

2012 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 2011

31st December—New Year's Eve Dance—Village Hall Fund.

JANUARY 2012

28th January—Race Night—Diamond Jubilee Committee.

FEBRUARY 2012

17th February—Smart Lunch—WI.

MARCH 2012

24th March—Film & Supper, Matinee+ Evening—Diamond Jubilee Committee.

JUNE 2012

2nd June—Craft Fair—Milton Village Volunteers.

3rd June—Diamond Jubilee Celebration



ALLOTMENTS

There are a number of allotments available. If you wish to rent a plot, please contact Ian Marsden (830497) or John Naish (830077).

PARKING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

If you park by the pavilion, please ensure that you do NOT drive over the grass as you turn around to leave. Particularly at this time of year, tyre marks can do a lot of damage to the grass area.

MILTON VILLAGE FETE—SATURDAY 7TH JULY 2012, AT 2PM.

Theme—'The Olympics'.

We are looking to recruit helpers on the day. Anyone able to spare an hour or so on the day should contact Martin Gibbs on 01993 832440 or email:

martin.gibbs02@btopenworld.com

WYCHWOOD LIBRARY-OCC FINAL DECISION

Wychwood will become a Community Library with 50% reduction in staff. Thus, we shall have to recruit and train a team of volunteers to work with the qualified staff to keep our Library going. This is due to happen in three years.



Councillor phone numbers: Graham Collett (Chairman) 831725, Peter Rawlins (Vice Chairman) 830591, St John Bickley 832203, Jeff Haine 830078, Christine Hart 831739, Ian Marsden 830497, John Naish 830077, Rodney Rose 830584, Esther Parsons (Clerk to the Council) 831365

Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Newsletter



December 2011

from your Parish Council

Quarterly

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous 2012

Christmas Carols



Mulled
Wine

Mince Pies

Around the Christmas tree

Christmas Eve
Old Milton Post Office

6.00 pm

Meet in the church if wet

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2012

Elections for Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council will take place on Thursday 3rd May 2012. Eight Parish Councillors are needed. The Notice of Election will be published on Tuesday 27th March and the deadline for nominations is noon on 4th April.

Nomination packs will be available from the Parish Clerk in early March and nominations may be submitted any time between 27th March and 4th April.

MILTON VILLAGE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Preparations for our Jubilee Celebration are well under way. Fund raising has been, and will be, carrying on a pace. To date, the Volunteers have held a Car Boot and a Craft Fair and the Sports Association their weekly raffle, but by far the biggest event was the Film and Supper evening. There are, however, lots more events to come!

The Film and Supper event was a joint initiative by several groups involved in planning the Celebrations, the Volunteers, the Flix in the Stix, the WI, the MSA and the Village Hall. I would personally like to thank all those involved for making it a really successful evening. I would also like to thank those who came along and enjoyed it. Your support was most encouraging and helped to raise over £800 towards the Jubilee.

The next event will be a **Race Night** (with a difference), which will be another joint initiative, on **Saturday 28th January**— book the date and look out for posters and flyers in the New Year!

This will be followed by the **WI's 'Smart Lunch' on Friday 17th February** and, hopefully another Film and Supper evening in March, this time with the addition of a matinee for children.

As this is going to be a special celebration for the whole village to enjoy, we have asked for sponsorship to help us raise funds. The initial response has been fantastic and we are very grateful to those who have donated monies and gifts. We plan to produce a souvenir brochure of the event and all contributors will be mentioned. If you haven't been approached and would like to sponsor us, then details are available from Christine Hart (831739) and John Naish (Post Office). We are going to ease off a little over Christmas, but will be 'gearing up' in the New Year so watch this space! I would finally like to thank my committee who are shouldering the brunt of the work, Christine Hart, Sam Heighway, Linda Dixon, John Naish and Dominic Hiscock. May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Chris Trotman (Chairman).

VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN

Many thanks to those who returned forms offering specialist help and equipment in the event of a major emergency. We can now include First Aid and general assistance, 4x4's, heavy lifting equipment and vehicles and a generator to our plan.

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

At 6pm, mulled wine and mince pies will be served, courtesy of Edna and John Naish.

At the end of the carol singing, a collection will be taken, in aid of the Wychwood Day Centre.

CELEBRATE - NEW YEAR'S EVE 7.30pm UNTIL 1 am

Bar, Food, Disco, a celebration for all ages at Milton Village Hall.

Tickets available from the Post Office or call:

01993 832242./07825663693 in advance.

£12.50 per person to include food at 8pm.

£5 per person for entrance after 9.30pm.

Tickets on the night after 9.30pm—£10 per person.



In aid of the Village Hall

POLICE UPDATE FOR MILTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD

With the nights closing in, we urge the residents in Milton to remain vigilant to suspicious activity. Whilst we live in a very safe area, West Oxfordshire does fall victim to visiting criminals from Gloucestershire. We are promoting a campaign to ensure residents don't leave their houses in complete darkness for too long, which can indicate an empty house. Consider timers for lamps, which can come on when darkness falls.

There have been some general thefts in the Milton area recently, which have included several saddle stones, a bicycle, a child's scooter, farm batteries and copper wire. The price of scrap metal is very high, so anything that can be easily whisked away is a potential target.

PCSO Kirstyn Tyrer continues to support the community by visiting the Pre-school, the Knitting Club and the local shops. She was recently invited to take part in Wychwood Primary School's International Week, talking about her upbringing in S. Africa. She also gave a talk to the Brownies about anti-social behaviour. Kirstyn is also setting up her own brand of 'Farm Watch' - she will be making contact with all the farmers in the area and, hopefully, signing them up to Community Messaging and also making them aware of the machinery marking schemes available to them.

With the weather forecast seemingly always threatening that we are about to be covered in snow, TVP in West Oxfordshire is setting up a database of all the vulnerable and elderly people in the area. The idea behind this is that, if the weather does close in like it did last year, we will know where the neediest members of our community are and can check up on them accordingly. If you know of anyone that could benefit from this potential support, please let us know. **PC 5029 Phil Marstin—Neighbourhood Specialist Officer, Chipping Norton.**