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New Year Issue - February 1999

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Milton Colts "Wannabees"



Milton and Histon dads battling it out in the cold and wet

What is now becoming an annual festive football fixture between parents of Milton Colts and Histon Hornets boys took place on Sunday 27th December 1998 at Sycamores Recreation ground. Despite shouts of encouragement such as "who shrunk the kit in the wash!!" and "the QE2 has a smaller turning circle than you", the Milton dads managed to give a good account of themselves.

Captain Messett's pre-team talk of "Well who wants to play where then?", most certainly inspired the whole team and with both teams being allowed several substitutes Milton dads managed to overcome the rain and very muddy pitch to avenge last years defeat with a 4 - 1 victory.

It was a solid all round (some rounder than others) performance, with Milton goals coming from Will (when's half time) Tolliday, and two from Fraser (Roy of the Rovers) Confrey. A fourth own goal sealed the Milton victory.

The match was played in good spirit and gave the boys on both sides an opportunity to pay back some of the touch-line comments that they have endured so far this season.

Afterwards both teams and supporters adjourned for refreshments at The Lion and Lamb where the match was replayed several times over with various outcomes. For most of us it was a question of body damage limitations.

Many thanks to John Coston for refereeing and Peter Welton and Alan Messett for organising this event.

Graham Cater

(Available right mid-field, 45 minutes only!!!!)

Red card

Although the referee was offered a £5 bribe by one of the Colts to send his dad off and another offered £10 to send their manager off, no bribes were accepted - (all meant in fun you understand). Well done to all!

John the Ref.

Local Council Elections

Have you ever wanted to get more involved in the village? Would you like to have some influence on things like planning applications, cycle schemes, care of the elderly, support for youth groups, planting of trees and flowers around the village and a myriad of other decisions that need to be made in order to keep Milton a pleasant place to live?

Well, now's your chance as there will be local council elections on 6th May 1999 to elect a new Parish Council (15 councillors). If you've ever considered becoming a parish councillor you should be thinking about doing so now as this is likely to be your only chance in the next four years.

Ideally we need a broad spectrum of people on the council so that they're representative of the village as a whole so don't say to yourself you're not the sort of person the council needs.

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the Spring Issue should
be with one of the
Editors by the
12th of March

Womens' Institute

Nearly a full house in December. Business was quickly over so we could all have a restful evening listening to "The Peppercorn Singers".

We finished the evening with Auld Lang Syne after demolishing all the food, drinks and cake provided by the committee. Competition of a Xmas Rhyme was won by Esther Jackson and each committee member gave a raffle prize. The year 2000 will be our 75th celebration year, so watch this space!

Mary Daniels

MILTON W.I. PROGRAMME 1999

16th Feb.

A walk through Thetford with my Camera by Mr Burlingham. Bring and Buy for W.I. also Photo Competition - Guess Where?

16th March

A.G.M Cheese & Wine.
Competition - Home made buns.



Members
of the
cricket
colts
blowing up
balloons
for New
Years
Party

A BIG THANK YOU!!

For the hard work of players/wives and mums/dads of Milton Cricket Club, for organising & running this years "NEW YEARS EVE" family Disco/Buffer. Our family, plus friends (old & young), thoroughly enjoyed this memorable evening. The separate sweets/soft drink bar, for youngsters, was an especially good idea.

It was good to see & speak to many Milton families on the night who shared the same view. We, like many others, hope next year's event is done in a similar family format.

"The Caters", Willow Crescent.

Shopping Needs Survey

In the last issue we asked; are you retired and do you find it difficult to get to Tesco?

We have already had some responses to our survey and hope to set up a service of a minibus to Tesco, perhaps once a month or once a fortnight depending on need.

If you would like to be considered for this service please contact one of the names below or write to me at

67 Coles Road,
Milton, Cambridge, CB4 6BL
Jane Coston 861655.
Tony Stubbings 860923
John Uttin 861023

To all our friends in Milton

News letter from Iris and Fred Chilton

It is now 4 months since Fred and I left Milton to live near our family in Wokingham, Berkshire, and we are now happily settled in our new home.

We have already made new friends here, but as the old saying goes, "there are no friends like old friends", and we do miss all the friends we left behind in Milton.

In 1982, when we retired and came from London to live in Milton, we expected to take it easy, living in a country village. Instead, it was one of the busiest times of our lives and one of the happiest.

I sometimes heard people say there was nothing to do in Milton and wondered why they said it, when there were so many interesting things going on nearly every day. For us, those happy days have been the foundation for our lives in Acorn Drive, where there are many things going on too, and have enabled us to fit in so easily here.

We will keep in touch with Milton through the Village View and regular contact with our friends.

Best wishes to you all for a Happy New Year.

Iris and Fred Chilton.

What's On In Milton - 1999 edition

Jim Daniels and I will shortly be starting work preparing the 1999 edition of "What's On In Milton", the booklet on activities in Milton which has been delivered to every home in the village for the past two years. If you are responsible for an activity or organisation in the village and you're not in the current edition of the booklet please let us know and we'll add you to it this year.

By the way there is a version of the "What's On In Milton" guide on the village Web site which we keep up to date all the time. It can be found at <http://www.camcnty.gov.uk/partners/parish/milton/whatson.html>

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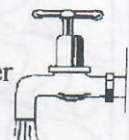
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Country Park Events

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**Saturday 6th
WATCH/YOC.**

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**Wednesday 10th
Cambridge Bird Club.**

A talk on "Wicken Fen Birds, Conservation and Ringing" by Martin Lester, 8.00 pm start. Non-members £1.00.

**Sunday 14th
BTO National Nest Box Day.**

Come along and make a box for your garden, organised by FMCP. Charge £5.00 per box.

**Sunday 21st
Conservation Work.**

Come coppicing and dead hedging with us to revitalise a scrub area, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

March:

**Wednesday 10th
WATCH/YOC.**

Come along and find out about making homes for birds and other creatures, 6.30 to 8.00 pm. Members 50p, non-members £1.00.

**Sunday 21st
Conservation Work.**

It's off to the reedbeds again, help us to help them, 10.00 am to 3.00pm.

**Tuesday 30th
Childrens Holiday Activity Day.**
Roman Around? A day of exploration and crafts looking at visitors to Milton many years ago. Don't forget your toga. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, charge £7.50. Please book by 21st March.

50th Cambridge (Milton & Landbeach) Scouts

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Police & Councillor

Local Surgery
Friday 26th February
7.00 - 7.45pm
Milton Community Centre &
Waterbeach Primary School at 8.00pm
There will also be a surgery on 21st May.

MILTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
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Dates For Your Diary

FASHION SHOW & CLOTHES SALE

Thursday 11th February
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BARN DANCE

Saturday 6th March
£6.50 - including supper

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please contact :-
Claire Vickery (01223) 860900

Milton Scout Group Mammoth JUMBLE SALE

Milton Community Centre
20th March 1999
2.30pm
admission 20p

House to house collections
will take place on the evening
of Friday 19th March
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The Friends of Milton Country Park.

If you thought that Milton was wet this winter, you should have braved the New Year Walk that the 'Friends' undertook on the 9th of January. There was a frost overnight and the forecast for the day was cold and sunny, perhaps some cloud and possibly wintry showers!! The 'Friends' met at noon and drove over to Wicken Fen. There were only a few cars in the car park but it did seem like quite a pleasant afternoon. We had a look round the Visitor Centre, checked the 'recent sightings' board and then ate sandwiches and had a hot drink before setting out along the 'Adventurers' path. The path was fairly wet, muddy in places but we sauntered along admiring the fen countryside and noting the birdlife. The sun was out most of the time but once or twice the clouds did threaten rain. Having walked about a mile into the fen we turned right to cross towards the lode in order to return to the car park. Looking through binoculars, the track did look wet in places but we agreed that once over the two worst stretches, it would 'be alright' from there. The two worst stretches were bad. Heavy trucks had turned the already wet land into nothing short of a quagmire - nearly a foot deep in places - squelchy muddy clay. We all got through and as the sun started to set behind us we finished the walk and I am pleased to say that everyone made it back to the car park. A very pleasant January walk, with some 39 species of birds seen on the way round. These included a flock of golden plover which obliged by flying directly overhead and a number of cormorant sitting in trees looking like last years Christmas decorations. We had no rain during the afternoon, but it was certainly wet under foot.

The AGM of the 'Friends' is to be held on the afternoon of 26th March. Why not join us? Our intention is to have several more walks this year looking at all types of wildlife and there are ongoing projects in the Park that need help. I know there are all sorts of other things to do these days, but the Park is on your doorstep - step inside and you could be miles from anywhere and enjoying the countryside.

Tim Siggs. Chairman of the 'Friends'

News from the Children's Hospice.....

Last Summer saw an important development for our Hospice at Milton. In a blaze of publicity our celebrities arrived on the Norwich Union Mail Coach bringing news of the completion of our merger with Quidenham Children's Hospice in Norfolk. There were celebrations and smiles all round, not to mention the scrumptious celebration cakes from our RAF supporters in Cambridgeshire.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices will now be even better placed for the future, continuing and developing our care for terminally sick children and their families.

It hardly seems possible but the tenth anniversary of our Milton Hospice and our services to the Eastern Region will be here before the year 2000 - a testimony to the unstinting and generous support of both the local and the wider community.

In December we held our 'Remembering Service' in Milton Church. It was an occasion welcomed by parents past and present, families and staff, a chance to think of our Hospice children and for very special memories.

More recently the visit of Health Minister, Baroness Hayman made the local press, it was an excellent opportunity for our staff to inform and demonstrate the skill, expertise and values of a Children's Hospice (and of course the chance for our children to wear their best outfits for a visitor!)

Isabel Cross
Head of Fundraising

Milton Primary School

The infants did a Christmas production in December and the following is a report by one of the 6 year olds.

We did a Christmas play in December. It was called 'It's a baby'. It was about Jesus being born and an innkeeper who kept getting disturbed all night. He was disturbed by travellers, Mary and Joseph, the three wise men and the shepherds. It's also about lots of pretty angels who tell the shepherds about Jesus.

By Ruth Taunton Class 5

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Allotment Coppice Project
Dear Allotment Holders,

Thank you for your excellent response to my letter about growing hazel and willow for coppicing at the allotment site. 15 replies out of 40 is very encouraging. 14 were in favour and 1 against; of those in favour 8 were prepared to offer practical help. On this basis I think we can proceed to the next stage, which is to look at the work and costs involved and explore what support may be available.

I mentioned the idea to David Rees, of the County Council Rural Group, recently and he responded with enthusiasm. There is a coppice at the Milton agricultural college that was planted 15 years ago; it has been producing poles for a while and now larger timber is being cut but the variety of trees planted there is greater than the two proposed for the allotments.

At this stage I envisage that voluntary help will be needed for planting, but not ground preparation, and for weed control. I anticipate 3 successive plantings of 15-20 small plants over 3 years. After 5 years the first planting may be ready for coppicing. If the scheme looks workable we should be able to start planting next winter. Look out for more news in the next issue of the Village View.

Jo Snaith

MILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE:



Panto time at the Community Centre

The Community Centre is taking bookings for 1999 and still has spaces for one-off events and a very few spaces for regular bookings.

The office is open most mornings from around 8.30 a.m until lunchtime or you can leave a message on the answerphone: 01223 862763.

One of the last bookings of 1998 was an event sponsored by the Milton Community Centre – the Pantomime “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer”. It was again a very successful event with lots of “it’s behind you” and “Oh no it’s nots” and proved just as enjoyable for adults and children alike with everyone joining in with the Pantomime spirit.

A really big **THANK YOU** to all those people who gave up their Sunday evening to help and especially to Father Christmas who turned up unexpectedly at the end of the evening to give each child a bag of goodies.

After many requests for a fitness class with a creche we have now managed to arrange regular sessions – please ring if you are interested or come along on

Fridays at 10.30 a.m., bringing a mat or a towel.

Please phone Julie at the Community Centre or help yourself to one of our information sheets if you would like to know about more of our regular bookings.

Lunch Club

By the year 2,000 the lunch club will have been operating for 20 years. We think that is as good an excuse as any to have a special Millennium Dinner. It was started by Rev. Kilner in the Old Rectory dining room for people living on their own, in those days there were about 15 members, space did not allow for more, unfortunately most of the original members are no longer with us. The present team known as the **PRIME TEAM** have been working together for quite a few years now, as we find people are very willing to lend a hand when needed. We love an excuse to have a special “DO” when there is a 70th, 80th or 90th birthday. The Christmas Lunch went off with a few bangs like crackers and party poppers, and a little gift for everyone. Thank You to the team for being so pleasant to work with and putting up with Pat and myself.

The PRIME TEAM

Millennium Planning

The Millennium Planning Committee have now had several meetings where various projects were discussed at length.

On the 12th of January we held a Millennium Planning Cheese and Wine evening for all the village groups. About fifty people attended and the evening was a great success. Half way through the evening each group was asked to talk about their ideas so everyone could hear the sort of things we could look forward to in the New Year. A Millennium Planning Calendar is now in place at the Community Centre for people to fill in with dates of possible celebratory events. The calendar will also have the dates of other non- Millennium village events. Please fill in a space on the calendar with any event you have planned for the Millennium year. We will be publishing dates in the View, of Millennium events as they appear on the calendar in the hope that date and event clashes can be avoided.

Milton Village View will be taking photographs of each village group's celebratory event and we hope to publish all the photographs at the end of the year 2000. Some groups are planning simple events within their group and others hope to involve more of Milton's residents.

Milton Parish Council has pledged £9,000 towards any accepted Millennium projects. If you have any projects planned that need a loan or funding help please let us know as soon as possible so your ideas can be considered.

Watch this space!

Jane Coston Tel. 861655 (address on page 8)

Millennium Boundary Walk

The Milton Millennium festival year is promising to be quite a memorable event with all kinds of permanent memorials as well as some exciting one-off events.

A one-off novelty event - a series of circular walks which will, as nearly as possible, beat the nine miles of the Milton parish bounds - is just one of the exciting activities planned for the village's millennium celebrations.

Originally, veteran walker David Waterson wanted a continuous boundary similar to the circuit he recently did with parish council chairman Bob Waters.

However, this seems nigh on impossible with large parties (limited to 20 at a time) which it is hoped will turn up.

While the north-south boundaries are straightforward, enough by the Mere Way and the river, the east-west links pose difficulties in crossing the railway and motorway which are impractical and positively dangerous with parties.

So now the proposal is to organise three or four shorter walks of three to five miles in length, stopping for picnics or a convenient pub.

David Waterson

Millennium Calendar Event

7th January 2000 - Day Care Centre - meal

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Local Council Elections - cont.' from page 1

We need *every* sort of person! Indeed the current parish council consists of six women and nine men and they have a broad spread of ages from mid-thirties upwards with a wide variety of backgrounds and occupations. The only limitation is a legal one, which is that you must be over 21 and you must have some connection with the village, for example you live or work in the village.

You don't have to be a member of a political party, nor do you have to say if you are. You don't need to actively campaign unless you want to. To help your campaign we will give you the opportunity to write a short election address to be included in the April edition just before the election, and you can also have an election address, and a picture if you have one, put up on the village Web site.

If you get elected then your minimum commitment is to attend full council which is held on the first Monday of each month (except August) at 7pm in the Community Centre on Coles Road but most councillors also get involved in other committees and activities so a more realistic commitment is probably two evenings a month, plus some reading in between times and the odd phone call.

If we've whetted your appetite then for more information either look at our web page on standing at:

<http://www.camcnty.gov.uk/partners/parish/milton/mpc/stand.html>

or phone Jim Daniels, the parish clerk, on 861447.

PS: there is also an election for a District councillor for South Cambridgeshire District Council. Being a district councillor is considerably more onerous than being a parish councillor - you will get a lot more documents to read, meetings happen during the day and in Cambridge not in Milton, and you will find you are often approached by villagers with their problems. Our current district councillor (who will be standing again this time) estimates that he is putting in an average of 15 hours a week on council business, and considerably more some weeks. This is not to put you off, but you should be aware that it is a much greater commitment.

Paul Oldham



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Sunday School 9.00 am

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Puzzle Corner

The competition in our Christmas issue was won by Frank Burling of Pembroke Court. The turkey was once again generously donated by PETES MEAT of Arbury Road. The runner up was Pat Froment of Benet Close.

Our congratulations to the two prizewinners and also to all the other entrants who sent in correct entries.

The street names featured in the Word Square were:

Benet Close	Butt Lane
Coulson Close	Coles Road
Froment Way	Foxs Close
High Street	High Street
Pearson Close	The Oaks
The Rowans	Wilson Way
David Bull Way	Goding Way
Willow Crescent	Kens Way
The Sycamores	Prior Close
Lander Close	Church Lane
Sutton Close	Fen Road
Old School Lane	Hall End

Somehow, High Street crept in twice and Froment Way appeared as Fronent Way - but all entries coped with these difficulties!

Here's a word puzzle for the first competition of 1999.

Change the first letter of the first word to the left and the right(using the same letter) and make two other English words. Place the letter used in the empty space and continue this process with the other words (the new letter is different in each case) and when all the new letters have been put in the empty spaces, another English word can be read down. What is the word?

WEST	<input type="text"/>	COLD
RIDE	<input type="text"/>	RIMS
SOCK	<input type="text"/>	MINE
LONG	<input type="text"/>	RAIN
BARN	<input type="text"/>	MAST
FACE	<input type="text"/>	DUST
BELL	<input type="text"/>	RAVE

Entries should be sent to Michael Spooner 43a Old School Lane Milton Cambridge CB4 6B5 by 4th March. First prize will be a cut and Blow dry generously donated by **KARENS HAIR STUDIO of Coles Road** and there will also be a second prize of £5.



Frank Burling is presented with his turkey

Scrabble

We began again in January after a long break. I am sure all the members have had time to sort out some new words. Our members come from Bury St. Edmunds, Newmarket, Histon, Hardwick, Cambridge and one from Ely who has gone on to bigger things like coming ninth in a National Competition. He scored over 1,000 in two games but yours truly could only manage about 500 for two games, so there you are, please come along it is a pleasant way to spend an evening. The trophy for 1998 was presented to Helen Latchem with an average score of 383 with Michael Spooner runner up with a score of 374.

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Enterprise

The club for the active over 55s. We meet every first and third Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Cup of tea, biscuits, and a raffle 50p. We have snooker, cards and scrabble and if anybody has any other suggestions we would welcome them. We join with the lunch club and others to go to the Maltings once or twice a year also we have a Summer Outing to which we invite members. At the Christmas Party the scrabble trophy was presented to Pat Froment with Marie Belcher receiving a consolation prize. There is a very happy atmosphere, and there is always a welcome for a new face.

Enterprise Club

Milton Colts

(Mid-Season Roundup)

U12's - Despite missing their captain Marc Booth early in the season for several weeks due to injury, the squad have made an improved start compared to that of last season. They are currently in a league of 12. Signs of team play and understanding are beginning (if slowly) to shine through, culminating in a fine 6-0 win to take them into the Christmas break. Kris Tolliday is leading scorer at present with 7 goals, closely followed by Robert Cater and Lewis Harvey both on 5.

U11's - The boys are carrying on the good form from last season and are currently 4th in a league of 11. Only one or two points separate the top sides with Milton well in contention. Edward (Cheddar) Conlon is top scorer at present with 16 goals. Congratulations go to goalkeeper Richard Scott for being selected for Cambs. and District trials - Well done Richard!

U9's - In this their first year the boys have been competing in the Cambridgeshire mini-soccer league (9E), being defeated on only 2 occasions. Notable victories have included 12-1 and 10-0 score-lines against Linton and Haverhill respectively.

U8's - The youngsters have played in a number of friendlies this season and are currently unbeaten. A good sign for when they join the league.

Overall in the 2 years since Milton Colts was formed, over a hundred youngsters of all ages train and play football on a weekly basis, representing their village all around the county. In these days of mega money sports deals and lack of support at grass roots level, it is refreshing to see what can be done with a little "Parent Power" and large slice of youngsters enthusiasm.

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MILTON COLTS U10's FOOTBALL

The U10's football team have enjoyed their first few months together as a team and, although not many results have gone their way, have made a noticeable improvement in their abilities. The boys have shown great enthusiasm not only on match days but also for the training sessions no matter what the weather and I am sure that their hard work will soon bring the results that they deserve.

Of course an U10's team cannot survive without the commitment and help from parents, in particular Malcolm Ayres for his training program and touchline encouragement, Robert Henderson for his refereeing duties, John Arnold for marking out the pitch and taking care of the paperwork and all those that help on match days with transport, tea and coffee making and football kit cleaning. Lastly a big thank you to GODDEN AUTO SERVICES for providing the kit.

MILTON OUTDOOR BOWLS CLUB COLES ROAD

OPEN DAY

2PM SUNDAY 9TH MAY 1999

If you would like to try your hand at playing the game of bowls please put the above date in your diary. There will be more information in the April issue of the Village View.
Contact Bob WATERS on 860620 if you are interested.

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Milton Tennis Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Milton Netball Club

Come and join us for a jog around and a friendly game of netball.

If you are more competitive please join us and work towards playing in the Summer League starting May 1999. We hope to have three teams in the Summer so all standards/ages will be catered for.

This year we are playing competitively in the South Cambs. League and have two teams currently taking part but please come and join in with our training programme which starts on 5 January on Tuesday evenings 7.30 p.m. at the Community Centre floodlit courts or ring 503741/ 860812 and speak to Charlotte/ Julie.

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