

March 1992



Jane and Hazel celebrate as 51 years of concern ends.

Free school bus for Milton

The long running campaign for the right to a bus from Milton to Impington Village College ended on Valentine's Day, in success.

Jane Coston's appeal to the Education Appeals Committee at Shire Hall, which was a test case for all Milton Children, argued that it is not safe to walk to school along Butt Lane. The committee agreed to a free school bus because there is no footpath beside the road, and because of the increase in heavy traffic in recent years and also the larger numbers of children in the village.

In Jane's case she drew on evidence from people who spoke at the Public Meeting letters from James Paice M.P. and the many letters written by villagers with tales to tell of the horrors of cycling or walking along that road. She was supported at the appeal by Roger Day and myself from the Parish Council and our County Councillor Maurice Leeke, and handed in a petition of 519 signatures.

After the decision was known Jane said "I just can't believe it. We've fought for this for such a long time....It's just wonderful that no child will be forced to cycle along that road any more. I just want to thank everyone in the village who has helped in this campaign."

The Transportation Department have already sent letters to the parents informing them of the free service for the children and passes will be sent out on return of the application forms.

Hazel Smith

New

quarterly village news sheet delivered free throughout the village

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

See page 6 for details

OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW FACILITIES

The new annexe to the Community Centre was officially opened by Mr Roger Day, Chairman of Milton Parish Council, when he unveiled a commemorative plaque in the main hall.

The Tennis Courts and Bowling Green were also officially opened, and are sure to be well used when the season starts. The Netball Club have already played on the hard courts which are floodlit in winter.

The opening ceremony was followed by a very pleasant reception and buffet supper, and an opportunity for people to have a look around the new building.

At present, it is being used each weekday by the under 5's and it is hoped that in the near future it will be made available to the under 16's of an evening and for more general use at the weekends.

What was once a 'pipe-dream', is now a reality and many thanks are due to the people who gave their time and energy to get this project off the ground.

I. Chilton



Now we are neighbours we're delighted to print your village newsletter Please help us as volunteers, keep the village informed by contacting one of the editors listed below

Sports Editor Harry Capitain Tel. 860819

History Local Interest Michael Spooner Tel. 860833

Non Sporting Groups *Iris Chilton*Tel. 862381

or drop items in at 67 Coles Road

Remember

No News
No Village View
Next issue due out
June 1st
Items for inclusion in
this issue should be with
one of the
editors by May 10th

Dear Editors

Congratulations to all concerned with the publication of the "Village View". The first edition was well put together and informative.

Well done and keep up the good work. I look forward to receiving future issues. Jim Daniels

CHILDMINDER'S GROUP

On 12 December, the Milton Childminder's Group held their second Annual Christmas Party.

About 28 babies and toddlers attended, along with their carers, and several parents. Great fun was had by all, and the afternoon was rounded off with a visit from Father Christmas, with a present for each child.

Milton Childminder's Group meet at regular intervals to discuss various aspects of childcare.

We have various items of baby equipment for hire, at reasonable rates. Please telephone Lynne Twinn (861361) or Kate Marshall (862298) for further details.

Anyone thinking of finding a Childminder for their child, in Milton, can get further details from Lynda Molloy (862093).

MILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Milton School Association would like to thank everyone who came to the Disco on Saturday 1st. February. We hope you all had a great time and we look forward to seeing you all again at our ceilidh on the 4th. July.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Since the last publication, we have had three monthly meetings, November was Members' night when the usual committee was able to relax. Mrs Cowell acted as President, with Mrs Froment as Secretary, the speaker explained about Aromatherapy and one of the members enjoyed a shoulder massage.

December was a meeting we would like to repeat as we were entertained by the Cambridge Accordian Players and it was very enjoyable.

The speaker at the January meeting was Mrs Young who explained about Winged Fellowship, it was something a lot of us knew nothing about, and we felt it was a most deserving cause. The Winged Fellowship started off about thirty years ago with nothing, and now helps a great number of disabled people to have holidays, who would otherwise not have one. She was a wonderful speaker and made us feel we really wanted to help.

At our February meeting we shall be hearing about Osteoporosis.

We hope to enter two teams in the WI Carpet Bowls tournament at Soham in March.

Mary Daniels

COUNTRY PARK

Spring is almost here with its promise of new life and growth among the plants and animals within the Park. Work is progressing with trees being planted and glades cleared and enlarged, but what of the past few months?

December's cold snap froze the lakes over completely for almost a week with the ever thickening frost resembling snow on the grass and trees, the ice meant that the kingfishers and ducks left the Park, thankfully they have returned to brighten up walks around the lakes. My own wish is that people would respect ice and keep off it, I am sure ice looks better from above rather than below.

The walk around the Park in January was well attended with about fifty people being informed of the work planned for this year. The coming months should provide plenty of opportunities to watch the development of the park. Hope to see you there.

Malcolm Busby, Ranger Tel: 440196







Forthcoming Events

Milton Primary School

Ceilidh

July 4th Milton Community Centre

Whist Club Fourth Tuesday in the month at The Community Centre

Youth Club Mondays 7 - 9.30pm. Milton Community Centre

RANGER LED **ACTIVITIES**

GUIDED WALKS

The Hunt for Spring 29th March

Wandering around the Park we should find some sign that spring is on its way.

> Start at 2.00 pm. The Community Centre

Choral Evening

10th May A gentle stroll through the Park listening to the feathered songsters polishing up their acts.

> Start 7.00 pm. The Community centre

WORK PARTIES

A chance for the visitor to help in the creation of wildlife habitats. Commonsense and enthusiasm are the main requirements. For further details contact The Ranger.
The proposed date is:-

8 March Woodland Work

Milton Carpet Bowls Club

Fun Event

Enter a team of four from your Club, Group or Pub in this fun evening (up to two can be Bowls Club Members)

> Date to be arranged For further information contact -Jane Coston Tel. 861655

Half of the total profits for this event will be given to a nominated charity.

Play School **Easter Bonnet Parade**

Tuesday 7th April 10am -12 in - The Community Centre Annexe Also - Senior Citizens class Egg & Spoon race Refreshments All Welcome

OXFAM SPONSORED WALK 9th May.

This will be the 25th event, and as 1992 is Oxfam's 50th Anninversary we hope that it will be well supported.

In 1991, 775 people walked, and were sponsored for over £24,000, funding tree planting in Ethiopia. In 1992, the Oxfam 'Time Machine' will be there, converting sponsor's pledges into overseas development time. Proceeds will go to OXFAM's 'Fairer World' campaign. There are 20 and 10 mile options and a short route on firm surfaces for entrants on wheels. All have a combined start/finish on the fringe of Cambridge City. Further details, entry and sponsorship forms are available from Oxfam at the

Area Office, Burleigh Street, Cambridge.
PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT.
J Briggs, Walk Administrator, Oxfam

WALK TO HELP THE HOSPICE!

The Friends of the Children's Hospice are organising a sponsored walk

on SUNDAY 14TH JUNE.

Make a note of the date in your diary! There will be four different routes of varying distances from 1 to 2 miles up to 15 miles to cater for all ages and abilities of walkers and the time available to them. All walks will start at the Milton Community Centre.
For sponsorship forms and further details please

Pauline or Bob Waters at 3 Lyndhurst Close, Milton. Telephone 860620.

Sponsorship forms and details of walks will be available from the Friends' Shop when it re-opens for business on 2nd. March. Please pay the shop a visit or telephone 860306 and leave a message so we can get back to you.

Do come along and enjoy the local countryside with your family and friends, as well as helping the Children's Hospice.

MILTON HOSPICE

CEILIDH The Cambridge Crofters

> SAT. 14 MARCH 8.00 pm

at - Milton Community Centre

Tickets: £3.50 Inc. Ploughmans Supper Licenced Bar Children welcome too. Tickets available from Gwen Norman Tel: 861677

CRAFT FAIR

SAT 28 MARCH Cherry Hinton Details - Gwen Norman. Tel: 861677

ANNUAL GALA DAY

SAT. 16 MAY Milton Hospice

everyone welcome

For all these events we would welcome any offers of help, either on a stall, with a raffle, refreshments, so many ways where more hands would help us all tremendously. For more information on any of the above

GWEN NORMAN 50 High Street, Milton.

ENTERPRISE CLUB Forthcoming Events:

Sat. 28th March A visit to see 'Carousel' at Ely Wed. 29th April A guided tour by Mr Harradine of The Backs and Colleges.

Congratulations

This is a column reserved for you to use to congratulate anyone on their achievements

eg. Golden Weddings **Exam results**

Contact one of our editors or drop a note in at 67 Coles Road.

> **Births Deaths** and Marriages

Contact an editor if you have an item for this column.

FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

On behalf of the Friends of the Children's Hospice we would like to say thank you to all our customers for supporting us so well in 1991. Because of your constant interest and support the Hospice shop had a very successful year and of course this helped a great deal towards the record amount of money the Friends were able to hand over to the Children's Hospice last year.

We are looking forward to seeing you all when the shop re-opens on 2 March 1992. Do come and pay us a visit you will be sure of a warm welcome and we hope to have plenty of stock and new lines for you to

We are always grateful for offers of help. If you can help telephone the shop - 860306 (shop hours)

Mrs Logan Thankyou to you and your family for helping deliver the first two issues of The Village View. May we also take the opportunity to wish you well in your new home.

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CONTRASTS

In February 1991, my Grandson, Ben, celebrated his 21st Birthday, with a glass of Champagne and a piece of Birthday cake, at a small family party in his room at Robinson College, Cambridge, where he is in his final year, reading Mathematics.

It was all very pleasant and civilised. In February 1941, I too celebrated my 21st Birthday, but in very different circumstances.

It was neither pleasant or civilised.

The day had started off quite well, with the good wishes of my family for a happy day. I had arranged to meet some girl-friends at the local 'Hop' at the Church Hall, to celebrate my Birthday. We were just enjoying the music and the dancing when the Air Raid siren started wailing, which was not really unexpected as Liverpool, where I lived

at that time, had endured almost nightly bombing in February 1941.

At first we carried on dancing and tried to ignore the noise going on outside, but when we heard a stick of bombs falling a bit too close for comfort, we decided it may be sensible to go to the underground shelter, which was about 200 yards from the Church Hall. On the way, we could hear the heavy drone of the enemy planes overhead, and the anti-aircraft guns up the road opened fire with a terrific noise. Another stick of bombs fell, whining through the air as they hurtled towards the earth, and exploding some distance away, each one following the other with a loud crunch as it hit the

Stumbling over each other in the blackout we at last reached the shelter and nearly fell down the steps in our hurry to get under cover.

At first, I felt intense relief that we were below ground and safe from flying shrapnell, but after a while I began to feel claustrophobic and nauseated. The air smelled foul with the sweat of fear, cigarette smoke and urine.

The shelter was crammed full of people. Frightened, crying children and their harrassed mothers, old people, hollow eyed, cold and miserable. I looked about me, at this pathetic collection of terrified human beings and I felt so angry that this could happen to the innocents. My heart went out to them in pity and extreme sadness.

As the raid intensified I became very afraid that we should all be buried alive in that shelter, and I decided I'd rather take my chances in the open, so I pushed past the protesting Air Raid Warden and got out on top and started running as fast as I could towards my home.

Before I had got very far across the field, another stick of bombs fell, this time much nearer and the Anti-Aircraft guns opened up again. The noise was terrible and I flung myself full length onto the ground, with my hands pressed to the sides of my head, I lay rigid. I could feel my heart thumping against the cold wet earth, and I mumbled to myself, cursing Hitler for doing this to me on my 21st Birthday. I felt personally

The whine of falling bombs continued for some time, but as they seemed to be getting further away, I decided I'd better make another dash for home. The Anti-Aircraft guns were still pounding away and the air smelled acrid and smokey. The search lights still looking for enemy planes, sent out their powerful beams in a crisscross pattern across the dark sky, picking up the cloud formation and making a million stars shine like diamonds. I took off my high heeled shoes and half crouching I ran across the last 75 yards of the field and scrambled over the back garden privet hedge, and into the Anderson Shelter, where my mother and young sister just stared at me as though they had seen a ghost. I must have looked a sorry sight, with torn stockings, no shoes on my

feet, my coat covered in mud and wet grass and my face "as black as the grate".

Sometime around dawn the "All clear" sounded, and we emerged from the Anderson Shelter to a scene of some devestation, where three bombs had fallen on the houses in our road. Our house was still standing, but very badly damaged, but at least we were all safe and sound, and 50 years on I'm still here to tell this story of how I spent my 21st Birthday! Such a contrast to how my Grandson spent his, thank goodness!!

Iris Chilton

How did you spend your 21st Birthday? If it was in an unusual way, write to Village View and tell us all about it.

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NEW SPORTS PAVILION

It is almost a year since the opening of the new Pavilion, and I wonder if anybody who uses it appreciates it as much as the Footballers Tea Girl, it is doubtful.

Our first tea was made when football was played in Milton Hall grounds. The room we used was adequate as changing rooms, but no services for making tea, so we had calor gas and a great big kettle, and fetched water from a tap outside. Due to a misunderstanding, we had to vacate this place and with nowhere to go, a local farmer allowed us to use his field which was in Fen Road near the railway, but there was a long muddy path to get to it. Each week we had to clear molehills and cowpats before playing! The tea was made outside a lean-to hut, still on the calor gas, but the water had to be taken down in a big container.

Then after a struggle with authorities, we had a new recreation ground and wooden changing room, with no electricity or water. For lights in the dead of winter, car lights were directed in to allow us to see what we were doing.

Eventually after another struggle new changing rooms were erected, money raised in three months by Football and Cricket clubs. So you see after 46 years we have at last what seems like a palace. So, I hope all who use it will appreciate it, but none so much as THE FOOTBALL TEA GIRL!

By the way, I must be their best supporter, ever since the formation I have been to one or the other matches nearly every week! *Mary Daniels*

NO SONGS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Christmas celebrations in the village were much quieter this year there was no carol singing around the Christmas tree by the War memorial! It's a pity when old customs die out and more of a pity when no-one complains to the Council!



What's Missing

in this photo?
for answer see
Situations Vacant page 6

The Children's -Hospice -Life and Hope for the Future

Almost six years on from its village beginnings, the Children's hospice is now a well known local amenity, serving families from eight counties of the East of England. In December 1991, 145 families were being supported in some way, including 122 whose children still visit the Hospice regularly for short periods. Eighteen of these are from the Cambridge area. Most of these children suffer from life threatening disorders, though some have severe multiple handicaps of a longer term nature. Brothers and sisters are also welcome, so the hospice can be quite a lively place!

The Haven Appeal, aiming to raise four million to establish an endowment fund to support future running costs and officially closed at the end of 1991 and the total promised to this is nearing three million. The Friends of the Hospice gave this a real boost in the autumn with a magnificent £83,000 gift. The trustees are confident enough about the future funding that they have approved the opening of all twelve beds as of the 1st of April, and the establishment of a Home Support Service. With more families staying at once, this will mean more nursing staff, and also we hope more volunteers.

If you can help contact the volunteer co-ordinator Hilary Fyson for more information Tel.860306

NETBALL CLUB

This season is drawing to a close and has been eventful in many ways. It has been our first season on the new courts and these have proven to be a real luxury not just for the Netball but the 5-a-side football as well, we have no doubt that the Tennis Club will also have great enjoyment playing on these superb courts. Added to this the South Cambs. Netball League has voted them one of the best in the County.

In order to show off our wonderful courts we are organising a netball tournament which will take place on Sunday, 22 March 1992. All spectators and potential netball players of any age will be welcome to watch the differing skills from 5th Division to the 1st Division.

Netballwise the Club has continued to do well in the league with all three teams in the top three places of their respective divisions. Pregnancy and injury have taken their toll this season but we have so far managed to fulfil our commitments to the League.

A Summer League is run on a friendly basis from May to July when Clubs can try out different team combinations and new members. These are evening weekday matches held at Coldhams Common and we would ask anyone interested in taking up netball to consider joining us for the Summer League in order to gently limber up those so far unused muscles and get to know us all under the more serene atmosphere of the Summer League.

The Netball Club take this opportunity to wish all Members of the Tennis Club an enjoyable and fulfilling season.

Club Secretary -Susan Horrod - Tel: 420010

Can you help?

We need a volunteer to take over delivering this news sheet to a small section at the beginning of the Rowans.

Tel. 861655







Public Notices

Annual Parish Meeting Mon. April 27th 8pm. Milton Community Centre

Parish Council meetings Dates 2nd March 6th April 11th May 1st June 7.30pm

Hospice shop Re-opens 2nd March 1992 Hours of Opening

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HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

This is an opportunity to air your views (and grievances!) on anything that goes on - or does not go on - in the village. Is the village too untidy? Do you have any complaints about dogs fouling the village? Do you think the village resembles an untidy car park? Does traffic use the village as a fast option to beat delays at the A10/A45 roundabout? What about recreation and leisure facilities? If any of these issues -or any others give you cause for concern, then come along to the Annual Parish Meeting - there will be an opportunity to make your point.
In addition, members of the public are

especially welcome at the monthly Parish Council meetings. This is an opportunity to see how elected representatives work in the village on

MORE DEVELOPMENT

South Cambs District Council has been invited to take part in a feasibility study on the development of the 'Chesterton Sidings Area' - the purpose being to assess the practicability of redeveloping the Sewage works, the Cambridge Implement Sales area, and Chesterton Sidings. The following uses are to be looked at:

An out of town shopping centre A 15,000 seat stadium for Cambridge

A commercial and social leisure development

Park and Ride

Light rapid transit link to the City

Residential, Business development

The study will include an investigation of the relocation of the Sewage works and a new road access into the area.

There are major implications for Milton in this proposal as the sidings are within the Parish and the rest of the development borders on the Parish boundary.

PARISH COUNCIL

TREE PLANTING

Many young trees have been planted in the village and Mrs Snaith has been appointed Tree Warden to liaise with the District Council in matters concerning the national promoted by the Tree Council. scheme

VILLAGE SIGN

The village sign for Milton is now ready for assembling.

YOUTH CLUB

Two male youth group leaders have now been appointed.

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD
A suggestion had been made for another notice board to be erected in the village or for the present one opposite the War Memorial to be repositioned. It has been subsequently agreed to keep the notice board 'in situ'.

LANDFILL SITE

There is a proposal to extend the landfill site and relocate the householders waste site to land off Butt Lane. To accommodate this, Butt Lane between the site access and the A10 will have to be widened to 6.5 metres

and the junction itself improved.

There will also have to be a new access onto Butt Lane and details of the pedestrian/cycle path across the new access will need to be agreed with the

County Planning Authority.

The proposals contain conditions for screening the site, vehicle wheel cleaning facilities, dust emission control and noise control.

Is this a sign?
We wait with 'Baited' breath.
A hole has appeared in the green near the Waggon & Horses.

The village sign is on it's way!

POLICE LIAISON

The local police officer who liaises with the Parish Council is PC Paul Barringer (or in his absence PC Stuart White) who can be contacted at the Histon Police Station Tel.0223 232222 or via the radio control room at Parkside Police Station. Tel. 0223 358966. Any problems highlighted by the council will be passed on to PC Barringer. If you wish to raise any matter of concern please use the telephone numbers above or contact the Parish Council.



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SPORTING MILESTONES

Congratulations to Milton Football Club's under 13's side.

In the middle of December last they had the unenviable record of having played 13 games and lost them all!

However, the crunch came when they played Carlton FC who had an identical record. After an extremely exciting and hectic game the Milton boys emerged worthy 2-1 winners.

WELL DONE LADS.

Harry Capitain

MILTON FC's UNDER 13's

We are pleased to report that the boys performed the double over the same opponents, Carlton, on 19 January, by inflicting a 4-3 defeat. *Harry Capitain*

SPORTS NOTICES

TO ALL CRICKETERS
Do you need new kit for 1992
season?
CLOTHES, BAGS, BATS, PADS,
GLOVES, ETC
"Hunts County" are displaying their
wares at

The Sycamores Recreation Ground, on - Sunday, 26 April 1992 from 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm Generous Discounts available!! For further information contact Chris Almond -440715

Who's for Tennis?

Have you ever played?
Do you want to try?
We hope to be an active club
So come along and pay your subs!
You needn't be a star,
You don't have to have a partner,
Or even wear "the gear",
Just come along to our AGM
And make 1992 your Tennis Year

AGM -18 March at 7.00 pm At Milton Community Centre In the Committee Rooms

MILTON FOOTBALL CLUB THE SEASON SO FAR

The pre-season anticipation, enhanced in the knowledge that the club would, for the first time, be running three teams in the Cambs. League on Saturdays, duly transformed into the physical enjoyment that Amateur Soccer is designed to create, and the opening games in Division IB, 4B and 5B produced a glut of goals, although not always at the right end.

As the season proceeded, the First XI maintained gradual progress towards the top of the division, being dominated by Bluntisham and Somersham Reserves. Their rapidly improving performances were recently capped by the first victory in four years over long-time rivals Papworth, a cause for considerable celebration later that evening.

The Second XI currently find themselves topping their division, helped by an occasional slice of 'Lady Luck' such as the winning goal against Soham Utd Reserves scored off the attacker's knee!! They are now bracing themselves for the difficult run-in towards promotion.

The Third XI have continued to enjoy their football, and whilst their record belies their actual ability, they have always played in the best spirit and tradition of the game.

The Club has, so far, been fortunate to have escaped serious problems of availability or fitness which could so easily lead to disappointment, and we are ever hopeful of a successful conclusion to the season.

Barry Bond

CRICKET CLUB

It is only a couple of months before the cricket season starts once again with anticipation. Indoor Nets have already started and any new players would be welcomed. Please phone for further details.

The AGM of Milton Cricket Club was held on 16 January and the following was resolved.

Steve McHugh will once again lead the 1st team. He is looking forward to the club's first taste of Senior Division 1 cricket and insists "we can win it!".

The 2nd team under new Captain Trevor Burling are looking for promotion from Junior Division 3N.

Dave Richards is in charge of the newly created Sunday/Social side and, apparently, he has a few "creative" ideas to emphasise the team's sociability! Dave is still looking for some Sunday friendlies. Please contact him if you know of a team that would be interested.

For all young cricketers Ray Scott will be organising the "Colts" (under 16) this year. This is a very important section of the club and the senior players have made a commitment to support both coaching sessions and games.

For further information please contact:

Steve McHugh (1st Team) - 861777

Tevor Burling (2nd Team) - 832406

Dave Richards (Social) - 862319 Ray Scott (Colts) - 862451 Chris Almond (Secretary) - 440715

Competition - For Junior Editor

Are you under 18 with a keen interest in your village? Can you be relied on to produce an item of interest for younger members of the village? If so all you have to do to enter is write an interesting article of no more than two hundred words. The winner will be invited to write an article for each issue. Good luck.

Entries to be sent to 67 Coles Road.

The winner will be anounced in the next issue of the Village View.

(Please cut and send to: 6 High Street, Milton)
TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP
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NETBALL CLUB

The 23rd November was the day of the Children in Need Appeal and Tesco's kindly permitted us to collect from their customers.

Dressed in suitable apparel, Pudsey Bear and Leo the Lion begged, teased, cajoled and even harassed, all in a fun way, innocent members of the public to donate to the appeal. The Club is extremely grateful to all Tesco's customers for their overwhelming generosity raising £914.00.

During the evening members joined forces with the Football Club and dressed as girls from St Trinians and Victorian ragamuffins set out on a door to door collection ending at 9.00 pm in the Lion and Lamb Public House. A gallant number of helpers were busily emptying the collecting buckets and tins on to an ever-increasing mountain of notes and coins.

Eventually, a total was reached of £1296.00 which, together with the donations from Tesco's customers, made a grand total of £2210.00. This figure is twice that raised last year and both Clubs are grateful to all those who gave so generously.

Thanks must also be given to the Lion and Lamb Public House for allowing us to utilise part of the Pub as a counting house and to all the helpers who had the unenviable task of trying to keep a check on all those coins.

THANKYOU MILTON VILLAGERS YOU HAVE DONE IT AGAIN! Susan Horrod

MILTON OUTDOOR BOWLS CLUB

The outdoor Bowls Club is well and truly established, and as many of you will have seen the actual playing area and surrounds are beginning to look the part. In particular, the green itself, is coming along well due in large measure to the "T.L.C." lavished upon it by our green keeper, Ray Godden.

Members of the Club enjoyed their bowling last summer even though all of the matches in which they took part were played on their opponents green. This coming summer we look forward to playing on our green at MILTON as well as on those of our opponents.

We have a full programme of league and friendly matches arranged, as well as competitions between Club members, and casual play, more generally known as "roll-ups", very laid back stuff! Bowling will, normally, take place in some form or other most afternoons and evenings, including Saturdays and Sundays, throughout the summer, starting at the beginning of May. So plenty of opportunities for any would-be bowls players.

The Club has had, at least for 1992, to place a limit on the number of members that can be accepted into the Club but there are some vacancies at present, so now could be the right time to think about playing the game of bowls. For anyone taking up the game for the first time the Club will provide coaching, and there will be ample opportunity for

Thankyou Evening News

anyone to practice their skills before entering, but only if they so wish, into competitions, etc.

The idea that bowls is a game exclusively for the older members of our society has long been dispelled, although it might well be fair to comment that the older generations possibly have more time to devote to the game than the younger ones. The current world indoor champion is a young man in his early 20's and most of the international players, male and female, in the UK are in the 20-40 age group. With this in mind we would like to see some of the village youngsters take up the game, and to encourage this aim the Club will provide coaching for a small group of young people for a nominal subscription.

Those of you who would like further information about Milton Outdoor Bowls Club please contact either myself,

Ken Lawson, Secretary at-22 Pearson Close - Tel: 862500, Len Sandford, President at-64 Coles Rd - Tel: 862844 or Geoff Sheen, Treasurer at-35 Old Shool Lane - Tel 861765.

Ken Lawson

Thankyou to all those who have contributed articles for publication. We prefer not to edit anything so please keep your information as short as possible (about 200 words max. if possible). We do our best to to fit everything in.

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