



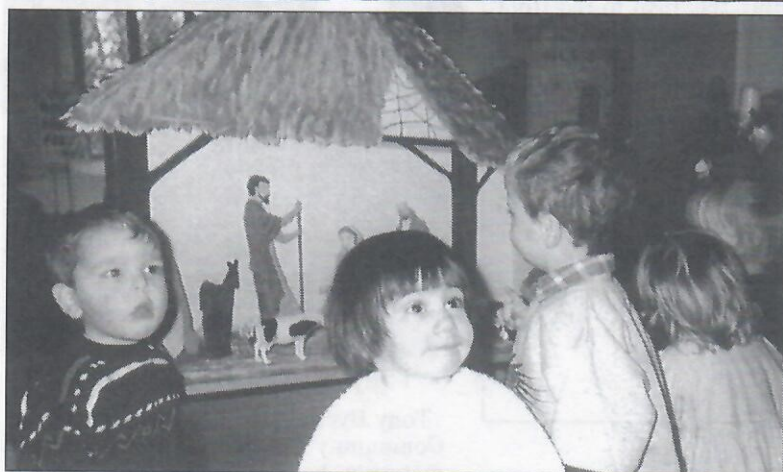
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Toddlers around the nativity crib.

Harry getting ready for take off



Parent and Toddlers Group

The Mums, Dads and Toddlers enjoyed their Christmas Parties. Commencing with a short service in Church, then the usual 'Bun Fight', Pass-the-Parcel, singing games and the special visit from Father Christmas with a present for every child and baby. He was very busy that week; because of numbers we had three parties plus the Baby Group party.

A warm welcome awaits anyone with young children, Mums, Dads, (we have a few Dads so don't be shy!) grans, childminders, nannies, etc, to the Church Hall at the following days and times.

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(Clinic 3rd Wednesday each month).

For more information please phone;

Sue Nunn on 861747

Harry flies again

Harry who, and what is his age?

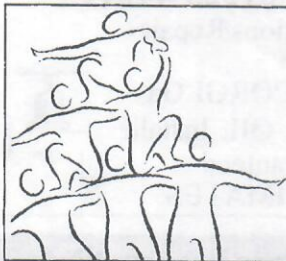
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I have in my possession a piece of paper which certifies that I completed an Air Experience (BMAAex3) at Sutton Meadows Airfield in October 1997 in a Pegasus Q Microlight Aircraft.

So what!! You'll say,

But to me, however, it is one of the highlights of my life. In a cloudless sky, with frost on the ground, and steeped in sunshine at 2,500 feet cruising at a steady 45 knots, the sensation as near as I can describe it was akin to being strapped to the back of a large bird. Seeing Ely Cathedral and its surrounds and observing a large area of Fenland Drainage System is a sight I will never forget.

I thoroughly recommend it.



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Next Issue

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of April

Items for inclusion in
the Spring Issue should
be with one of the
Editors by the
12th of March

Former Postmaster Dies

The village will be sorry to learn of the death of former postmaster, Bill Wiltshire, who died after a short illness on December 25th 1997.

Our sympathies are with the family at this sad time.

South Cambs. District Council Arts Development Unit

Events coming up in 1998 include two Children's Theatre seasons, a Festival of Comic Writing, half-term arts events for children and Sounds of Summer - a concert series in local churches.

For further information contact:

Celia Bell on 01223 443006

'The Friends of Milton Country Park'

The 'Friends', with the co-operation of the Parish Council have started an exciting new project in Tomkins Mead. This is a small parcel of land bordering the Park, the rear of houses in Coles Road and the end of the recreation ground.

For some years now there has been little 'management' in the area, which has become quite overgrown and boggy.

In early December, with the help of a grant from Enventure Southern in conjunction with East Waste Ltd., chain saws could be heard in the area, and a small band of rangers and volunteers began a daunting task of clearing scrub and willow to enable the sunlight to get in, and new growth to begin.

A pathway has been cleared, and a new entrance made, just behind the doctors surgery. A digger has been used to clear the ditch through the area, and during the next few weeks we hope to place a bridge across it, so that it will form a pleasant and natural extension to the 'Park'.

Just a reminder. Please don't forget to feed the birds this Winter. Bird food and peanuts available from the Visitor Centre at weekends, or telephone Sue on 515750.

Look out for our future events notices on the Parish notice board, or those in the Park. These include a sponsored dog walk within the Park on Saturday, 4th April.

Tim Siggs (Chairman)

New Parish Councillors Thank Village

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the recent Parish Council Elections. A special thank you to the many people who supported me in various ways. Especially delivering leaflets!!!

I wish everyone in Milton. All the Best in 1998.

Lynne Twinn

Parish Council By-election 27th Nov.

Results

Donald Freeman 86

Paul Oldham 166

Tim Siggs 57

Lynne Twinn 161

Frosty The Snowman visited Milton during December - in Pantomime. What a magical evening. The children were so excited, with Christian leading the 'rush to the front' to tell them 'He's behind you!'. We were treated to delicious warmed mince pies and mulled wine, the children with a cracker and sweets - a lovely surprise.

Thank you Jim and Jo and the Community Centre Committee for all your hard work. Christian telephoned his Nana afterwards and whispered 'Nana, can snow really talk?'
The Isaacson family
Fen Road



A big thank you to everyone who turned out to vote for me at the by-election, and especially to those who helped with my campaign and have given me good advice both before and since. I shall do my best to serve the village and help to keep it the sort of village we all want to live in.

Paul Oldham

(poldham@cix.co.uk)

New Manager arrives at Community Centre



Tony Byerley, Diane and John

Tony Byerley, the new manager of the Community Centre, was so keen to get motoring he started his new job on Saturday !!! He is joining the resident team of Diane Muncey and John Spaxman and is hoping to meet many Milton residents as quickly as he can..... but doesn't guarantee to remember all your names. He will be available at the Centre from Mondays to Fridays but regular office times will not be published until he has had time to settle in to the job.

Tony takes over the job from Jim Daniels who resigned in October '97. We would like to thank Jim for all his hard work, his friendliness to all the people who use the facilities and to wish him well for the future.

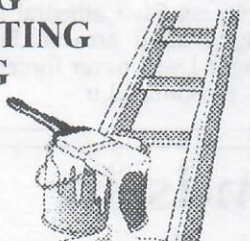
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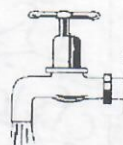
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at

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Saturday 14 March 1998

at 2.30 pm

Admission 20p

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FEBRUARY

Saturday 7th 2:00 - 3:30p.m.

Watch Wildlife collages

Sunday 15th 10.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

National Nest Box Week Event

Sunday 22th 9.00a.m. - 12 noon

Work Party Grassland maintenance

MARCH

Saturday 7th 2:00 - 3:30p.m.

Watch Spring Fever

Sunday 22th 9.00a.m. - 12 noon

Work Party Tomkins Mead

Tidyup

Monday 30th 7pm Friends AGM

Friends only

APRIL

Saturday 4th 9.00a.m. - 12 noon

Sponsored Dog Walk

*There is a charge for some events

Milton School Association
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Barn Dance

Saturday 31st January 1998

Quiz Night

Friday 27th February 98

For further information, please
contact

Bob Pain (01223) 514332

Milton Pre-School

**BINGO
NIGHT**

Wednesday 11th March 1998

Eyes down for an enjoyable night out
8.00p.m. - 9.30p.m.

in the Community Centre Annex

If you need a lift please ring Sue

on 862864

**NEARLY NEW
CHILDRENS'
CLOTHES SALE**

(Ages 2 - 12 including school uniform)

Thursday 26 March 1998

9.30a.m. - 12 noon in the Small

Hall at the Community Centre

Proceeds 75% to owner

25% to Pre-school

Name and phone number on all
items to be dropped in at the
Community Centre from 9.00a.m.
onwards on the day or ring Sue on
862864 to arrange a convenient
drop off time.

**Local police & County
Councillor Surgery**

Friday 6th March 7p.m. - 8p.m.

In Room 1 at

Milton Community Centre

**The London Marathon
Sponsors Needed To Help The
Primary School**

Peter Welton, who has 2 sons
attending Milton Primary School, is
running in the London Marathon (26
miles) on the 26th April on behalf of
the Milton School Association. The
Sponsored Run will be to provide
much needed extra resources for
Milton Primary School, particularly for
the Special Needs and Information
Technology programmes. If any local
business would like to help by
sponsoring the event or displaying
posters and sponsorship forms on our
behalf, please would they contact
Claire Vickery on (01223) 860900.

Thank you.

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Milton Toy Library

Milton Toy Library is open for
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Thursday of every month from
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Centre, Coles Road, Milton. Quality
toys and videos can be hired for a
small fee (40p to £1.50) an annual
membership fee of only £1.

Every year in November we hold a
Nearly New Toy sale where toys can be
sold at a profit of 75% to the owner
and 25% to Toy Library. Our sale in
November 1997 was a roaring success
(thank you Linda Skingle and Debbie
McPeake) and an incredible £250 was
raised which will ALL be used to
purchase new toys.

For more information about the
library please phone Sue (862864)

Starting Blocks.

All Saints Church, Milton. 4th
Tuesday each month. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

This is a short service for pre-school
children, toddlers and babies with
parents, childminders etc.

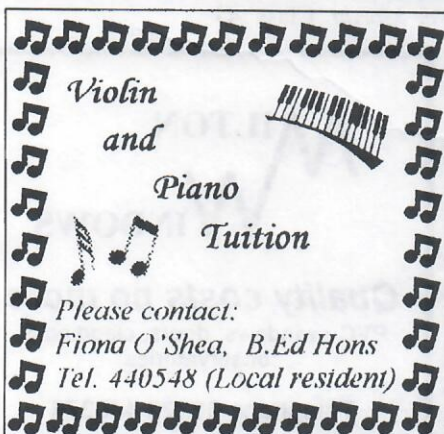
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Editors reply to Mary Daniels account of her school days

Mary's article in the last issue of the Village View describing her school days in Milton brought back memories of my school in a Liverpool suburb in the 1920's.

Mary and I recently compared notes about those far off days, and realised our school days were very similar. My school was also built at the beginning of the last century and was never modernised in any way.

It was constructed of corrugated iron and had a tiny playground of black cinders. The class rooms were painted a dreary dark green or brown and were lit by gas lamps.

They were heated by water pipes at the back of the room and were never adequate in cold weather.

The toilets at the back of the school playground were constantly blocked up, and in winter were frozen for days on end.

The basics of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic were taught, but little else. Discipline was harsh and punishments were given for the least thing. The boys got the cane, but the girls were just humiliated by being made to kneel in front of the class, with hands on top of the head, for at least half an hour. I don't remember ever feeling happy at school.

I think my generation, who were born just after the First World War, missed out on many things people enjoy today, and a good education was one of them, unless you came from an affluent family background.

Still it is never too late to learn new skills and over the past 18 years since I retired at 60, I have been to numerous classes to study Art, Calligraphy, Lace making and English Language and English Literature at 'O Level' among others and thoroughly enjoyed it, so maybe, I haven't missed out after all.

Iris Chilton

Work from Milton Primary School

Photo left: Making mince pies for the school Christmas Fayre.

Chocolate Cake Yum Yum Yum!

Chocolate Cake
Yum Yum Yum!
Go to the cupboard.
Yum Yum Yum!
Get the Chocolate cake out.
Yum Yum Yum!
Cut a slice!
Yum Yum Yum!
Get a plate out.
Yum Yum Yum!
Put it on the plate.
Yum Yum Yum!
Go to the table.
Yum Yum Yum!
Eat the yum yum yum
chocolate cake up.

Isabella Cookson Class 7

Flight to the Lost Land

One stormy night a group of intrepid explorers picked up an unknown island on radar. What island is that? Said one of them called Jake. I don't know said one of them called Rocky. Nor me said Brains and Frank. Lets take a helicopter there. We should take food, tents, cages, jeeps and guns said Brains. Yes said Rocky. Lets get packing.

Early the next morning they took off and headed for island ten hours later. They landed on a rocky coast and set up camp. Rocky and Jake went exploring while Frank and Brains guarded camp. When they were exploring Rocky and Jake heard a roar. What was that said Rocky in surprise. Don't ask me said Jake. Hey! What's that over there looks like a ruined building. Hey! Something moved. Where? Over there. Shoot for all your worth! Shouted Rocky. What was that strange thing said Jake. Looked like a dinosaur thing said Rocky. Suddenly a giant T-Rex came out from behind them and flipped the jeep over with Rocky and Jake inside. Jake you still alive? Said Rocky. Sort of said Jake but the jeeps a mess and a half. Lets get it the right way up before anything else happens. Ten minutes and a bumpy ride later they were back at camp. When they got back Brains had called for reinforcements. The next day was hot and sunny and at 10 am the reinforcements arrived. There were fifty men and twenty vehicles. Later that day Brains went for a walk and was killed by a pack of hungry raptors. The next day Rocky and Jake took a helicopter above the island, suddenly the helicopter shook and jerked sharply. They were under attack by a mad Pteranodon! Rocky and Jake slid to the back of the copter and smashed into the hard and cold metal. Where's the rifle? Shouted Rocky. In the emergency box said Jake. Got it said Rocky. Now to show this flying fiend. AARRKK! Screamed the Pteranodon as it fell to the ground. Adios said Jake. Where to now Rocky? Home and out of the jaws of death. The next day they flew home.

The End.

by Oliver Moran Class 9G

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School Memories of Milton Past

I received this letter from Edith Bullman (nee King), who now lives in Sutton.

I am 85 years old. My mother brought her 4 daughters to Milton to be near her husband who was in the army, and who died in 1918. Our house was squeezed between two bigger ones and was right opposite the school. In those days the girls playground, which we shared with the infants, was at the back of the school, surrounded by a wall, with just a gate separating it from the boys playground, which was much bigger. The only real exercises we girls had was on cold days, and that was just Arms up, Arms down, Forward and Sideways. If too wet to go out, the girls had to stay in the infants room, when we would often play with the sand trays that the infants used for learning to write. That was before they had slates. They had straws, which we blew through, making patterns.

There was a pot-bellied stove which was near the mistress's desk. Only one teacher for that room, which was also used for sewing and knitting classes. A wide glass door separated that room from the main room, which was about twice as long. One teacher for the up to 10 years, although in those days you were moved on according to your work and not ages. That teacher, a lady, had a small cane and used it. The Headmaster, a Mr Ballard, taught the 11-14 years old. His was a bigger cane, often used on the boys. I remember on one occasion how awed we all were, when he was caning an older boy (approaching the leaving age of 14). The boy grabbed the stick and broke it in halves. The master sent another boy to the school house for another one. The big boy stood up to him, so the stick wasn't used on him any more.

We girls had our hoops and skipping ropes to play, other games too, like hopscotch, etc. The boys, their tops and marbles, and plenty of rough games.

I remember too, the master asking my mother if he could cane my younger sister as he thought she had deliberately failed her 11-plus exam, getting a very firm No! We had to travel to Waterbeach infant school to sit for our 11+. I remember too, how jealous I felt when we were drawing maps, as only the boys were allowed coloured pencils for outlines etc.

Edith Bullman has also sent us a drawn plan of the old school layout which we hope to publish in our next issue.

From Ray Daniels:

I can remember the open air toilets; the playground at the front was virtually the same size as the school. The school had a plaque on the front with the date it was built, which I think was 1837. The small back playground overlooked Mr Easy's field at the back, now houses (Old School Lane? Ed), and it also led into the school house

backyard - my grandparents' house. This yard had an apple tree and the apples could be used either for cooking or eating. The European Union would have them banned now, I'm sure. In fact this sort of apple is not sold now. I am still too young to know if they were sold then. The entrance to the main part of the school had a cloakroom and there was another bit that had a place to wash your hands. In other words somewhere for a sink. It was an honour to be a milk monitor and ring up. I think it was Chivers, to order how many bottles of milk were required. Black phones that we used then are probably in museums now or used as memorabilia by some people. I can remember Mrs. Thoday, Miss Sutcliffe and a Mrs. Higginbottom as teachers. Two of these have now since died. The school had about 30+ children ranging from 5-11. Miss Sutcliffe suffered terribly from asthma, perhaps one of the earliest to suffer from the effects of pollution? She had a car; could have been an Austin. (I'm not sure, but its number plate was DVB1. What price would that fetch now?) This was the equivalent of the school minibus; only 3 or 4 went on a trip at one time, and then only the 'top juniors'. The school windows were of a similar style to church windows only without the stained glass.



Can you help us to put names to the faces above?

We already have some names but we would love to hear from you with any names you can remember. The photo shows children at the school in Fen Road in 1958 - just before the school moved to the new site in Butt Lane. We hope to publish a list of names in a future issue of the Village View.

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The Dogs (Fouling of land) Act 1996

This is the public notice which appeared in the local press on 12.12.97 as the law requires. We are reprinting it for your information and consideration as it will apply to Milton. Please note the sections marked by asterisks.

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE DOGS (FOULING OF LAND) ACT 1996

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOULING OF LAND BY DOGS ORDER 1998
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the South Cambridgeshire District Council propose to make an order designation under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 any land which is open to the air (if it is open on at least one side) and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) EXCEPT

- 1 land in or alongside a highway where the speed limit is more than 40mph;
- 2 land used for agriculture or for woodlands;
- 3 land which is predominantly marshland, moor and heath; and
- 4 common land to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access over otherwise than by virtue of section 193(1) of the Law of Property Act 1925 (right of access to urban common land).

The effect of the order is to create an offence if a dog defecates at any time on designated land and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith.

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Donald Pearson 1917 - 1998

The death of Donald Pearson aged 80 of Fen Farm, Fen Road was announced in January. Don was born and bred in Milton. He married Iris, daughter of a prominent Milton farmer Mr William Hall of Willow Farm (now Ambassador Lodge next to the Waggon & Horses) in 1938 - they were 3 months short of their 60th anniversary.

After the second World War Don helped reform Milton Football Club and played for a few years and was also Treasurer and President. Both he and Iris served on the Parish Council for many years - Don was chairman for 12 years from 1963 - 75. It is interesting to note that one member of today's Council also served at the same time as Don.

Although Don retired from active "politics" over 20 years ago he still kept a lively interest in village life and continued to farm with his son Bertram. The fact that the church was packed for his funeral is an indication of the affection many people from the "older" part of Milton had for him.

Jim Daniels

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Changes in Lifespan's Children's Health Services

The new combined service will start on Feb 1st.

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Senior Community Nurse: Dorothy Smith

and a Community Nurse: Clare Capelin

who will be responsible for all families with children 0-16 years. (19 for special needs children) These posts will replace the School Nurse and Health Visitor.

You can contact the service at Milton Surgery on C.420028.

Because of cuts in the budget the Saturday morning Clinic at the Community Centre has been cancelled.

There are likely to be further changes - watch this space.
Clare Capelin

New Opportunities for Young People

Milton Junior Youth Club - for 10-14 year olds.

Thursdays 7 - 9pm, Milton Community Centre

Activities this half term:

Quick Cricket, popcorn making

Karaoke, Badge making

Video making, Chips evening

Trip (Laserquest?)

Popcorn making, Childcare/first aid/video

First Aid Course for Child Carers

This course will be running again after Easter at Impington Village College. Contact Andy Allen for details on 200400

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Puzzle Corner

Unscrambling the Pantomime titles presented few problems and there was a bumper entry for this competition. The winner was 11 year old Lucy Freeman, who can be seen in the photograph receiving her prize from Eric Pranklin of Pete's Quality Meats just before Christmas. Lucy was presented with the turkey at the home of her grandparents, Tony and Anne Hodge, in Pearson Close.

The second prize went to Lorna Sheen of Old School Lane.

So congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the many entrants who also submitted correct answers.

The solutions to the puzzles were:

- 1 Babes in the wood
- 2 Cinderella
- 3 Mother Goose
- 4 Dick Whittington
- 5 Aladdin
- 6 Peter Pan
- 7 Jack and the beanstalk
- 8 Robinson Crusoe
- 9 Snow White
- 10 Puss in boots

The answer to the puzzle 'Just for fun' in the last issue was DIAMOND.

Some notable events occurred this century, and this month's puzzle is to identify a few of them. For example, if we see 1939 SWWB, this could be translated as 1939 Second World War Began.

Now try your hand at these:

- 1 1912 S of the T
- 2 1924 F L G in GB
- 3 1936 K E A
- 4 1947 P E M
- 5 1948 N of the R
- 6 1953 H and T C E
- 7 1954 R B R the F F M M
- 8 1966 E W the W C
- 9 1969 F M on the M
- 10 1983 D W S S

B J Leonard, Painters and Decorators of Milton have generously donated a £10 and a £5 prize for the first two correct entries opened.

Please send your entries by the 1st of March to:

Michael Spooner, 43a Old School Lane, Milton, Cambridge CB4 6BS.



Competition Winner Lucy Freeman with Micheal Spooner and Eric Pranklin

Enterprise Club

During 1997 our membership increased once again and we have enjoyed the company of our new friends at our fortnightly meetings in the Church Hall.

In November we held a very successful Food Stall, and raised over £70 for the Church Christmas Fayre, and £30 towards our Christmas party in December.

This year's scrabble trophy was won by Iris Chilton, and Pat Froment was runner-up. The snooker competition will start at our next meeting.

If you would like to join The Enterprise Club, which is held on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month at 2pm until 4.30pm and is for the over 55's, please contact Iris or Fred Chilton on 862381.

New members welcome.

Iris Chilton

Lunch Club

We have had our Christmas break and hope 1998 will be as successful as the years before. Sixty four people sat down to a Christmas Dinner, finishing up with a little gift for everyone, more for fun than monetary value. We do our best to keep everyone happy, and well filled.

The Prime Team.

News From Milton

Pre-school

The run up to Christmas was very busy for staff, committee and parents at Pre-school. We kicked off in November with a children's clothes sale which raised £89. Our next sale will be held on Thursday 26th March. This was closely followed at the beginning of December by a festive Bingo Night. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who came along to this event and would like to thank all our new players as well as our regulars. It is lovely to see familiar faces and we really do value your support; an amazing £170 was raised. Our next Bingo Night will be held on Wednesday 11th March so we look forward to seeing you again very soon. Our final fund-raising event was the Christmas Fayre. There were many exciting games for the children and lots of very good prizes donated by companies in Milton as well as parents of Pre-school. In spite of a rather poor turn out we managed to raise over £200 so many thanks to all those who did come along on the day!

The children all enjoyed a lovely Christmas party with a presentation to parents followed by a children's entertainer, some food and a visit by Father Christmas. We also hope that customers of the Cambridge Building Society were cheered by the display of Milton Pre-school's children's paintings over the Christmas period.

Now that the New Year is upon us we will be settling down to some hard work at Pre-school where we aim to provide a friendly environment which is rich in learning experiences to encourage physical, creative, imaginative and social play. Milton Pre-school was accepted as a Nursery Education provider under the Government Grant Scheme in April 1997 and currently children are eligible for Grant-Funded education at Pre-school from the term after their 4th birthday. The youngest age that children can begin Milton Pre-school is two years and nine months.

For further information please contact:

Sue Smith (Chair) tel. 862864.

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Milton Cricket Club

Colts News

In November the Colts had their own Trophy Night for the first time. It was held in the Community Centre which seemed the right place for thirty or more children and their families. John and Phyllis Sandford are to be congratulated for the catering and the rest of the Colts Committee for their administration.

Anne Giri donated a silver cup which will go to the 'Colt of the year', a trophy which will always stand for commitment to the club. Harry Capitain, Sports Editor and President of the Cricket Club gave out the prizes; there were some trophies for skills but most of the prizes were for commitment.

That lack of success is likely to change in the next few seasons, for the week before Christmas a letter from the Foundation for Sports and the Arts arrived (we have waited fourteen months for this) and informed us that they were prepared to grant Milton CC Colts Development Fund £10,000. What a Christmas present! This brings our total up to around £19,000. Our original target being £23,000.

Most of this money will go to pay for three practice nets and an all-weather pitch. Some money has already been spent on equipment and paying for indoor training time and sending people on coaching courses. In January four club members will have started a full coaching course, which is even better news than the grant, but of course the Colts have always needed both. What we need now is four more coaches, then everyone can do a stint without being overstretched; there is such a thing as 'burn-out', teaching with enthusiasm is more tiring than playing the sport itself!

We will soon be embarking on our winter training and I will inform you of the times and places for different age-groups. If your child wants to play cricket and is over seven phone me and I will send you an enrolment form; but it must be remembered that if your child becomes a colt you automatically take on some responsibility for helping to run their activities. But we do want more youngsters, and girls just as much as boys!

Some parents may not have been used to cricket themselves but if your child fancies playing you should encourage him/her. Belonging to the colts section of a cricket club teaches many things besides physical skills (not in themselves to be sniffed at), it teaches patience, loyalty and fair-mindedness, it encourages determination; all these are qualities that are, if we are being honest, much more desirable than academic qualifications. Of course you might be lucky and your child could be both, they are not mutually exclusive.

So we need another £4,000 before the season starts, not such a big problem. But I would like some help. A new brochure will have been prepared by the time you read this which sets out the whole case for helping swell the Colts Development Fund. I am worried that when we get all these facilities they will be taken for granted. So perhaps someone who reads this would be prepared to take a brochure to a source of money. There is so little distance to go before we achieve our aim. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Maurice Claydon-Wallace Colts Manager

Milton Cricket Club

The 1998 season will soon be upon us, but in truth thoughts of cricket and work connected with it never cease. Ask Bob Waters our groundsman, Chris Almond our Secretary and Fund Raising Co-ordinator, and Maurice Claydon-Wallace who manages the colts, and who has for some considerable time been very busily engaged in an endeavour to raise £20,000 plus to fund the provision of three practice nets, and an all weather strip on the Sycamores Recreation Ground.

Several of our older Colts are attending coaching courses, knowledge from which they will be passing on to younger members. Some of our senior members are also receiving professional tuition.

Senior indoor nets will commence in March at the Hills Road Tennis and Sports Centre, reputedly the best facility of this type in East Anglia. Please contact Chris Almond, 12 David Bull Way, Milton (440715). For Colts information contact Maurice Claydon-Wallace (321994).

Harry Capitain President

Allotments

Milton Parish Council has allotments available for rent. If you feel like growing your own and getting some exercise at the same time contact 861447. If a full allotment is too much for you then why not rent half or even a quarter! An allotment is 300 square yards and costs 11.25 per year (half or a quarter pro rata).

Jim Daniels

Clerk to Milton Parish Council

Whist Drive

1998 sees the start of the seventeenth year of monthly Whist Drives.

The Xmas Drive was well attended and enjoyed by all (hopefully).

Top prize was won by Georgina Humphries, First Lady and Gent was Wendy Stanley and Keith Mitchell. Everybody went home with a prize, and now looking forward to the fourth Tuesday in each month.

Mary Daniels.

Who is this microlighter?

Answer: Harry Capitain Age 75

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