heath continues to attend the quarterly Segro meetings to raise concerns about progress, in particular we have raised the increased incidences of flooding under the railway bridge on the Collingtree road both the main contractor and the local Highways authority blame one another for the flooding by neither side is

prepared to do anything substantive, we will continue to speak to both to try and get to a resolution however I would encourage approaching this with caution especially during prolonged periods of heavy rain.

In terms of planning the local plan is currently open to consultation with WNC. I'd encourage people to review and input, we are currently considering appealing where we are positioned on the settlement hierarchy as our current position suggests that the village requires another 34 houses, you may know there are few sites within the village confines so this could mean use of greenfield sites around the village. It's a fine balance between conserving the current confines with ensuring the community remains sustainable and that WNC meet the housing targets set by the Government. Within the plan we were hopeful about the green wedge set out on this side of the M1 that in theory would reduce the likelihood of development between the current confines and the M1, however as with all things once you get into the details it just provides a number of small barriers for anyone wishing to develop to overcome.

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Medicine Collection contacts:



Nicola James	-	07989 307670
Jacqui Jones	-	07728 027507

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



West Northamptonshire Council - New Local Plan

West Northamptonshire Council is consulting on its Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan. The Draft Plan and supporting documents will be available for public inspection for eight weeks, **from Thursday 29 January 2026 until 23:59 on Friday 27 March 2026.**

**West Northamptonshire Local Plan 2043
Regulation 18- Draft Consultation January 2026
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 –
Regulation 18.**

The Local Plan is an important planning document that sets out how WNC propose West Northamptonshire will change and grow over the next two decades. The principles set out in the plan and the sites it identifies for protection and those it proposes to allocate for development will underpin decisions that are made in the years ahead. It is important to understand your views on these important matters.

You can view the local plan at: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/local-plan>

The Draft Plan sets out the proposed spatial vision and objectives for West Northamptonshire covering the period 2025 to 2043. It allocates housing and employment development sites, identifies a housing need for the rural areas, and contains policies against which planning applications will be considered. Once adopted, the Local Plan will replace the existing West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and the Daventry, Northampton, and South Northamptonshire Local Plans. The Policies Map accompanying the plan sets out the areas to which specific local plan policies and land designations apply.

How to comment on the consultation:

Representation can be made on-line through the Council's website, by email at planningpolicyconsultation@westnorthants.gov.uk or by post to:

Planning Policy Team
West Northamptonshire Council
One Angel Square
Northampton
NN1 1ED

Please note that WNC says all comments received will be made public. They will not consider anonymous responses. Your comments and name will be published but other personal information will remain confidential.

Church of The Holy Cross Milton Malsor



Following a busy Christmas tide, we now have had the new heating and lighting installed. We are getting used to how it works and its effectiveness. We have a few outstanding small issues to resolve, and arrangements have

been made for the company to return to sort these out.

In February, it was lovely to see so many villagers and some from outside, supporting our first coffee morning of the year. We had many lovely raffle prizes that were won, and a thank you goes to all who donate these prizes. The coffee mornings are very well supported and a thank you goes to all who attend.

We have started to schedule dates for our fundraising. The first will be a plant and seed sale in April and May. These will be held during the coffee mornings. which are the first Saturday of the month.

Following the success of last autumn's garage sale and following the feedback received by those who participated in the event, we are planning to do another one in May.

Early July we will be holding a flower and wedding dress festival. We thought the dresses would reflect the periods throughout the years, up to present time. If you have an old or new wedding dress that you would like to display, please contact Gill on 01604706545

For dates and UpToDate information please refer to GRASS. If you would like to receive a hard copy or by email, please contact Sue Bell at cornercottage71@aol.com or phone 07968891172.

All future dates will be advertised in GRASS.





We are the local Scout Group with charitable status and have been around for over 50 years. We are based at Milton Malsor Village Hall, but meet at a variety of outdoor locations through the warmer months.

The Scout Groups offer outdoor adventure, skills for life, fun and friendships to young people in Milton Malsor, Collingtree and surrounding areas. Our dedicated team of excellent volunteers run weekly Beavers, Cubs and Scout meetings during term time.

We would love some new Beavers in our Colony – so please get in touch

Scouts
1st Collingtree & Milton Malsor

BEAVERS
Age 6-8
Wednesdays
17.30 – 18.30
Milton Malsor Village Hall

cubs
Age 8-10
Wednesdays
18.30 – 19.45
Milton Malsor Village Hall

SCOUTS
Age 10-14
Wednesdays
19.45 – 21.15
Milton Malsor Village Hall

1stcmm.org.uk
collingtreemiltonmalsorscouts@gmail.com



Polite Notice:



Overhanging trees and hedges:

With spring on the way this is a polite notice to all residents to check their hedges and trees on the boundaries of footpaths, neighbouring gardens, walls and buildings, to make sure they are not encroaching and causing harm to the walls and buildings and not troubling neighbours and pedestrians.

Thank you for your support



Telephone: 01604 858816

Email: office@milton.pdet.org.uk

www.milton.northants.sch.uk

Our children from Brixworth Class took great pleasure from their carol singing visits to Holly House, Raynsford House and the Greyhound over the festive season and we'd like to thank you all again for your warm welcome.

All pupils, staff and families thoroughly enjoyed our annual Christingle service at Holy Cross Church too, so thank you to everyone involved with this also.

Since returning to school after the Christmas break, the children have been enjoying taking part in various events and activities such as:

- Reading with Gaynor and Gertie from Pets as Therapy
- Village walks to bring their classroom learning to life
- Fun games for NSPCC number day, organised by our wonderful School Council children and staff
- PDET Magic Maths event for Year 5
- Trip to The Chester House Estate for Stanwick Class to learn about the Romans
- Pacesetter multi-school tournaments at Benham Sports Centre
- Lunchtime clubs with the teachers
- Friends and Family Fridays, and lots more!

Our school values are at the heart of our school and it makes us feel extremely proud when we hear such positive feedback from the local community and activity organisers of how well our children have conducted themselves during events.

We have lots more to look forward to in the next couple of months, including World Book Day, our Easter Service and May Day too.



Please don't hesitate to get in touch to arrange a visit!

Milton Parochial Primary School
Green Street
Milton Malsor
Northampton
NN7 3AT

News from Friends of Milton School (FOMS)



Recent Events

We'd like to say a **big thank you** to everyone that supported our winter fundraising events through providing their precious time, community donations and/or participation. These events included our Online Auction, Gift Sales for the pupils, Wreath Making and our Christmas Fete, which together with match funding from Barclays, raised a mighty £2,910!

With this fantastic start to our 2025/26 year of fundraising, we are looking forward to finding lots of different ways to spend it which will make a big difference to the pupils of Milton Parochial Primary School.

How do we spend the funds?

FOMS were thrilled to hear that the pupils enjoyed the whole school trip to Deco Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast, featuring some of our very own pupils (both current and a former pupil who is now at secondary school).

The children also enjoyed a return visit from our favourite storyteller, Preacher, who brings so much energy, inspiration and joy to the children with his creativity. Following our recent meeting, we are currently in the process of agreeing further ways to spend the funds this year, including new resources and more experiences for the children to enjoy.

Find us on Facebook

Please give us a follow to keep up to date with future events 😊

Welcome
The Friends of Milton School

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Charity number 1104785

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Our mission is to:

- ♥ Support the students through programs and resources
- ♥ Make strong connections between families and school staff
- ♥ Create fun and engaging events that bring our community together

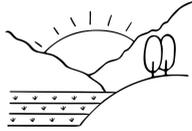


Spring

EVENTS



We are busy making plans for Mother's Day, Easter and World Book Day (our Marvellous Milton Bars are returning!)
Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for further updates...
Best wishes, Team FOMS



LIFE ON THE FARM

Winter what can we say! I know we asked for rain but I think we have had enough now until about April. We are getting tired of wet, muddy, dirty days.

With the lack of cows to calf, due to the building works at Collingtree, we are having a slightly different winter. Gordon has been spending time at the livestock markets buying in young cattle, so we can fatten them up ready for selling to Morrisons.



Sheep have been scanned ready for lambing, keep your eyes out for lambs from 1st March. The Tups are having their rest until October in the Orchard by the church.

The fodder beet was lifted on New Year's Day in the cold and ice. Field was ploughed on the 2nd, on the 3rd levelled, and will be drilled once the rain stops.

We have been on our annual family trip to an agriculture machinery show, at the NEC, where Freddie had many science and geography lessons. As well as seeing lots of new machines. Apparently the pink tractor is not allowed.

David has been taking wheat into Heygates in Bugbrooke for them to make it into flour, it then gets taken to Fine Lady at Banbury to be made into bread.

David's been busy in the workshop servicing and doing maintenance on the machines. Ready for spring/summer.

Let's all hope for a break in the rain. And a lovely spring.

Ally





Milton Football Club

Dear Miltonians,

As you may have seen, our football club is excelling on and off the grass, with excellent results and improvement on league positions along with improvements made to our facilities recently.

We're always open to new sponsors, whether an individual or a local business.

Currently we have around 20 sponsors, including Hilton Hotel, CBC Meats, AM Waters, T & L Marquees, Careys along with many other recognisable names.

We are just starting to plan a fundraising event for the summer too, we'll share more information once we have all the details.

There's a possibility to open up the bar for you on the last Friday of the month again, once the weather improves - we'll update you when we will implement this (could be March) - last time we didn't get many attend, so if you'd like us to do this we really need to see you!

We've completed the upgrade of our bar and have a fantastic darts area for you to use and enjoy.

In the meantime, if anyone from the village is interested in using our facilities for a private function, please do reach out to me.

Warm regards & best wishes,

Chris Deakin
Chairman, Milton FC

Milton Malsor & Collingtree WI



On Thursday 12th March will be holding our 101st Annual Meeting. We have a long WI history and sadly we may close at the end of the month as we need to increase our membership and fill key roles to keep the group going.



Our members are a mixed generation, it is a relaxed and friendly group of ladies and we do hope we can continue. If you are interested please come along to the March meeting, which starts at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. You will be very welcome.

The Art group has been going for a number of years as a flourishing self help group with visiting artists.

Sometimes demonstrating, sometimes workshops. We meet on Wednesday afternoons (term time only) starting at 1:30pm until 3:30pm. Anyone interested in joining this friendly supportive group. Contact Marion 01604 859109 or Anne 01604 858326.





OUR VILLAGE HALL

We have had two meetings since we published our last updates in the newsletter - the 18th November 2025 and 10th February 2026. We have the following to share:

- We were pleased to continue links with the Parish Church of Holy Cross on Remembrance Sunday as refreshments were served in the hall following the service on the morning of 9th November 2025.
- All went well at John Brice's memorial on 6th December 2025. A memorial plaque was placed by the tree in Rectory Lane which he and Neil Jagger had planted many years ago. The event was well-attended by family and friends, with refreshments being served in the hall afterwards. Our grateful thanks go to John for all he did for our hall and community and to Bob Walder for mounting the brass plaque so beautifully on a teak stand.
- Adhoc bookings remain strong, so too the regular bookings for our local groups and clubs. Because of this, hire prices will not increase again this year but will remain under review.
- There has been no further significant damage to the hall, disappointingly seen at a couple of events last year, but we have further amended our booking terms and conditions to request that parents do not allow teenage/younger children to congregate, unsupervised, outside the hall during family events/celebrations, as happened recently when uninvited guests gate-crashed a birthday party.
- We have changed our CCTV maintenance company to Benn Security – they are more local (based in Northampton) and already manage other aspects of our security (locks and keys).
- The last of the older light fittings have now been replaced with more cost-effective LEDs. The outside lighting and men's toilets have also been upgraded – thank you to Dave Agates for completing this work.

- Our Safeguarding Policy and statement have been updated and ratified. David Brown will take over the bookings officer role in the next few weeks – a dedicated email and phone number are being reinstated/set up – we will share the details when the transfer takes place.

Future Plans include:

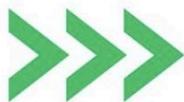
- Celebrating the hall's 50th anniversary in February 2028. David Brogden is helping us piece together the hall's history and, as mentioned before, we would love to hear peoples' memories of events and celebrations that have taken place over the decades. We are hoping to collate these, with photos and other anecdotes, as part of a community display.
- Updating and ratifying the following policies: Diversity and Equality (April '26), Fire Safety - linked with H and S - (Sept '26), Code of Conduct (part of Diversity and Equality Policy) and CCTV Policy (April '26). These are annual reviews.
- Continuing to monitor costs and usage for all utilities over the coming months to ensure the hiring rates are not running at a loss.
- Welcoming new volunteers to join our committee – if you are interested, please get in touch. Even if you are unable to regularly attend meetings, we would love to build a list of villagers who could bring specific skills to help keep our hall running effectively – for example, security, policy updates, running repairs, larger repairs, safety checks, post-hire checks and links to other companies and charities who could offer their support too.

Our next meeting date is:

Tuesday 14 April '26 at 7.30pm in the James meeting room at the hall.

The date for the next AGM is Friday 24 April 2026 at 7pm in the main hall.

Contact Penny Howell - 07702004860 chair@miltonmalsor.info or Keith Parker – 07745385346 parkerpa1577@gmail.com if you'd like to find out more about the village hall development, its committee or have stories/photos to share of its history as we approach its 50th anniversary. A big 'Thank you' to all committee members for all you do to support our village hall and wider community.



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Are you an inconsiderate dog owner?

The Parish Council have had more complaints from villagers about inconsiderate dog owners not picking up their dogs poo!

Residents are having to clear up dog poo from outside their properties. Please make sure you have enough poo bags to meet your dogs needs so that you are able to be responsible and clean up after your dog, if your children are exercising your dog then please make sure that you explain to them why this is necessary.

It is law that you clean up after your dog in public places. We have 6 bins around the village, please use them.

Please remember that dogs are NOT ALLOWED the village park.

West Northants Council's Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) requires dog owners to pick up after their dogs and dispose of the waste properly.

Dog owners who fail to pick up after their dog may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of up to £100



Be responsible, please bag it and bin it!



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TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OR CRIME PLEASE USE THE 101 NON EMERGENCY NUMBER OR 999 IN AN EMERGENCY - do not contact the team directly.

All reports must go via the Northants Police Control Room for an incident log to be created.

The most efficient way to contact the team is here –

neighbourhoodteamsouthnorthants-towcester@northants.police.uk

This email address is checked daily and will be responded to by all the team.

If you have any events you would like us to attend or wish to discuss a particular issue, provide information or meet a member of the Neighbourhood Policing Team please contact us on the above email address.

If you have a question of issue specifically for one of the team you can use their direct emails, but please bear in mind they may be out of the office for training/rest days or leave.

PS Lorna Clarke - lorna.clarke@northants.police.uk

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VILLAGE GROUPS

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 01604 859109 or Anne Manson 01604 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) 01604 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)

Scouts:

Wednesday, Village Hall, 7.45-9.15pm in term time. Contact Carol Fraser Group Scout Leader 01604 862717 (email: GSL.1CMM@gmail.com)

Milton FC:

Has two adult teams. For membership and club hire details contact Len Mackintosh 01604 858145 Facebook: Milton Football Club

Milton Parochial Primary School:

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Short Mat Bowls:

Village Hall Bowls Organiser 07718 172332 or

gillandcolin@btinternet.com

WI:

Contact Jacqui Jones 07728 027507

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Nicola James Medicine Collection
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Facebook Group www.facebook.com/groups/MiltonMalsorVillage
(if you're not already a member, ask to join)

NOTE: The Parish Council does not use Facebook Messenger.