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# Village News Sheet

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## Milton Community Spirit Wins Award At Cambridge Evening News Community Challenge Night!

Milton Community Centre won the Runner Up Award in the Environmental Section of the Community Challenge Awards and was presented with a Certificate and £400.00 at the Guildhall on 22nd April.

Their application was helped greatly by the support and help from local groups including Edmund House Group of Homes, East Anglia's Children's Hospices and the Milton Day Care Centre, who all wrote letters supporting this project.

Together with the £2,000 grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council, £1,000 given by the Parish Council and £500 promised by The BBC Radio Cambridgeshire Trustline Appeal, the money will enable the Milton Community Centre to go ahead with the construction of a two metre wide, 70 metre long pathway from the Centre to the country park to provide easier access for people with a disability, pushing prams or walking young children. It is hoped that the pathway will be enhanced by landscaping and seating with perhaps sensory planting in the future. It is not possible for these people to gain access via this route at present because access is along a muddy path with a short steep slope through a gate into the country park.

*Well done to Julie Gray for pushing ahead with this project.  
The Editors*



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This photograph was shown on a large screen at the Guildhall at the Award Ceremony and shows the wide range of people who will gain benefit from the pathway.

## Milton Trolley Bus Service gets off the ground



Milton residents enjoying the first trip of the minibuss service

Milton now has a new service for the retired who find it difficult to do their food shopping. Although all the places on the minibuss are now taken we do operate a waiting list.

Thanks must go the Milton Charities and Milton Parish Council for their support of this scheme.

If you would like further information or would like to join our waiting list please contact:

Jane Coston - 861655  
Tony Stubbings - 860923  
John Uttin - 861023

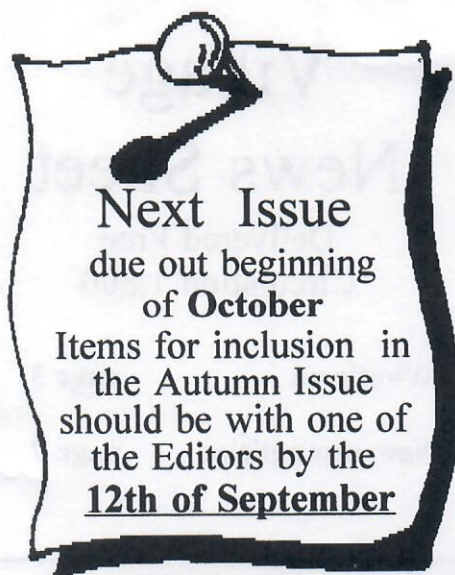


## Powerful friends in the community



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## Bowls Success



Representing Milton at the Dinner were Don and Janet Freeman and Albert and Peggy Cowell all seen proudly holding the trophies.

Although now well into the 1999 outdoor bowls season, Milton 'A' team are still basking in the glory of winning the Cambridge and District OBC Division 5 championship last season. As champions they qualified to take part in the champion of champions competition and came runners up, losing by a very narrow margin (4 shots) to the Division 1 champions.

Don Freeman the Milton 'A' team captain received the trophies on behalf of the club at the annual Cambridge and District dinner held earlier this year.

## Park Update

Easter Sunday brought a hundred and twenty people into the Park to take part in our Easter Egg Hunt. The weather helped to encourage participants to take their map and find the 'bunnies' hidden all over the Park. Unfortunately, one load of 'bunnies' escaped from their hutch prior to the hunt starting, their whereabouts are still not known - just as well they were only made of paper!! Easter Eggs awaited collection at the Visitor Centre for those collecting one each of the remaining bunnies.

On May 2nd sixteen early risers met at the Visitor Centre with the Ranger to wander around the Park to enjoy the early morning bird song. Taking part in National Dawn Chorus day, we were delighted to hear over thirty species. The two highlights for me were the sight of one of the resident nightingales sitting on a bare branch in full view shaking as it made its unmistakable calls, and the sound of a rare (to these parts anyway) grasshopper warbler resident in a field adjacent to the Park. Our reward for such an early start was a breakfast back at the Visitor Centre supplied by staff of the 'Swallows' refreshment kiosk. *Tim Siggs* Chairman of the 'Friends'

## Milton Internet News

Have you got email? If so then you may be interested in subscribing to one of the Milton mailing lists. If you subscribe to milton-news then you'll get regular updates on village events sent to your mailbox. If you want to chat about the village then subscribing to milton-chat will let you talk to other Milton residents via email about subjects of interest. You send mail to the list and it's copied to all the subscribers on the list. And their replies come back to you in your mailbox. To subscribe send email to [majordomo@the-hug.org](mailto:majordomo@the-hug.org) with the message subscribe milton-chat or subscribe milton-news in the message body (not the subject).

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

*Paul Oldham*

## MILTON W.I. SPONSORED WALK

**MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE 12th SEPTEMBER 1999**

For their MILLENNIUM COMMUNITY CHALLENGE, Milton W.I. are raising money to purchase much needed medical equipment for the Milton Doctor's Surgery.

As part of the "Challenge" on Sunday 12th September, 1999, a sponsored walk will take place, starting from Milton Community Centre. There will be a choice of either a two mile or six mile circular walk.

Posters and Sponsorship forms are available from the Doctor's Surgery, several shops in the village OR can be obtained by ringing one of the following local telephone numbers:- 560813, 862955, 860620 or 860830.

**Please come and join in the fun, by supporting this event you will be helping the Community.**

*Janet Chessum* Milton W.I.

## Continuing the story of The Lunch Club

The Club had been running about nine months when the Rector asked me if I would be willing to help as I was due to retire, although I wasn't sure whether I wanted to, here I am in my nineteenth year with a very good team, more about that later. We carried on in the Old Rectory till we first used the Church Hall on October 18th 1984. We invited our M.P. Francis Pym who came with a detective as that was a week or so after the Brighton bombing at the Tory Party Conference. Numbers then began to increase, and the price of the lunch rose slightly, the same team was operating for a time until they found it was getting too much for them.

More in the next issue.

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## **Millennium Planning Meeting REMINDER**

To all Clubs groups and individuals  
There will be a follow up meeting on the Tuesday the 8th June  
7.30pm at Milton Community Centre

Tea & Biscuits will be served

All groups are requested to attend  
to finalise the planning for the year 2,000 events

Please come along and tell us  
what you are planning as your event for the Millennium  
All Welcome

Please phone us with details of your event if you are not able to attend  
The Parish Council will be making their decisions as to what to  
fund at their July meeting  
Tel. Jane 861655

## **MILTON PRE-SCHOOL TABLE TOP SALE**

**Saturday 19th June 1999**

10.00 am - 12 noon

Main Hall, Milton Community Centre

Refreshments available

Entrance 20p

An opportunity for a grand 'clear out'  
- indoor car boot style sale.

Ring Jo Sollars on 862529 to reserve your table for £5  
Come along on the day to bargain hunt!

**MILLENNIUM COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**

## **SPONSORED WALK**

Organised by Milton W.I.

**SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 1999**

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## Spaceships or Bicycles

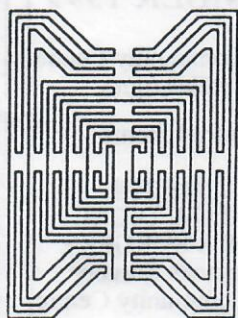
In the last edition of the Village View we asked for information about Benet Garage and we were very pleased to get a call from Mr Housden of Cambridge Road. He told us that Benet Garage was built in 1933 (there is a date on the house) by Richardson & Sons of Chesterton. They also built the two cottages next door. There were five caravans behind the garage where people lived and these were what could be seen in the old photo. Mr Butler had the garage first and then it was owned by Mr Jones. Mrs Jones was in the photograph with her niece Mrs Allen. Mr Housden served the garage and the people who lived in the caravans with milk which he took around the village on a barrow. Milk was 2½ old pennies a pint and was served with a jug. He bought one of the caravans off the site by paying off their outstanding milk bill and giving them £20. He then took the caravan to Manor Farm which stood where the Agricultural College now stands and rebuilt it. It was then towed to Scratby near Yarmouth where it was used as a holiday home for the next 36 years.

Mr Housden remembers that the petrol pumps had a glass case into which you wound up petrol. The glass case held two gallons so if you needed more than that another 2 gallons would be wound up into the case. During the time Mr Jones owned the garage the pumps were changed to electric power.

*We will be publishing more of Mr Housden's memories in future issues of this magazine. If you have any memories of old Milton we would be pleased to hear from you.*



Tommy Housden



## Milton Millennium Maze

### What is it?

It is hoped to build a flat maze during the millennium similar to the drawing opposite which is based on two M's, MM standing for 2,000 as well as Millennium Maze or Milton Maze. The maze will be a flat maze similar to the very old one at Saffron Walden and also the one at Hilton which has just been restored. The Hilton Maze is around 400 years old. It is hoped that if we build such a maze, it will not only be an area for children to play but a millennium monument that hopefully will be around for many years - maybe even the next millennium!

**Planning** - The maze will be about 20 metres across and will be situated on one of the quiet corners of a green area in the village. The area has not been decided yet.

**Who will be involved?** - Well hopefully most of us! The maze will be laid in bricks. We hope that every child in the village from 0 upward will be involved - each laying their own brick in the maze. There will be a competition to decide who lays the first brick. Each child will put their name on a plan showing which brick they laid (hopefully mum or dad will help with this especially with those children who are still babies.) Each child will then be presented with a commemorative mug showing the logo of the maze. We have not decided yet on how to mark the centre of the maze but all suggestions are welcome. We hope to fill the grassed areas between the lines of bricks with bulbs so that we have a wonderful flower display in the spring of each year.

To go ahead with these plans we are looking for volunteer help - but we are just asking you to help for an hour. We will need about 20 people, each to volunteer 1 hour of help and we will be in a position to go ahead.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would be willing to level the site for us. Do you know anyone who could help with this initial ground work? We hope to make the laying of the maze a real village event with perhaps a village picnic, dancing and some other events. Initially we are hoping to lay the maze in the spring of next year.

Please let us know if you would be willing to help in any way or you have any expertise to offer.

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## In Answer to Spaceships or Bicycles

There have been so many changes in Milton in my lifetime it's hard to know where to start. We lived a mile from the School which was built in 1836, I can still see everything as it was as though it was only last week. It seems to me that progress was very slow, it is much faster now, this week's inventions are old fashioned next week. I remember the little village shop and Post Office, which was run by the Conder family, I stood outside the shop wondering how to spend a halfpenny, but was so pleased with myself when I resisted the temptation. I had been working two months before owning a new bicycle, it was bought at Vin Bulls cycle shop at Waterbeach for £5/4/9 and was called "WEARWELL". My Dad paid for it but I had to pay him back ten shillings a month which was a lot when I only got £1/6/9 per month. He let me off the last payment.

*Mary Burling* that was

P.S. Another little shop which existed was a sweet shop run by Mrs Johnson, then Kitty Lander, then Millie Lander, it then became a butchers shop and afterwards a bakers now no longer there, I believe we have to have progress but do not like change!! is that possible? *M.D.*

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## Milton Primary School

### In Quest of Columbus

Year 3 and Year 4 performed a musical concert on Tuesday the 2nd of March and Thursday the 4th of March at 2pm and 6.30pm. I invited my mum and dad and my gran and grandad. My mum, gran and my grandad came at 2pm and my mum came again with my dad at 6.30pm.

Christopher Columbus asked permission from the Queen and King of Spain to have some provisions and ships. The Queen and King gave him 3 ships called the Pinta, Nina and the Santa Maria. In 1492 Christopher Columbus sailed away in the Santa Maria. He headed for India by going west. He thought he had found India but he had really discovered the West Indies. They found Native Indians gentle and kind.

My favourite speech was 'can't we finish this argument later I'm hungry do you think there's a Pizza Hut around here.' My character was one of the cabin boys. My favourite song was Samana Cay because the tour guide did a solo. My mum, dad and grandad thought it was good and funny.

The speakers were loud and clear. I thought it was marvellous and I would like to thank all the teachers involved.

Joshua Ellwood

### A morning in the life of the Clerk to the Parish Council

With a new Parish Council in place we asked the Parish Clerk for a snapshot of a day in his life and this is what he gave us.

#### Thursday 6 May 1999

- 6.30am Finished preparing agenda for next meeting, having discussed with chairman previously. Prepared schedule of payments, including payroll, to be authorised by Council. Wrote out 26 cheques.
- 9.30am Photocopied and collated all relevant papers for Councillors.
- 11.00am Coffee break.
- 11.20am Delivered papers by cycle.
- 12.15pm Replied to messages left on answerphone from: a resident concerned about a planning application, the Environmental Health Officer about emptying of dog bins, two Councillors with queries, a fellow clerk from a neighbouring parish.
- 1.00pm Lunch.

The above indicates the amount of time I can spend on Parish business although not every day is the same. A big advantage is that I can schedule my work to fit in with other commitments e.g. bowls!

The work is varied: preparing for and recording meetings, writing and responding to letters, keeping the accounts, liaising with the County and District Councils, looking after the allotments and the cemetery.

Recent queries from residents include: ownership of land, especially communal areas in the newer part of the village;

weed spraying along the highways; emptying of dog bins (a popular subject at the moment); planning applications; tree planting; sheltered housing; traffic lights at A10/A14 interchange.



## My Spring Poem

Flowers, flowers make me glad,  
I wish I had:  
Bluebells for my dad.

Chicks fat and fluffy,  
Feathery and yellow,  
Isn't that chick a little fellow!

Lambs, lambs, woolley and cute,  
Happy and playful,  
Oh, I just love their little suits.

The wind is blowing down the street,  
A gentle breeze to people it meets,  
The spring wind is soft and calm.

by Katie Aldridge Class 9F

## YFC The Place To Be

Cottenham YFC are a voluntary run youth organisation, run by the members for the members. The first impression most people have of Young Farmers, is that you have to wear green wellingtons, drive a Land Rover and talk to sheep all day. However, if your vision was this you would be WRONG. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A FARMER TO BE A YOUNG FARMER!

YFC is a youth organisation for young rural people aged from 10 to 26 years of age. Members enjoy weekly meetings including talks, visits, and social events. YFC can also offer a wide variety of competitions including ATV driving, crafts, sports, drama, dancing and lots, lots more.

And it doesn't stop there. You can also travel all over the world with YFC, help the local community, learn skills for life, and get involved with local environmental projects.

On the 6th June Cottenham YFC will be attending the County Show, held at Wimpole Home Farm. Members will be showing off their talents of Flower Arranging, Cookery, Metal Work, Wood Work, and Needlework, and all receiving a certificate for their hard efforts. The show also includes a food tent, a craft tent, trade stands and main ring events.

Cottenham YFC calendar is always full. If you would like to receive further information about the club, please contact the county office -

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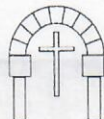
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## All Saints' Pilgrimage to Ely Cathedral



Saturday 12th June 1999

The concept of a pilgrimage is known from the earliest of times. A pilgrimage is a visit to a holy place - somewhere where either a special event took place and is remembered, or perhaps somewhere associated with a holy person.

With the rapid approach of the new Millennium, what greater motivation does one need to join friends on a pilgrimage to Ely Cathedral. It will give an ideal opportunity to pause and reflect where we are in our relationship with God, and the directions our lives should be taking. It will also give pilgrims time to think about the witness of the Christians involved in the life of the Cathedral down the ages and then of course time will be there for us to have some space and think about our own journey of faith.

How are we going to arrive?

The actual day will begin with prayer at 9am in the Church, afterwards the journey to Ely will commence. How the pilgrims will travel to Ely is to be left to individuals. The options are quite clear: motor car, bicycle, river craft (canoe?), and of course walking via the 'Fen Rivers Way'. On our arrival in Ely, pilgrims will be meeting on the lawn to the rear of 'The Almonary', High Street, at 4.00pm. We shall be joining with other groups of pilgrims in the Cathedral for Evensong at 5.30pm. We should be leaving Ely at about 7pm. Comfortable walking and cycling rates will be adopted, 3 miles per hour, hiking, and 15 miles per hour biking, will be adhered to. The cycle route will follow a route which tradition tells us, was an ancient pilgrim route. Leaving Milton we travel to Landbeach then to Cottenham, taking the B1049 to Wilburton, straight over the crossroads on to an un-classified road leading to Grunty Fen and Witchford leading us to Ely. Walkers and cyclists will need a packed lunch and fluids.

If you feel that you would like to join the pilgrims from Milton on a meditative journey to Ely Cathedral, a warm welcome awaits.

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## Puzzle Corner

There were lots of correct answers to the anagram puzzle last time. The first two names out of the hat were Judith Ashurst of Coulson Close and Grace Richardson of Landbeach Road. Prizes which were generously donated by BENET GARAGE are on the way to these two winners. Congratulations to both.

The answer to the puzzle was

M artinet

I ndulge

L enient

T orpedo

O bserve

N arrate

giving MILTON as the word reading down in the first column

For this issue, I am setting two puzzles - one of them is quite difficult and the other is quite easy! There will be two prizes for each puzzle - £15 and £10 for the first, and £10 and £5 for the second. You can enter for either or both.

### PUZZLE 1 - Quite Difficult

What is the next number in the following 3 sequences:

1. 1.. 3.. .5.. .7.. .11.. .13...
2. 334.. .336.. .364.. .365...
3. 1100.. 1154.. 1216.. .1399.. .1413.. .1422... 1485.....

Even if you can't answer all 3 sequences, still send in what you can answer - you may still win a prize.

### PUZZLE 2 - Quite easy

This a mathematical puzzle!

- 1 Start with the number of blind mice
  - 2 Multiply by the wonders of the ancient world
  - 3 Multiply by the boiling point (Celsius)
  - 4 Take away the number of Dalmatians.
- What year is it?

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## Milton Village Fayre SUNDAY 11 JULY 1999

12.30 pm - 5.00 pm.

Following our previous successes we aim to have another family fun day for our Village Fayre and this year's theme is "Decades of the Century". We are inviting you, as a member of our community, to participate. You may just wish to promote your Group or Club, by having a display or stand, or you may like to take the opportunity of having a stall(s), at £5 per pitch, or organising a game or activity to raise your own funds.


### DO JOIN IN AND DRESS YOUR STALL(S) AND YOURSELVES.

The Organising Committee is very small and to assist us in clearing up after the Fayre please :-

1) Return any table[s] to the side double doors of the MAIN HALL.

2) Tidy up your area please, a bin bag will be provided.

Any queries - contact Chris Hallworth 01223 441499 [12 Faulkner Close]

 Please return this BOOKING FORM to Chris Hallworth, 12 Faulkner Close, [off The Sycamores] Milton, Cambridge. CB4 6EF - OR to the Hall Manager, Milton Community Centre, Coles Road. -> -> **BY 29th JUNE.**

### Cheques payable to Milton Village Fayre.

Please book the following on behalf of .....

Number of stalls required @ 3.6m wide .....

Type of stall/activity, whatever ? .....

Tent/Caravan to be used [state which] .....

Do you require a trestle table ? Yes / No.

[You are requested to provide your own chairs]

Any special requirements? ie. electricity .....

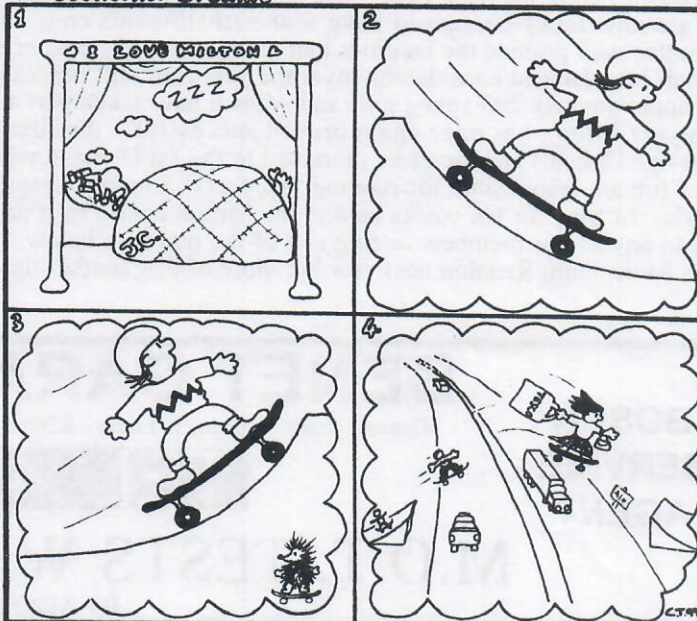
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## MILTON MUMS MARCH ON!

That was the heading in the Cambridge Evening News nearly 20 years ago! And this is the picture! And still we march on into the Millennium .....

"Mums the word for the club which has taken Cambridgeshire Netball by Storm"

"A band of mothers from Milton have won the coveted County Trophy"

"There were about 30 or 40 of them - average age of about 35"

"Netball is taking some of the players out two or three nights a week"

"Some husbands rebelled a bit at first!"

(Comments from Cambridge Evening News)

Well, now several of those "mums" are now grandmothers (and continue playing netball) and Milton Netball Club is still going strong!

It was almost twenty years ago when Milton Netball Club was first formed. It all started by Pat Fletcher, a teacher at the Milton Primary School asking one of the mums to coach netball at the school. This particular mum could not remember any of the rules of netball, not having played since her own school days and so she bought a rule book. Some months later, a group of young mothers (and some not so young!) formed three teams who played on the car park at the old Village Hall each Sunday afternoon.

Eventually, to cut a long story short, the Chair of the Management Committee, Harold Easy, plus members of the Milton Tennis and Netball Club drew up an agreement to let the new club share their one court, situated on the present Doctors' surgery site.

Two years later, with two teams and several trophies tucked under their belt Milton Netball Club built their own lighting system, with several husbands digging the trenches and carrying out the main part of the work!

Now, almost twenty years later most of these mums have retired - although many of them still play an active part in supporting the club they first joined all those years ago. There are now three original members left, Janet Wilson, Sue Horrod and Julia Gray, the first Secretary of the Club. They are all over fifty years old and although they might not be the fittest and fastest of the club they certainly have the most experience and can still outwit even some of the youngsters with their cunning tactics!

We are now lucky enough to have four netball/tennis courts in Milton and are members of the Milton Community Centre Committee who provide the facilities that are probably the best in South Cambridgeshire including floodlighting of all courts.

Netball has changed considerably over the years but still proves one of the best, easiest and fun ways of keeping fit and over the years approximately 200 young girls and women have taken part and enjoyed playing netball for Milton Club.

This year Milton has once again proved successful - the first team gaining 2nd place in the second division (on a par with Cambridge United!) and therefore promoted to the 1st Division with the second team doing well in the fourth division.

The Club are responsible for running this year's Summer League for South Cambridgeshire District Netball League starting on Thursday 13 May for ten weeks held at the Milton courts so if anyone is interested in playing please come along to the table and speak to any of our members or ring any of the numbers below. If you are an old member of our club we hope to see you at our Club's Millennium Reunion next year but more of that another time.....



Milton Netball Club 1999

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