



Milton Malsor News

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Summer 2026



At the Parish Council's Annual Meeting on 12th May Ed James stepped down as Chairman and Janet Winchester was elected as the new Chairman along with Luciana Ferullo as Vice Chairman.

Janet thanked Ed for ably leading the Council over the past two years and also Jerry Forskitt in his role as Vice Chair.

Latest planning matters:

The Parish Council has been notified that the Planning Application to build warehousing and industrial units on the former Young's Nursery and Abattoir sites between Milton Malsor and Blisworth has been resurrected.

The site would contain six small and three bigger units, together with a large B8 (storage or distribution) warehouse with twelve HGV loading bays. The Parish Council originally submitted objections four years ago, mainly based on the potential of increased HGV traffic through our villages and the dangerous site entrance design, we will work with Blisworth Parish Council to oppose the development

The Council has been notified of a proposal to build 50 affordable houses on land to the north of Lower Road adjacent to Towcester Road and next to Spring Farm. At this time it is just a proposal and no formal Application has been submitted to West Northants Council. Residents will be kept fully informed on the situation.

There is an application to build 265 houses next to the Hilton Hotel in Collingtree on Watering Lane, should this be approved Milton will be affected by even more traffic. The Council will support Collingtree Parish Council's opposition to this application. Collingtree PC are also opposing the Golf Course Development application in East Hunsbury.

On a cheerier note, new street lighting is due (at the time of writing) to be installed in Milton Court as the old concrete lamp posts are degrading. New day/night sensors will soon be fitted at the War Memorial.

Flooding under the railway bridge is being monitored by Anglian water, following the drain clearance. The Council is liaising with the new village mowing contractor to ensure all necessary areas are being cut.

At the recent By Election a new West Northants Unitary Councillor, Laura Christine Western was elected for our Ward, she will be working with Councillor Fiona Cole to best protect our interests.

With the Ability Bus recently terminating its use, Blisworth Parish Council is working with other local villages to try to find a solution for this door-to-door service to resume. If you used the Ability Bus and would still like to receive a service, albeit from a different provider, please can you call the Parish Clerk, Ann Addison on 01604 759186 or via email clerk@miltonmalsorparishcouncil.gov.uk to register an interest. We will then feed this back to the relevant people. They are also looking for volunteer drivers for this service, please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

Reminder to dog owners: Please pick up after your dogs - even in the fields. Leaving it behind impacts others and the environment. Do the responsible thing - bag it, bin it, done! Thank you.

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Raynsford House, starting from next month at a new time, 7pm.

Hope it will be a good summer with just enough rain to keep the gardens looking good!

Janet

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.

Church of The Holy Cross Milton Malsor



The month of May, we all said goodbye to Fr. Graham and his wife Gillian. Fr. Graham takes up his new ministry in the Benefice of Clevley.

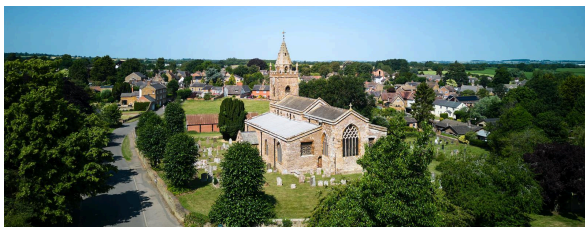
On Sunday 10th May, Graham conducted a beautiful baptism. This was his last service as Curate to our Benefice. We all wished him well in his new ministry. Graham was presented with a Bible from Milton Parochial Primary School. All the children and staff had signed the Bible. Graham was so pleased to receive such a lovely gift. He will remember all those at Milton Parochial Primary School and what he achieved during his time in school whilst using his bible, and takes many happy memories with him.

Holy Cross would like to thank Graham and his wife Gillian for all they have done and achieved over the last three years. We will miss them both dearly.

Following the garage and tabletop sale, we are now planning our festival of wedding dresses and flowers on the 11th and 12th July. If you have an old or modern wedding dress you would like to exhibit or would like to do a flower display especially in memory of a loved one, or would like to donate flowers, please contact Gill on 01604 706545 or Sue on 07968891172.

We are also asking if anyone has a mannequin/s for the church to borrow, which will display the wedding dresses on. Again, please contact Sue or Gill.

Holy Cross PCC, would like to thank the people of the Parish Council who kindly removed the weeds from the outer wall and pathway of the church. It looks so much better.





Recent Fundraising and Expenditure:

We always enjoy hosting our annual Easter event. This year the children took part in a hunt for hundreds of eggs, working together in Easter themed teams to collect as many as possible. Well done to all the children who took part and for supporting each other so warmly. In addition to the event, all pupils were gifted chocolate Easter eggs again this year as a treat from FOMS.

We were also thrilled to welcome Malcolm the Magician recently – the show was enjoyed by children and adults alike and it helped us to raise just over £150. If anyone is looking for a party entertainer, we'd highly recommend him!

In recognition of all their hard work, we were pleased to have gifted leavers' hoodies to each of our Year 6 pupils at the end of SATs week. A big thank you to our amazing supplier EFD Corporate who kindly do our unique design as a one off special for us, despite being very busy with their usual commitments as workwear and PPE suppliers.

We've also recently funded 10 brand new Chromebooks and 4 conversions to allow use of 14 extra laptops for the children to use. These will increase accessibility for all classes to enhance lessons further and enable the children to use them during their golden time.

The children have three enrichment events to look forward to over June and July to end the school year; for which we are pleased to have also funded. Look out on the Milton Parochial Primary School and Friends of Milton School Facebook pages for further updates and photos!

Summer Fete:

Please save the date and join us there – everyone is welcome:
Friday 10th July 3.30 - 5.30pm at our village school!

If anyone is having a clear out and have any suitable items they would be willing to donate for this event, we would be really grateful to hear from you – please see attached poster for further details.

As always, we'd like to reiterate our gratitude to all our school families and the local community who continue to support our events, thank you.

We shall no doubt enjoy our break over the summer holidays before the next academic year when it will be time to welcome everyone back, including the new Reception children and their families. Good luck to all our Year 6 leavers next year, with best wishes from all of Team FOMS.

Wishing everyone a fun summer!

Events at Milton

Open events for new Early Years children

We have the following events planned for our
new Early Years children - September 2026:

Thursday 11th June 2.30pm - 3.15pm
for a Teddy Bear's Picnic

Wednesday 24th June 9.15am - 10.15am
for transition Stay & Play

Monday 6th July 9.15am - 11.15am
for transition Stay & Play

Contact us on:
01604 858816 or via
email at
office@milton.pdet.org.uk





Thank you Malcolm the Magician for putting on a fantastic show for us all!



If anyone is having a clear out and would be happy to donate any items for our Summer event, we'd be really grateful!

We would welcome donations of any items such as:

- Bottles • Unused Gifts • Teddies •
- Sweets • Chocolates •



Please contact thefriendsofmiltonschool@gmail.com or 07793 001638 if you can help us - we'd be happy to collect.
Thank you!



SUMMER FETE

Our popular
prize format
is back!

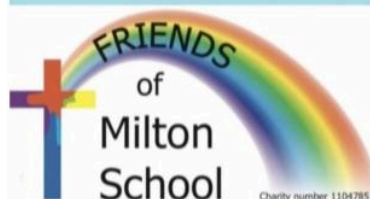
Friday 10th July
3.30 – 5.00pm

Milton Parochial Primary School, NN7 3AT

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- Games •
- Stalls •
- Refreshments •
- Raffle •
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Everyone welcome.
We hope to see you there!

Milton Malsor & Collingtree WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Thanks to efforts made by **Jacqui** (our President) we have seen our numbers increase and our Committee strengthened.

We have an exciting programme planned for this year, **we started strong** with the **popular needle crafting**, **a fascinating talk about the RAIN** (Resilience and Innovation Northants) project which is looking at flood prevention.

Next month we **will be crafting again**.

Please come join us, we are a friendly group and meet **every second Thursday at 7.30pm**, except for August.

The June meeting venue will be Milton Malsor Village Hall.



OUR VILLAGE HALL

We have had one meeting (April '26) and our AGM since the last newsletter. We have these updates to share:

- Hire costs will remain the same for the third year running, despite hikes in many running costs and services, though we can now reduce the costs for regular village hirers back to the £8 an hour it was previously. This reduction is possible due to existing cost savings for utilities, maintenance (due to so many minor and major jobs being completed by committee members), annual charges, a slight increase in bookings and planned purchases being budgeted for. This has collectively given the hall £843 more income than last year, which covers the predicted £750 reduction in income from village groups at £8/hr .
- Our newly appointed booking's officer, David Brown, now manages both regular and adhoc hirers, it's a vital role for maintaining income and providing one point of contact for all. We have invested in a dedicated hall phone for bookings (07543 760123) and re-instated the hall booking email: hallbooking@miltonmalsor.info
- The bank accounts are balanced, showing £21382 of income (up until April 5 '26) compared to £20539 of last year and the hall's accounts have been audited by Howard – many thanks to him.
- External areas have been well-maintained to improve access, safety and aesthetics – eg improving external lighting, pruning trees, weeding, painting the fence and patio furniture and jet-washing the patio – thanks again to all members (especially Keith and Chris for all the upkeep and minor repairs they complete) and Fletch, for keeping the hall's grounds so clean, neat and tidy. With so many members volunteering their time, this avoids taking money from the hall's accounts, helping to keep costs down for all users.
- The old hot water dispenser has been replaced as it was proving too costly to repair.

- Statutory checks have been completed, such as completing the annual fire risk assessment, reviewing and updating Fire, Safeguarding and Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion policies to support hirers' needs and well-being.
- All insurances (content, building, liability) have been renewed to ensure we are well-protected and compliant.
- We welcomed the Parish Council and attendees for their Annual Meeting to the hall in April due to short-notice changes to availability at Raynsford House, their usual venue.
- Reducing hiring rates for charity events eg Air Ambulance continues to be well-received and makes a big difference to the charities.
- The hall was used for local elections on 7.5.26.
- As you know from previous correspondence, we are beginning to think about how we will celebrate the hall's 50 th anniversary - David Brogden is helping us piece together the hall's history and we would love to hear peoples' memories of events and celebrations that have taken place over the decades – we've already had lots of photos. We are hoping to collate these, with first-hand anecdotes, as part of a community display. David is also progressing the application for a Blue Plaque to remember/commemorate the site's history for supporting the poor of the village.
- Linked to the above bullet point, the hall is taking on the management of Milton's Historical Society Website, previously supported by The Parish Council. It has been dormant for 4 or 5 years but at the AGM, attendees unanimously agreed that the resource was too important to lose. Andy Barker (Digital Now) is adding this site to the hall's agreement and he will maintain it for an extra £72/ year – a price we felt was very reasonable to enable the village's history to be celebrated and shared.
- We have, once again, valued the reciprocal support from other groups, including the Church and all who use the hall and/ or attend our management meetings. We would not achieve as much as we do without your time and support – so, 'Thank you'.

Next steps:

- Welcoming new volunteers to join our committee – if you are interested, please get in touch. Even if you are unable to regularly attend 4 meetings, we would still 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.

- Provisional dates for our next meetings are set for: 15/9/26, 17/11/26, 16/2/27 and 13/4/27, with the AGM on 23/4/27.

I've already thanked the many volunteers from the committee and I'm delighted this experienced and dedicated team are happy to continue to support the hall next year - It is because of what they collectively do, we have a hall that's very much at the heart of our immediate and wider community.

We wish you a safe and happy Summer.

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 from its history as we approach the 50th anniversary.

Friendly Community Notice – Bonfires

With the nicer weather arriving, many of us are enjoying having our windows open and washing out to dry in the fresh air 🌞👕

We kindly ask that if you're planning to light a bonfire, please be mindful of your neighbours. Smoke can easily drift into nearby homes and gardens, affecting laundry and making it uncomfortable for others to enjoy the weather.

A few helpful reminders based on guidance from West Northants Council:

- Bonfires should not cause a nuisance to neighbours (this includes smoke entering homes or gardens).
- Avoid lighting fires when people are likely to have washing outside or windows open.
- Never burn household waste such as plastics, rubber, or treated wood, as this can release harmful fumes.
- Consider alternatives like recycling or using local waste collection services where possible.
- If a bonfire is necessary, try to choose a time when it will cause the least disturbance.

Let's all do our bit to keep the village a pleasant place for everyone to enjoy 😊 Thank you for being considerate.



Scouts



Ready for fun and friends?

Aged between 6 and 8? Looking for new adventures, fun and friends?

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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:

Mrs Rachel Scott - Principal 01604 858816

email: office@milton.pdet.org.uk Facebook: Milton Parochial Primary School

Short Mat Bowls:

Village Hall Bowls Organiser 07718 172332 or

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WI:

Contact Jacqui Jones 07728 027507

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Cllr Fiona Cole West Northants Unitary Councillor

Parish Council Website www.miltonmalsorparishcouncil.gov.uk

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.