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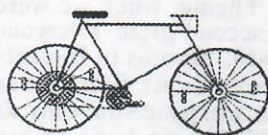
India Bike Ride For Mencap

Caryl Coomer of Milton is cycling 400 kms from the Himalayas to the Ganges for Mencap during 14th - 23rd November 1998.

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Message from Caryl

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Monies should be given to the person offering you the Sponsor Form. Please make cheques payable to Caryl Coomer, India Bike Ride for Mencap and send to:- 12 Cherry Close, Milton, Cambs. CB4 6BZ.

Any telephone enquiries, particularly with regard to your own fund-raising events should be made to:- 01223 860081.

An Authorisation Certificate is available for your inspection.

Thank you *Caryl Coomer*



Alex Campbell, centre, with Geoff Keerie and Marion Campbell

World Tang Soo Do Karate

It is not often that Milton can boast a world champion amongst its inhabitants but it certainly can now. At the end of July Alex Campbell, a first Dan black belt from Ballard Close, made the long trek to Orlando, Florida for the world championships. He was accompanied by his wife Marion (now the Milton club's second lady black belt) and Mr. J. G. Keerie the club's instructor. During the championships Alex won the gold medal for free sparring in the veteran 35-42 age group.

Well done Alex!

Paul Capitain

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due out beginning
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Items for inclusion in
the Winter Issue
should be with one of
the Editors by the
12th of November

Bats in the Belfry.... PS?

Dear Sir, May I through your column, refer to the funny and well written article seen in the June issue. To extend the following advice, namely that all people who install fire alarms do this in order that should a fire start the device will warn them instantly. **We rely upon this small device for our lives. I recommend that everyone should replace the batteries in these devices at least ANNUALLY,** (perhaps on an anniversary or at Christmas time or New Years Day etc.) **before the batteries run out, to ENSURE the device will work if called upon and thereby save your lives.**

PPS: When I personally heard my alarm bleeping, I thought I was being robbed! It was 3.30am in the morning!

Brian Wilkin. FIOSH, MIIRSM, RSP.
Health and Safety Consultant St Ives
(Ex Benet Close Resident)

Many Thanks

May I through the Milton Village View, thank everyone who supported my Raffle and Stall outside Dillons on 8th August. It was extremely successful and has brought my fund-raising above the £1,500 required by Mencap before September, and thus secured my place on The India Bike Ride. A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped.

Caryl M. Coomer

Sad Farewell

Iris and Fred Chilton, a well known and popular couple, left the village recently to live in Wokingham, near their daughter Jennifer and her family. Iris and Fred were very active in village life, Iris being a member of the Parish Council for 4 years.



Fred & Iris Chilton

Both Iris and Fred were responsible for founding the village social car scheme and for forming the Enterprise Club. They were also founder members of the Milton Carpet Bowls Club. For some years, Fred represented the Carpet Bowls members on the Committee and was secretary of the club for a period.

Both were on the management Committee of the Community Centre and Iris was a member of the W.I. for 16 years, serving on the committee for 10 years.

Iris also served as an editor on the Village View since its start and she assisted with the publication of the earlier Village Voice.

Both were active church members, organising stalls at the Christmas fete.

They had many hobbies, Iris being a very keen lace maker and Fred played snooker with enthusiasm.

They both hailed from Liverpool and met and married during the war, whilst Fred was serving in the Royal Navy. He had a fund of stories to tell about life at sea in the radio room.

Our best wishes go to Iris and Fred for their new life in Wokingham.

M Spooner - on behalf of the editors of Milton Village View.

George Davis.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your concern, good wishes, prayers and offers of assistance. It has been a source of great strength and comfort over the past weeks to know that we have so many genuine and caring friends in Milton. George is now home from the hospital and while his recovery will take some months you will be made very welcome if you wish to call. Thank you and God bless.

Maria Davis.

Local Shopping Trips Volunteer Drivers Needed

This is the second appeal we are making as the first appeal did not bring forward any volunteers. If you feel you could help I would be pleased to hear from you and would be able to put you in contact with those who need this type of help.

Jane Coston Tel. 861655

Womens' Institute

We are back in business after the August break. The Village Fayre in July was a very busy time but in spite of the changeable weather everything seemed to run smoothly. There has never been such long queues for tea, and everything was sold, and the icing on the cake was the Wild West Theme, when we were presented with second prize. Everyone worked very hard. Bombs to Buckets was the subject of our September meeting with a wartime souvenir as competition. Sadly we have to say cheerio to one of our committee members who is going to live nearer her family, we shall miss her and her husband as they have taken a great interest in everything since moving here seventeen years ago.

There is always a cheerful welcome to any new members or visitors we do not leave you to sit on your own. The meetings are always the 3rd Tues in the month, 7.30 at the Community Centre. Look forward to seeing you.

Mary Daniels

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Milton PreSchool call eyes down for a full
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Wednesday 9th December

Community Centre Annexe

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Call Jo for a lift on 862529.

Nearly New Clothes Sale

Thursday 5th November

9.30am - 12noon

Community Centre - Small Hall

If you have any nearly new clothes (for children aged 2 - 12) that are clean, unmarked and in good condition, we can sell them for you. PreSchool will take 25% of the sale price and 75% goes to the owner. You can deliver the clothes on the day from 9am onwards or ring Jo (862529) to arrange an alternative time. Attach a label firmly on the item you are selling showing your name, telephone number and price.

SUPPORT MILTON TOY LIBRARY NEARLY NEW TOY SALE

Thursday 19th November
Time: 10.30am - 12noon
Milton Community Centre

DO COME ALONG TO
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If you have any toys to sell
please attach a label with your
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price. 75% to you, 25% to
Toy Library Bring your items
along between 9.30am and
10.00am on the day or drop
them off beforehand by
arrangement with Sue Smith
(tel.: 862864).

We hope you can come along
and support this event and
maybe grab a bargain!!



PANTO COMES TO MILTON

For The Second Time

Remember last year's
panto with the exciting
professional group Hurricane Productions?
Well this year we will be seeing Rudolph
the Red Nosed Reindeer on **Sunday 13
December** and we are told this will be
just as good!

Tickets will be available from the
beginning of November at the Milton
Community Centre so get yours quickly
before they sell out.

Information nearer the time from 862763
or just call in at the Community Centre.

"New Years Eve" Family Disco

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Art in the Dark

A twilight celebration of trees

Milton Country Park

Saturday

28th November

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The Memphis Jazzband

Saturday 17th October 98

at 8.00pm

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

November 11th

11.00 am

*A wreath will be laid
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Summer in the Park

Early in the Summer some of the 'Friends' were pleased to join villagers and Councillors to promote the new dog 'poop-scoop' laws. It is such a pity that we still have so many inconsiderate dog owners both in the Park and around the village. Please, if your dog goes, clean it up. Not only is the mess so unpleasant, you may face a hefty fine.

Our Bee and Honey Day was a great success, the local Bee Keepers Association and other wildlife organisations putting on interesting displays on a dry but windy Sunday afternoon.

In July, some of our members, enjoyed a day out at the Dragonfly Museum at Ashton, near Oundle.

During the school holidays the Rangers organised several children's activity days. Unfortunately, a couple had to be cancelled due to lack of support but the days that did go ahead were greatly enjoyed by both the children and the leaders. Let's hope that they will be repeated next Summer, and supported better.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to the 'Friends' as we continue to raise funds, and help the Rangers in the Park. Further details are available from the Visitor Centre.

Tim Siggs.

Chairman of the 'Friends of Milton Country Park'.

All Saints Church Milton

Building the Vision

In February 1998 a meeting was held at All Saints Church Milton to discuss some of the difficulties which are at present being experienced with the Church buildings in Milton. Among the issues raised at the meeting were; space for Junior Church limited and too open, noise control a problem between groups and into the church, (ideally all Junior Church and Pathfinder groups need a room to call home), toilets not equipped (especially "disabled" one), lack of storage space for hall furniture. The vestry is used as an office, counselling room, it has a poor entry and its site was brought in to question. Current O.H.P. screen is a messy affair and detracts from the building. Music group corner is not ideal and looks temporary and it appears untidy when not in use.

As a result of this our Church architect, David Joy, was asked to draw up a **long term plan** for the development of the Church buildings in order to address these issues. David Joy presented his proposals to a meeting of the congregation held in July.

A major part of what David Joy was asked to do was to provide a worship area which could be used flexibly, and which improved visibility for most people. The first task therefore was to, select the best focal point for the high table, the person leading worship, or the children's talk for example. A number of proposals were put before the meeting and the architect went to great lengths to portray the pro's and con's of each. For instance, by choosing a position on the south (right) side of the church and towards the front for the holy table, around 89% of the church area would have visibility, and greater flexibility is maintained. This position was used by David Joy in one of his computer aided designs as the position for the holy table and the people leading worship. It has the added bonus in that the south aisle is already raised. Seating would be on chairs arranged in semi circles in the nave and rows at the rear of the church. Normally the south aisle would not be used for congregational seating, but at festivals this could be used. The church would be estimated to have a normal capacity of 172, and 210 at festivals. The raised area of the south aisle would be extended and heightened through the front arch to provide a raised area which could be used flexibly, depending upon the nature of the service taking place. It has been noted that at certain occasions a central aisle is required and with the flexibility obtained this could quite easily be obtained.

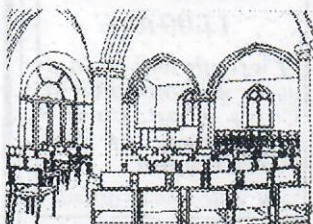
It is clear that there are a number of areas of concern, particularly regarding the long term strategy for the building. However, the next priority area for attention is the provision of more meeting rooms, and the PCC would like this to proceed as quickly as possible. A quantity surveyor will therefore be asked to provide indicative costs for these areas.

So that Diocesan permission for the work can be obtained as smoothly as possible, the Diocesan Advisory Committee will have to be consulted, and necessary changes made to the plans prior to formal application.

A Reflection

The thoughts in this column are about the church building. In truth however the Church consists of Christians who are its members and it is the building up of that Church which is most important. We are here to offer care and support to one another, and to reach out to the community of Milton. It would be a sad irony if this project distracted us from that most important task, and we should all be encouraged therefore to continue to make people our priority.

Tony Stubbings



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Milton Primary School

Opening Ceremony of The New Classrooms

On Tuesday 7th July the two new classrooms were officially opened. Firstly, we had a speech by a Mr. J. McKay, Chairman of the County Council who told us how lucky we are to have such a lovely school. We all agree about this. It was a very interesting speech that we think most people enjoyed.

After this lengthy but pleasant item, Y4 sang a song from their April production of 'The First Kids In Space' which is the story of some children who were sent to an unknown planet. The song is called 'Space Cafe,' and is about the food they ate on the spaceship.

After this, the new classrooms were officially opened by Mr. A. Baxter, who showed us a golden plaque which said that the building had been officially opened. It also had the date and his name on it.

We then listened to two songs that Y3 sang in their play 'Panto Pronto' called "Keep those words a-rhyming!!" and "Problem Panto."

Afterwards Mr. R. Wilkinson proudly presented Mr. Harradine, Chair of Governors, a golden symbolic key.

Next up was 'My Lovely Garden' and 'Wonderland' from Y5 and 6's play Alice.

Finally, we ended the ceremony with a prayer for the children in the new classrooms, followed by refreshments for the staff and guests.

By:
Eleanor Smith & Clare Gardom

Your Toy Library Needs You!!!

The Toy Library is run BY parents FOR parents and children of Milton and surrounding villages on a voluntary basis and meets at Milton Community Centre on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month throughout the year from 10.30am - 12 noon.

To keep this community facility alive we need lots of new custom as well as a few of you to take more interest by joining the helper's rota or even getting involved on the committee.

We have a large selection of big outside toys, e.g. slides, basketball, see-saw, playtunnels, trikes, scooters, cosy coupe's as well as baby toys and equipment (door bouncers, etc.) and many educational games and toys. We also have over 100 videos at £1 per fortnight's hire and these include all the latest Walt Disneys!! For those without transport we offer a delivery service for larger items for only 50p. You can also book toys in advance which is very useful for children's parties or visiting children. Why not use the library to hire toys for visiting grandchildren, even if its only once or twice a year that's fine by us.

If you haven't been along for a while, please come back and if you haven't been before please come along for a chat and a coffee and take a look! *Sue Smith - Organiser, Milton Toy Library*

Milton PreSchool

Note From Sue Smith, Chair

At the time of writing I'm tying up all loose ends and looking forward to our AGM (23 September) when the position of Chair will be passed on and a new committee formed for 1998/99. Although I say this with some relief I am sure I will miss the challenge, responsibilities and day to day contact with staff and committee and of course, the children.

One of the highlights of the year was an Inspection from Government Schools Watchdog, OFSTED who visited us in May. Their report

Plant a Tree for the Millennium

Millennium fever is taking hold and soon a state of emergency will be declared. How can we preserve our sanity in the face of this onslaught of celebratory delirium? A measured regime of realism might help - or taking a longer view. So why not grow and plant a tree?

'Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me...'. Trees are celebrated in song; they figure in our memories, like the lamented elms, or the trees that peopled the landscapes of our childhood; trees that were friends, in whose branches Dad built a little house, or through whose branches the moon shone into the bedroom.

'Trees of Time and Place' is a national programme for the new millennium which taps into this private reservoir of memory and affection which trees inspire in us. If you loved a tree once maybe you could collect seed from that very tree, or the same species at least, and grow and plant a successor to it.

Milton Parish Council plants new trees every year and if you would like to sow and grow the seeds of native trees for the millennium there will be an opportunity to plant the seedlings around the village; suggestions for sites will be welcomed for consideration. For planting outside private gardens native trees are to be preferred. October is the ideal month to collect tree seeds and we hope to plant between Nov. 2000 and Mar. 2001. Growing a tree from seed is fun and anyone can do it. Get the family involved, or maybe an organisation or club you belong to would enjoy a tree-growing project together.

Call the 'Trees of Time and Place' helpline on 0345 078 139 for information packs or you can call me on 01223 860182; I have a certain amount of information about the partner organisations in the scheme and contact numbers and also about suitable trees and how to treat different types of seed. If you are on the Internet try the Milton Parish Council website. (See page 8) *Jo Snaith*

Jo Snaithe

concluded that Milton PreSchool provides a wide range of good activities and the children's confidence and independence is fostered well.

We received praise in all six areas of learning identified in the report (mathematics, language and literacy, personal and social development, creative, knowledge and understanding of the world and physical development) with only minor weaknesses in the personal and social development of the children. It was also stated that staff are organised and the quality of the teaching is good.

Copies of our OFSTED Report and Action Plan are available on request.

I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and patience, the committee for their support and confidence in me and all the parents who co-operated in so many ways, including helping with Fund-raising, coming in to talk, not to mention the parent helpers rota!

I am confident that with our present team of dedicated staff and with a brand new Chair and committee Milton PreSchool will continue to thrive and maintain the recognition it deserves for being an extremely good PreSchool Education Provider.

Sue Smith

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The Club started again on September 10, after a five week welcome break, and we are raring to go with re-charged batteries! Our lunch before the holiday was a special one for a member who was 80 years old. Unfortunately we have lost a few members through illness, one who has attended since the Club's formation and another who sadly passed away. It is always sad when this happens, but it is inevitable, there are some new faces that we hope to welcome so numbers will stay at around forty. We are now looking forward to another celebration dinner for a ninety year old and then of course Xmas will be the next.

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Casual assistants

We also require occasional casual assistants who would be willing to work two or three unsocial hours per month.

If you would like some added interest in your life or would enjoy a change from the normal routine and are interested in any of these positions, please write to:

The Secretary, Milton Community Centre, Coles Road, Milton CB4 6BL or telephone 01223 862763.

'Masquerade' - 'I'm Back'!!

I would like to thank all my clients who so kindly sent cards and presents when my son Mathew James was born. He now weighs 12lb 6oz and has decided, in order to be kept in the way he would like to become accustomed, to send "Mum" back to work. So I am now working on Thursdays and Fridays and would be delighted to see former clients and welcome new ones.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank "Auntie Claire" for answering all enquiries when Mathew was born and Alison for so gallantly keeping Masquerade going and I am pleased to say she will continue working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays, Claire as usual will be working full time.

Once again, my thanks for your good wishes and I look forward to seeing you.
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What's in the name of a road? No.3

During the last 30 years Milton has seen considerable housing development as reflected in the increase in its population i.e. in 1960 (850), 1971 (1700), 1991 (4100) and in 1996 (4430).

At the end of the 1960's a wave of 'Close' developments began. Hall End was developed next to the site of the old school in Fen Road and the name appears to be an earlier name for Fen Road which ran along the southern boundary of the manorial estate of Milton Hall. Shirley Close arose on land behind Shirley Lodge (demolished 10 years ago) owned by Mrs. Shirley in the early 19th century. This development was extended to Pearson Close and court taking the name of a well-known local farming family. But it was to the west of the High Street and Cambridge Road where the major development occurred. Off Butt Lane, first Coulson and then Peter Goodin Closes are named after old trading families in the village, while Ken's Way is on the site of Ken Humphries old house. Ken was not only involved with the parish and district councils, but he was also a keen local historian producing many reports on the history and archaeology of the village.

Puzzle Corner

Congratulations to the many entrants who sent in the correct solution to the seaside anagrams. All the winners were placed into the hat and the first two out were Pauline Blackmore of Coles Road and Jo Sollars of Old School Lane.

The prize for this competition was kindly donated by **Eddie Kikas of MILTON GAS SERVICES.**

The answers were:

- 1 Paignton
- 2 Great Yarmouth
- 3 Ilfracombe
- 4 Barnstaple
- 5 Scarborough
- 6 Felixstowe
- 7 Blackpool
- 8 Bournemouth
- 9 Eastbourne
- 10 Lowestoft

New Competition

For the competition this month, I will share with you a walk I had near the river by Baits Bite Lock towards the end of summer.

Here are anagrams of 10 items of wildlife which I saw - how many can you 'unscramble'? There are one or two helpful hints included!

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| 1 LOT WEAVER | (2 words - an animal) |
| 2 TOUCH SENT HERS | (2 words - a tree) |
| 3 NOR HOME | (a bird) |
| 4 DEEP WELLS | (a flower) |
| 5 OR HEN | (a bird) |
| 6 FRY AND LOG | (an insect) |
| 7 SEW CARTERS | (a plant) |
| 8 LIMED RADAR | (2 words - an insect) |
| 9 HAM BONER | (a tree) |
| 10 RED SHOWER GAP | (2 words - a bird) |

Please send your answers to Michael Spooner, 43a Old School Lane, Milton, Cambridge CB4 6BS by 1st November. **Benet Garage** has kindly donated a £10 prize for the first correct entry opened and a runner up prize of £5.

Milton Colts Football

Milton Colts celebrated their first season in the league with a successful disco/buffet presentation evening on 23rd May.

The under 10's did particularly well finishing 3rd in their league whilst the under 11's made up for their league position by finishing runners up in the Godmanchester 6-a-side competition. The under 7's/8's played several competitive friendly's and hope to join the mini soccer league next season.

Grandparents, parents and friends made up the 200 people who watched the players receive their awards on the evening.

The under 11 Player of the Year was Neil Masters who, like Peter Schmeichel, saved his team on many occasions with his fearless goal-keeping.

The under 10 Player of the Year was Stuart Davies who, like Alan Shearer, worried the oppositions defence and frequently found the back of the net.

The under 7/8 Player of the Year was James Tyrrell, who proved a crack shot with his left foot.

The over all Club man of the year, nominated and presented by John Coston was awarded to Under 11 player Sameer Parekh, who whether playing or being substitute always showed the right attitude and commitment.

The youngsters enthusiasm along with the support of parents and senior Milton football club and the super facilities behind the Community Centre have made this a solid foundation for present and future Milton Colts. A big thanks to John Coston, Paul Capitain and Alan Jolley (until his recent illness) for refereeing the bulk of all our home games.

Next season the colts will have teams in the under 12's, under 11's league and also teams in the mini soccer league for the under 9's and under 10's, plus friendly matches for under 7's and 8's.

For more information contact Colts secretary Hilary Davies on (01223) 441310.

Good luck to all our youngsters for the next season, (why not come along and cheer them on a Sunday at the Community Centre Colts pitch).

Graham Cater

Milton's nurseries, once well-known nationally, have now seeded houses. Walkling Way is named in memory of Eric Walkling nurseryman, and parish and district councillor for 42 years. Edmund Close takes the name of Messrs. Edmunds who operated the Alexandra Nurseries until 1961 when Edmund House was founded. The remaining nursery land and farmland have become the Milton Park Development with the main roads named after trees i.e. The Rowans. Sycamores, Oaks, Elms and Walnut Close; Faulkner Close is named after the head teacher of the old school in Fen Road in the 1930's, and James Carlton Court is in memory of the one time organist at the church. Winship Road at the industrial estate is named after the land owner.

The next and final article in this series will deal with the names associated with the most recent roads developed in Milton, particularly those north of Butt Lane.

Derek Booth

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Milton Cricket Club

3rd XI

Our determination and hard work made sure we did not have a repeat performance of 1997 when we failed to raise sides during several matches which resulted in automatic disqualification from Division 6S. With the team comprising mostly of colt members during 1998 it proved very difficult at times playing against teams with mature and established players. However as the season progressed we got better and during the second half of the season we won most of our matches and finally finished a creditable 6th in our league. There were some excellent bowling performances from Jeremy Jones, Kevin Brasher, Bob Newton and Hursh Nayar who produced match winning figures of 6 for 15 against Dullingham. There were also some notable batting performances from Robin Newman, Bob Newton and Jack Nayar. There is a great feeling of optimism for 1999 with several more promising youngsters coming through namely Daniel Coston, David Clarke, Ben Taylor and Graham Newton.

J Nayar

Colts

This year has been remarkable for the Colts and in the long run for the Club.

Firstly the long awaited practice nets and all-weather pitch was installed. We had already been training the U-13's and U-11's in the Community Centre and the older boys at Hills Road Sports and Tennis Centre.

Secondly, since several senior club members had taken a coaching course so each age group got the kind of tuition it needed.

Despite all this, when the season started we didn't do very well; for a month we lost nearly all our matches, sometimes very badly but sometimes by only a few runs. But in the end the coaching and the work in the nets paid off.

For the U-11's and the U-13's, the games played through July and the beginning of August proved that Milton Colts were something to be reckoned with!

The season ended with our participation in the annual U-11's 8-a-side tournament on Parkers Piece. Because some of our squad were still on holiday we could only muster one girl, five boys and a younger brother, Nick Davies who was only six! Nonetheless we played all that day, beating St Giles, NCI 1, Granta and Haddenham, ending up in the semi-finals. We were beaten in this by NCI 2 who went on to win the tournament. Well done everyone! It looks as though next years cricket will be very rewarding for everyone concerned. Much of the credit for our success must go to the parents who have taken an active interest and involvement in matches. Our thanks also goes to the coaches, Bob Newton and the older boys, Peter Stoehr and Ken Trick with the U-13's, and David Clark and Daniel Coston with the U11's.

Colts' Manager

Maurice Claydon-Wallace

2nd Team

Jonathan Evans, 2nd team skipper, feels that his players are glad to see the end of a very difficult season. A loss of players before and during the season, combined with promotion to division 2 last year were contributory factors.

Only one game, the first of the season at Bar Hill, culminated in a win, the remainder were lost, although some very narrowly indeed. The outcome, relegation to Division 3.

On a positive and brighter note, some very good young players are emerging through the ranks, Hursh Nayar, Kevin Brasher, Kieran Badcock and others, which augurs well for the Club.

Jon says, that despite adversity "We always had a smile on our faces, and were as sociable as the rest, which is what it is all about."

Aye to that!! [Sorry I had to condense your report Jon. Lack of space.]

H Captain

Milton Netball Club

Are training again on Tuesday evening at the courts at Milton 7.30 onwards. Please get in touch with Julie Gray 01223 860812 if you are interested in becoming a member. We have two teams currently in the local league but if you just want to come as a keep fit exercise you are more than welcome.

Junior Netball Again in Milton

Jean Hobday would like to know of any 10-13 year olds who are interested in being coached on perhaps one evening a week and also any mums who would be willing to help in any way (travelling to games etc.) Please phone Jean on 01223 503904 if you are interested.

Julie Gray

Milton Football Club

New Players are very welcome. Training - Tuesday evenings, Sycamores Rec. Ground 7.00p.m. For more information please ring Keith Marr (Manager) 369324 or Fraser Confrey (Secretary) 440938 Three Saturday sides including Kershaw Sen. B and a Sunday X1.

Scrabble

We will be holding our annual charity scrabble evening on 13th November, when the winner has the profits for his or her charity, so far this has been a very successful occasion, when a charity benefits by about £45 - it would be lovely if it was more.

The charge is £2.00, there are a few prizes and refreshments. Our normal meetings finish in October, when all the scores are added up and the winner will be announced either at the charity meeting or in January, it depends when the organiser feels like doing it!!!

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