

Village News Sheet

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Happy Historic Event



Jill Shaw with baby Thomas

For the first time Milton Parish Council minutes record congratulations to a Parish Councillor on the birth of her baby. Thomas weighed in at 10lb 1oz and he and mum are doing well. Jill became a Parish Councillor in 1995 and has two other children, Kathryn and Heather and expects to return to attending meetings next month.

Why is this baby the first to be born to a serving Parish Councillor, one has to ask. The answer to that is probably quite obvious to some. Milton Parish Council has always been predominantly men, and most were of the age where their children had grown up and many were retired.

Jill's baby is a positive sign of the times as younger people feel able to involve themselves in the work of the Parish Council.

New 'letters' above door All 'change' and new staff in 'post'

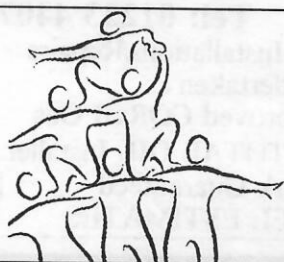
Welcome to Anil and Smita Lakhani who took over the Post Office on 29th February.

Anil and Smita moved to Milton in 1992 from Basingstoke where they had run a Post Office and general store for nine years.

Milton Post Office has been refitted and is now also open at lunch times, and Anil and Smita would be happy to hear any other suggestions for improvements.

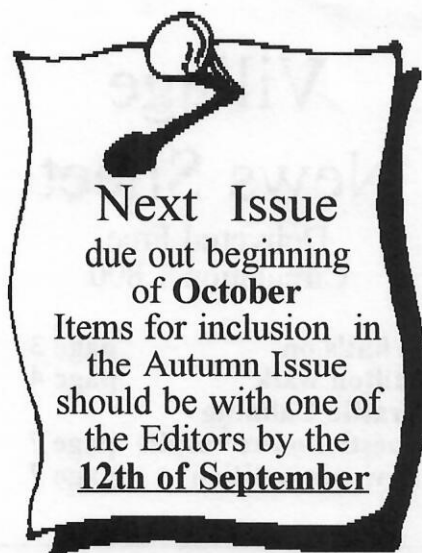


Anil, Smita, Daphne, and Jo
Milton Post Office



Supporting the community





Welcome

The Village View would like to welcome a new member Kate Marshall to their small team. Kathlene will be helping with the typing of articles.

Thank you

Bill and Daphne Wiltshire would like to thank everybody for all of the wonderful cards, gifts flowers and good wishes we received on leaving the Post Office at the end of February.

With the presentation cheque which we received we have purchased a sun blind for the outside of our kitchen window.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish success to Anil and Smita for the future.

Bill & Daphne Wiltshire

Village Fayre Cake Competition Recipe

4 oz. Margarine, 4 oz. Caster sugar,
4 oz. Self raising flour, 2 size 3 eggs

Cook in 7" sandwich tins.

Filling - raspberry jam.

Topping - sprinkled caster sugar.

Entries to be in by 12.30p.m.

Entry fee 25p

Cambridge Evening News

Hello new neighbours!

It is now two months since we at the Cambridge Evening News and Weekly News series moved our headquarters into Winship Road.

After more than 30 years in Newmarket Road, Cambridge and, as some of us can remember, even longer in St. Andrews Street, it has been a breath of fresh air, in more ways than one, to join you in the village.

It is quieter, cleaner and, with the Country Park alongside us, we have a much improved environment both inside and outside our new offices.

But what has been most noticeable has been the welcome we have received in local shops, and in the pubs of course. We hope our arrival has been as positively helpful to you as it has been for us.

Above all, we want to be like any other newcomers. We look forward to meeting and mixing with you although it's unlikely we'll be popping round to borrow a cup of sugar - that's one thing we brought with us!

Bob Satchwell Editor
Cambridge Evening News

Looking Back in the

Parish Minutes

-75 Years ago - 20th April 1921

The Clerk will write to the Police Authority asking that the Annual Feast be confined to 3 days!

TOAD IN THE PARK!

Milton Country Park

Friday, 5 July 1996 at 7.00 pm
Open Air Performance for families
based on the novel

"The Wind in the Willows"

ADMISSION FREE

Classworks Theatre are well known for their wonderful performances for young people and families. Their new production of "Toad of Toad Hall" will be the first show to be staged at the new outdoor amphitheatre in Milton Country Park. There will be an extended interval for picnicking and the performance will finish at approximately 9.00 pm. Don't miss this summer evening amongst the Willows in the company of Mole, Ratty, Badger and the infamous Mr Toad.

Friends of

Milton Country Park

On Wednesday 16th April, the 'Friends' enjoyed an illustrated talk about Butterflies and Dragonflies that we may well expect to see in and around the Park - so long as we are patient enough and are able to identify them before they fly off!

At 6.00 am Sunday 5th May, a group of 20 of us were guided through the Park by Malcolm (the Ranger), on an early morning walk entitled 'Dawn Chorus'. We were able to hear many more birds than we actually saw, but to some of us who are novices at bird watching, it was a delight to learn that not all the birds in the Park are sparrows!!!

The Sensory Garden has progressed very well in recent weeks, the raised bed is now complete, and the path is being laid. We hope that planting will start to take place later on in the year, but we still need to raise more funds for a seat and the plants. If you would like to help in any way, either by donation of money, materials, or plants, please contact the Visitor Centre when it is open, or leave a message by telephoning 420060.

Tim Siggs

'The Friends of Milton Country Park'

Preparing to Parent Teenagers Seminar

This seminar is run by Y.F.C. an international youthwork organisation. It seeks to explore the culture our young people are growing up in and our role as parents, grandparents or young peoples workers. All are welcome but this is of particular interest to those who are, or will be, involved with teenagers.

The seminar will be held on Tuesday June 18th, 7.30-10.00pm at All Saints Church, Milton.

Tickets are £3.00 and are available from Lawrence and Isobel Wickens on 861731 or from Jackie Strickland at the Church Office on 441007. Please contact us if you would like more information.

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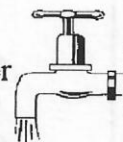
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Milton

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For further information contact:-

The Ranger - Malcolm Busby on (01223) 440196

JULY

Sunday 7th from 2.00pm.
What sort of tree

AUGUST

Sunday 11th, 2.30-5.30pm.
Band Concert

Sunday 18th, 9-12noon
VOLUNTARY WORK
Island Work

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7th, 2.30-3.30pm.
WATCH event
Natural Imagery

Sunday 8th, 2.00pm.
Family Nature Games

Sunday 22nd, 9-12noon
VOLUNTARY WORK
Island Work

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MILTON PRESCHOOL
PLAYGROUP

BINGO NIGHT

Wednesday, 19 June 1996
8.00 - 9.30 pm in the
Community Centre Annexe
If you need a lift please ring
Frances on 573752

50th Cambridge Scout Group

Diary Dates

Saturday 21st September -
Jumble Sale
26th October -
Halloween Race Night

All Saints Church, Milton

Preparing to Parent Teenagers Seminar

Tuesday June 18th
7.30 - 10.00
Tickets £3.00
Tel. 441007 or 861731

Friends of Milton Country Park

Wednesday, 12 June 1996
Mayday Stroll!!!!

An evening trip to the
Brandon area in search of
Nightjars
and other evening wildlife

Wednesday, 17 July
Flowers of the Dyke

A car trip to Newmarket for
a walk along part of Devils
Dyke looking at plants to be
found there.

Both events are for members
only. Booking essential.

For further information,
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MILTON VILLAGE FAYRE

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Saturday 13th July 1996

7.00pm - 11.00pm

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FAYRE

Sunday 14th July

12.30p.m. - 5.00p.m.

Coles Road Recreation Ground

ARENA EVENTS

Irish Dancers

Taoist Tai Chi Society

Childrens Fancy Dress

Dave the Clown

Great Eastern Ceilidh Band - Come, listen & dance
Presentations and Edmund House Grand Draw

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Model Car racing on large outdoor track

Opportunity for you to bring your own model cars to race on
the purpose built track - late afternoon

Police Cycle Coding

Milton Morris Men

Six A Side Football competitions

Cake Competition, Pony & Trap

Ice Creams, Doughnuts, Teas & Cakes

Bouncy Castle, Helter Skelter & Carousel,

Edmund House Annual Draw with many prizes

Static Displays

Model aircraft, Vintage motorbikes, Embroidery

Animal Care Section of 'Milton Farm School'

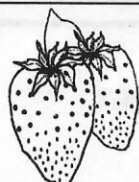
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Parhike

By David Waterson

**A rough way round 'Milton detached'
or Beating the partitioned parish bounds
or Baulked, baffled, bruised and bleeding on the partitioned parish boundary
or Variants of above/something completely different!**

Rambling 'Sid Rumpole' (for the uninitiated a popular character impression of the late-Carry-On-comedian Kenneth Williams and a not-so-heavily disguised pseudonym for ex-semi-professional walker David Waterson) tries to beat the parish bounds in what Ordnance Survey maps refer to as 'Milton detached'.

THERE really seems to be no rhyme or reason about the dog legged frontier of this weird Milton 'tear drop' enclave in what is more generally known as the Chesterton Fen area on the northern Cambridge boundary adjacent to Milton 'proper'.

Indeed, the three-mile circuit is almost foreign territory to Milton village inhabitants. Folk lore even has it that there was what amounted to almost open warfare between rival groups of spirited young men from what were then two small communities (today they'd be called thugs and hooligans but they are still perhaps much the same thing in a different context).

Whether this extended back to the dim-and-distant days of Europe's biggest medieval trade fair to the south of Chesterton and Fen Ditton on contemporary Cambridge's Stourbridge Common is not clear.

Then Milton, and even Chesterton, were probably compact, mainly wattle and daub villages separated by the bleak, reedy marsh land which at one time stretched in a vast swathe from Cambridge to the North Sea.

A thinly scattered feudal population of sheep keepers, fishermen, wildfowlers and the like was no doubt in the crippling grip of what the monk Guthlac of Crowland more than 1,000 years ago summed up as 'the Fen ague'.

Such was the bleak marshland

fastness that the rough tenuous causeways, perhaps themselves impassable for much of the year during the wet season floods, made it commonplace to refer to such isolated communities as islands only to be reached by boats - or skates in winter.

Be that as it may, the post-Fen drainage period of the past 300 years gradually transformed Fen edge villages like Chesterton and Milton from thriving independent communities benefiting from river trade via the River Ouse and Cam from The Wash at Kings Lynn. Suburban growth consumed first Chesterton and then Milton in the march of progress.

River trade waned as modern communications grew more sophisticated to the point where they might have contributed to Milton and Chesterton being increasingly at loggerheads.

Not that the aforementioned young people were entirely to blame. True, older living memories recall possibilities of resentment at the way Milton girls apparently preferred Chesterton men to what was perceived as the detriment of Milton male talent; Milton men, it seems, saw Chesterton rivals as conducting something akin to the Roman forays with the Sabine women, though perhaps not with the same rapacity.

That aside, some in Milton saw Chesterton as a 'stalking horse' for Cambridge; more particularly for an influential university land-owning cartel of rich, powerful colleges all with significant holdings in the area manifested even now through sites bearing college names.

And this brings us back, belatedly, to the peculiarity of 'Milton detached', in practice linked to Milton proper by an umbilical cord towpath. In fact, the modern southern city boundary stretch currently runs parallel with the A14 boundary. Any attempt to walk it, even with the leadership of parish council chairman Bob Waters, was rendered

Lost in Milton?

Milton Parish Council commissioned a village map and this is now displayed opposite the village shops in the High Street.

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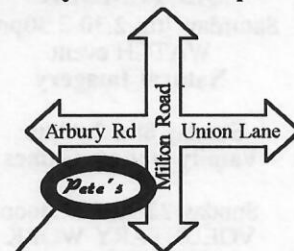
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impossible by both inaccessibility, impenetrability and heavy traffic on the A14. This delineates the main official Cambridge - Milton boundary before it slices through the St. Johns Innovation Park and the modern A10 down to the city side of the old Cambridge - St. Ives railway line.

But the main Milton parish boundary 'proper' section is another story to tell you all about some other time. This stroll started calmly enough by the River Cam, the riparian parish boundary. Technically, purists would insist on going down the middle of the

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Looking Back in the

Parish Minutes

35 Years Ago - 23rd May 1961

The Council considered names for the three new roads on the housing estate between Fen Road and Cambridge Road. They will be:- Coles Road, Old School Lane, Pryor Close.

river under the A14 bridge connection strip with Milton 'proper' boundary.

As walking on water is not within our capabilities and a boat wasn't to hand we followed the towpath before striking inland on the Cambridge (Chesterton) boundary three fields beyond Long Reach House. A fine recently cleared track with a neat 'layered hedge' - an old craft rarely seen nowadays involving cutting, slitting and bending main branches diagonally to restrict future growth - took us safely to Chesterton Fen Road.

Tall metal gates, a high barbed wire fence and a moated yard blocked the forward boundary. It was just as well as we had already decided we would not be too fussy if things got difficult. The Fort Knox of a farmyard and neighbouring caravan park both presented insuperable obstacles to following the boundary to the far side of the old railway line - boundaries offer no legal rights of way in any case. So a foray up Chesterton Fen Road, once the equivalent of a no go area but now 'civilised' by street lighting and road improvements campaigned for by Milton parish representatives. A path on the other side of the railway crossing enabled us to rejoin the boundary at a branching off on a rusting siding from the defunct Cambridge - St. Ives railway line.

Railway buffs would delight in the paraphernalia still lying round the Chesterton marshalling yard, a vast expanse of dereliction, littered with all manner of graffiti-daubed rotting carriages and trucks. Odd the juxtaposition between the decaying railway age which accompanied the first industrial revolution and on the not-so-distant left the Space Age roofs of the hi-tech world heralding a second revolution of everyday life. Now new schemes are for new road and developments in this abandoned area but whether they will reach fruition for

the millennium is anybody's guess.

A hard track continued by the old rail yard to merge into the cement works at the bottom of the Cowley Road industrial area. At this point a hedge doubles as the 'detached parish boundary' crossing the Cambridge - Kings Lynn railway line. After a short distance along the rail track, the boundary follows a hedge to the farm track at North Fen Farm. Permission was obtained to continue on the A14 part of the boundary before using the underpass to get into the next field section on the other side. A quick circuit of the paddock brought us back towards the official end of Milton detached.

But not without incident. The railway line was negotiated again without incident. However, the move into the finish, for all intensive purposes in the country park, was less successful. Bob confidently leapt the ditch much to the curiosity of two rangers working close by. The shorter legs of yours truly became entangled in the undergrowth. The consequent fall into the middle of the stream and a wet foot brought an undignified end to the venture.

The walk with the more accessible six mile boundary of Milton Parish itself was far less hazardous. More of that anon. 'Milton detached' is certainly not for the faint-hearted, though. It should not be attempted without obtaining clearance from various owners in advance - and they are not easy to identify or locate. It was an adventure but I'd certainly not do it again.

David Waterson

A moment to forget

A woman had been standing ages for her husband to arrive with the car.

On seeing the car arrive at last, she opened the back door, threw all her shopping in and then jumped into the front seat - much to the bewilderment of the young driver. It was the wrong car!

A Bit of Fun

Write to us with your funny or embarrassing moments, or give us a publishable joke, or even perhaps draw us a cartoon.

Best entry each issue will receive a £5 prize.

Lunch Club

The Prime Team minus one, worked a miracle recently. The cook cooked her own celebration dinner without knowing anything about it. I think organising it without me finding out nearly gave them a nervous breakdown, we don't usually do a big DO like that for 75 but they felt they wouldn't be able to do my 80th. Anyway thank you everybody who had anything to do with it, it was lovely. NOW I am back to normal, or am I?

Mary of The Prime Team

Getting old together

Husband "What is that bird in that tree? I have been looking for ages and still can't work it out."

Wife "It's a Squirrel."

Women's Institute

At the beginnings of our year after lots of discussions, letters and phone calls the meetings and speakers etc. are completed, but sometimes at the last minute a speaker has problems and cannot attend, which is what happened at our April meeting, at 2.00 p.m. we had no speaker so panic set in, but at 4.00 p.m. we had two. Michael Spooner brought along some old gramophones and records which was thoroughly enjoyable, and Mary Daniels being a terrible hoarder of "RUBBISH", gave a silly talk on things like her Dad's old vest braces, shaving stick, curls from her and her childrens hair, ranging from 48 to 73 years, etc. etc.

Our membership has increased slightly, which is very encouraging, our meetings are very relaxed and friendly, in fact a past member who has moved away, has rejoined.

We shall be doing our thing at the Farm School and Village Fayre again, behind the teapot.

Mary Daniels.

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in the Community Centre Car Park.

They will have lots of information on
all social security benefits and can
offer confidential advice on individual
questions. They can check to see if you
could be entitled to any more money,
and they can negotiate with the DSS
on your behalf. They have plenty of
free leaflets to take away and claim
forms which they can help you fill in if
they spot something you could claim.
They can also come back to visit you
in your home if this is appropriate.

So far they have discovered many
people in villages are not claiming the
money they are entitled to. It doesn't
cost anything to come and chat - don't
be the one to miss out!

Date Wednesday 24 July 1996

Time 10.00 am to 11.00 a.m

Venue Community Centre Car Park

For details of when they are going to
other villages in the area you can
phone free on 0800 243916.

Looking Back in the

Parish Minutes

60 Years ago

3rd June 1936

The Chairman reported that the
Bursar of Caius College refused to
name a price for Pound Piece as a
recreation Ground unless they were
successful in getting Cherry Close
zoned for the College at 12 houses per
acre (it was zoned as open space) The
Chairman had given the College to
understand that it was no part of the
Councils duty to do the Colleges dirty
work and that he personally resented
the suggestion of 12 houses per acre as
savouring of a future country slum.

The Chairman reported that the
notice to quit the Parish Room expired
the next day - although this was legally
insufficient notice. It was resolved that
the Council should not give in to the
Landlord, but should force him to hold
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on 863479.

Allotments for Rent

Contact The Parish Clerk

Jim Daniels

Tel. 861447

Milton Pre-School Playgroup

The Children at Playgroup have had a
busy Easter taking part in our Smartie
Challenge. The easy part was eating
the contents of the Smartie box, the
hard part was filling it with as many
items as possible and getting sponsored
for it. Congratulations to Kimberley
Peachey whose bulging box won her a
Smartie Easter egg. Thanks to all who
took part, we raised over £600 which
means we will be able to buy a dryer
for the children's paintings, a
construction toy and some more
equipment for water play.

Summer term sees the older children
preparing for school with two
afternoon sessions in school with
Playgroup staff. We are also looking
forward to the annual Playgroup trip,
this year to the Big Sky Adventure play
at Peterborough. We finish the term
with the end of year picnic to say
farewell to those who are leaving.

Finally thank you to all people who
have helped the Playgroup run so
smoothly this year - to the staff who
have all worked extremely hard, the
Committee who have given their spare
time to ensure the efficient
organisation and administration of the
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Milton Traffic Calming Questionnaires

Total number of questionnaires returned	447
"Yes" Response to Traffic Calming 65%	292
"No" Response to Traffic Calming 35%	155

Summary of Comments to Yes Responses

Requests for traffic calming in other roads in Milton	37
Restrict the through traffic from the A10	34
Comments concerning parking issues	32
Comments on features to be included in the traffic calming	30
Need traffic calming in Coles Rd/The Rowans (& suggestions)	25
Requests for pedestrian crossings	24
Comments on features not to be included in the traffic calming	22
Main Road through Milton is dangerous	16
Other comments	16
Need more police enforcement	3

Total 239

Summary of Comments to No Responses

Comments on remedial measures that should be used as part of or instead of traffic calming	58
Comments concerning parking issues	30
Do not like traffic calming	25
Traffic calming would cause more problems/not work	24
Other comments	22
Requests for pedestrian crossings	14
Restrict through traffic	14
Need to change the speed limit	5
Milton used as a 'rat run'	5
Requests for traffic calming in other roads in Milton	4

Total 201

Thank you for your help

Milton Toy Library

Milton Toy library is open for business on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month from 10.30am - 12.00noon at the Community Centre, Coles Road, Milton. Membership is only £1.00 per year and there are over 130 toys to choose from at hire charge from as little as 40p per fortnight.

We are a completely voluntary organisation and are always on the lookout for members who would be prepared to help out at the occasional sessions or at fund - raising events.

Even if you are not always about on a Thursday to use the toy library on a regular basis you may wish to join us in order to for instance, hire some outdoor toys for a birthday party (slides, see saw, trampete, tent, playhouse, tractors, cosy coupe car, basket ball set all available). Alternatively you may be a grandparent who would like to hire toys for visiting grandchildren. If you have never been to the toy library why not pop along for a coffee and cake while your children play with our toys and give us a try.

Or if you were once a regular but we have not seen you for a while, perhaps we can tempt you back with the following list of some of the brand new toys we have recently purchased:-

Tikes rocking activity boat	TP pop up tent	Tikes kitchen
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Competition Corner

There were quite a few entries for the Word Circle competition in last times' issue. The winner was **Jim Daniels** with a total of 126 words and the runner up was **Pat Froment** with 118 words.

The prizes for the competition were generously donated by **Bettys Hair Fashions**.

The competition this time is a little test of lateral thinking. It involves 'Dingbats' - that is a well known saying which is disguised. For example:

Settle
20 Settle is A score to settle

Here are 10 Dingbats - see if you can decipher the saying - the entry which has the most correct answers wins the first prize of £10. There will be a runners up prize of £5.

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10 LONWLA

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Milton Young Hopefuls



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Joseph Eden, David Ball, Peter Wilkes, Johnathan Dann, Robert Carter, Luke Cox

Front Row

Edward Conlon, Andrew Proctor, Richard Scott, Scott Williamson, Paul Saunders, Stuart Davies

The future of Milton Soccer looks secure with the emergence of a talented Under-9 team, mostly from Milton Primary School.

The boys were invited to represent the village by parents Geoff Davies and Kevin Ball.

In their first friendly the team beat Fordham Hammers 3-2 at Fordham. It was the first time Milton had played another team - making the win even more impressive. Scorers were Conlon and Davies (2).

Geoff Davies said; "I hope we can use this match as a basis for regular fixtures in the future."

Any parents interested in an U-10 team next season can call Geoff on 441310.

Whist Drive

I wouldn't mind having a seventy-fifth birthday every Whist Drive, it was very exciting. Mary Cunningham and Betty Askew provided the food, and the sherry and flowers I received were most unexpected, thank you all very much. There were nine tables in play, and if anybody revokes we do not grumble as they used to years ago. Sometimes somebody scores all the tricks of 13, so we give them their money back, this does not happen very often. *Mary Daniels*

Six - A - Side Football

During the afternoon of the Fayre there will be a "Six a Side" competition for two age groups, 7-11 and 11-16 year old children.

A suitable trophy for the winning teams players will be presented at the end of the fayre. Creative team names will be greatly appreciated.

For entry form please contact:

Colin Dennison

82 The Sycamores, Milton.

Tel. 440725



Milton Cricket Club

The new season started on 29 April with a friendly game against Exning. This was won handsomely thanks to a good all round performance. The league season started on 3 May against Bluntisham. We are running three sides in the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association leagues. Teams will be playing in the Senior League Division 1, Junior League Division 3 North and Division 7 South. All matches are local, and there is cricket for players of all standards who want to play for the village on a regular or casual basis. You can follow the progress of the teams in the Cambridge Evening News every Wednesday or turn up to watch at the Sycamores Recreation Ground.

This year, there are three Colts sides who play midweek matches in the early evenings. Sides have been entered in the local leagues at Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 age groups. We are always happy for boys or girls who are interested in playing to contact us. There are plenty of matches for which we will field teams as well as practice sessions during the season. The matches have been organised to benefit the youth by providing opportunities to play the game, and hopefully to develop players for the adult sides in the future.

Organisation of the games and sides always rests with the captains, and they have the thanks of the players. We also thank Maurice Claydon-Wallace who is currently organising the Colts teams. He would be grateful of any offers of assistance on match days. Finally, we also thank Darren Cousins of Essex C.C.C. who has offered his valuable time to assist the colts players when he can.

For further information on Colts Cricket, contact Maurice Claydon-Wallace, 01223 321944.

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