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Farewell from Swallows

Val Hickey left Swallows Cafe at the beginning of September after 18 months of successfully assisting people connected with Edmund House to run the Swallows Cafe in Milton Country Park. We wish her all the best in her new venture at the Enterprise Nurseries and we look forward to keeping in touch.

Ian May - Edmund House

If anyone feels they could fill this position, please contact Ian May at Edmund House on Tel. 440186

Milton to Benefit from Improvements to Buses MegaRider



The MegaRider ticket, which offers unlimited travel within the city area, has now been extended to include Histon, Impington and Milton. The price is £6.00 for a weekly ticket, £24.00 for a monthly, £70.00 for a quarterly and £250.00 for an annual.

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Turkish Earthquake - The Milton Connection

Milton's Gary O'Shea was part of the co-ordinating team in Britain who deployed a 13 man search and rescue team to a village called Duzce (pronounced Duchca) following the recent earthquake. Duzce is a village about twice the size of Milton where it is estimated that around 4,500 people lost their lives. The total loss of life for the area was about 55,000. During the six days the rescue team were working in Duzce they were only able to pull out one person alive, a 45 year old woman who was found in a collapsed five story building. He said that in some areas of the village everything looked normal but as you turned a corner you would find just heaps of rubble where buildings once stood. Most of the time the team were recovering bodies and this was most distressing for all concerned.

The International Rescue Corps, for whom Gary is Assistant Operations Director, is solely funded by public donations and their own efforts in fund-raising. Specialists that are sent are unpaid volunteers who are generally taking a combination of unpaid leave and holiday to go and help in disaster areas.

If you would like to know more about this organisation - visit their web site at WWW.intrescue.org

JC

Fearless Fred the Fen Road Fox

My first encounter with our most intriguing neighbour was in broad daylight, as he ambled down the side of the field beside our garden. It was a weekend and I was amazed at his disregard of the sounds of cars and pedestrians nearby as he snuffled among the undergrowth.

I was even more impressed when I saw him a few days later, trotting across the Fen Road level crossing at a leisurely pace, closely followed by a bemused Range Rover driver keeping a respectful distance.

My most astonishing encounter with him was a week or two ago, as I drove down Fen Road and saw him sitting on the verge, watching me pass. I stopped the car; got out, and spoke to him at which he initially walked towards me, head on one side, deciding whether I was OK or not. Then, decision made, he ambled off with his characteristic leisurely stride.

Talking to other folks locally one reports seeing Fred peering curiously through their French Windows on a regular basis. Another neighbour remembers having the feeling he was being watched while working in his garden. Turning round he found Fred gazing at him from the opposite corner of the lawn.

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of **December**

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

Thank You

I would like to say thank you to all the friends and neighbours who sent cards and messages of sympathy after the loss of my husband Ken, I also appreciated all the kind offers of help during his illness.

Many thanks

Joy Green and family.

Fearless Fred the Fen Road Fox

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Given his lack of fear of humans it seems likely that Fred is being fed by some kind folk. (By the way, his reaction to the flash camera was some vigorous scratching of the left ear and a very wide yawn!) We can only hope he continues to meet the right brand of humans.

Mark Palmer

The Gatehouse, Fen Rd. Milton, CB4 6AF
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We would be delighted to hear from anyone who knows more on local Foxes etc.

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Milton W.I. Millennium Challenge



Photo - by Mary Daniels using the latest digital computer technology.

On behalf of Milton W.I. I would like to thank everyone who came and supported our sponsored walk on Sunday 12th September 1999, also their many sponsors.

Our thanks also go to those people who were unable to come along on the day but have made very generous donations.

On the day, the proceeds from the Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, refreshments plus generous donations totalled £424.47.

A further £1,400 has been pledged in sponsorship money which we hope to receive before 31st October 1999.

With the money that the W.I. had already raised from coffee mornings etc. an amount £2,000 plus should be reached, all of which will be used to purchase medical equipment for the Milton Doctors Surgery.

A confirmed total should be known in time for the next issue of the Village View.

Once again, thank you all very much you have done a grand job.

Janet Chessun Milton W.I.

A Big Thank You From Milton Surgery

On Sunday 12th September the Milton W.I. organised a Sponsored Walk to raise funds to purchase a piece of equipment for Milton Surgery as part of their Millennium Community Challenge Project.

The Doctors and all the staff of Milton Surgery would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part in the organisation of the walk. Thanks to everyone who made the delicious cakes and preserves and donated items for sale, and gave so generously of their time and effort at the Bring and Buy sale and Coffee Morning on the day of the walk.

Of course a Sponsored Walk could not happen without either walkers or sponsors and the response from both was amazing!

So, without wishing to sound repetitive, a huge thank you to all the walkers and everyone who so generously sponsored them and all those who have given donations directly to the Surgery which will be passed directly to the W.I.

Alana Dodson Practice Manager

SCOUT GROUP NEEDS HELP!

The Scout group in Milton might have to close one of its Cub packs as a reduction in leaders will probably mean reducing to one cub pack instead of two.

Anyone over 18 interested in helping to keep this group going please contact Rob Farrington (860160).

You don't have to have experience in Scouting, as full training will be provided - just an interest in keeping the sections open so that all boys aged 6-7 years (Beavers), 8-11 (cubs), 11-15 (Scouts) can continue to enjoy their scouting in Milton.

Parking

The Parish Council would like to draw your attention to the problem of parking in the village.

Milton residents are asked to consider others if they have to park their vehicles on the roadways. Ideally they should try and park in their garage, or in their driveway.

It can hinder Emergency vehicles if a vehicle is badly parked and blocking the entrance to a road. It can also cause considerable and unnecessary inconvenience to other road users.

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Saturday 16th October



7.30 pm

Community Centre, Coles Road, Milton
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The Wool Shop Coles Road, Milton.
or Telephone 01223 420676

A10 Public Meeting Oct 12th

Waterbeach Primary School

Representatives from the Highways Agency who are currently responsible for the A10 & the A14 will be there from 7.00pm with their plans. Also there will be representatives from the District Council and the County Council who will be taking over responsibility for the A10 in the future.

7.30 Public Meeting

Information will be available for discussion on:-

Milton Slip Road closure - planned works
Butt Lane junction Milton & other A10 junctions studies/accidents & Cyclepath issues
For further details contact Jane Coston Tel. 8611655

Planned works.....

Please be aware of the following works:

A14/A10 junction slip road to Milton/Tescos will be closed from:

estimated... 1900hrs Friday 22nd to 0600hrs Monday 25th October 1999 and for two or three nights following i.e 1900hrs to 0600hrs or 0700hrs on Mon 25th, Tue 26th, and maybe Wed 27th Oct 99

Craft Fair

At The Salvation Army
7 Station Road, Waterbeach
on **Saturday 13 November**
10.00am - 4.00pm
Various Stalls and Refreshments

MILTON TOY LIBRARY ANNUAL TOY SALE

Thurs 25th November 10 am - 10.30am

If you have toys to SELL, please bring them to the Community Centre between 9.15am and 9.45 am, or leave them with Sonia Hay (32 Froment Way, Milton, Tel. 440237) before 25th November. All toys to be clearly labelled with your name, telephone number and asking price. Proceeds are split:-
75% to you 25% to Toy Library



Firework '00'

We hope to have a fireworks display at midnight on December 31st / Jan 1st here in Milton

We are suggesting that residents light their candle which will be delivered by All Saints Church or light up a torch and walk in procession from all parts of the village to a fireworks display on Coles Road Recreation Ground. The first firework will be set off (hopefully) on the stroke of midnight and it is expected that the display will last about 20 minutes. This is to be a great moment in time and we hope everyone will join in in some way - even if you feel you are unable to join the procession we hope you will join in this event by greeting your neighbours in the street at the stroke of midnight and celebrate the new Millennium by watching with us the aerial display which we hope will be visible from all parts of Milton.

Can you help with this event by:-

- being available for first aid
- acting as a steward (yellow vest will be supplied)
- helping set off the fireworks (safety training will given)

If you feel you are able to offer any help for 20 minutes on the night please contact Jane Coston Tel. 861655

Millennium Committee

We are also suffering from a lack of volunteers and urgently need more people to help the Millennium Committee if further events are to be organised.

OVER 18'S CHRISTMAS DISCO 4 DECEMBER 1999

Back by Great Demand - the Netball and Football Joint Christmas Disco in the Community Centre



- Tickets on Sale from 1 November at the Community Centre
- No ticket sales on door.
- Be quick - tickets are expected to be scarce!
- Food*drink* party hats*and more!

Milton W.I. Meetings

October 19th Members Night
November 16th Chocolate Factory by J. Haylock
December 14th Christmas Party

EDMUND HOUSE CAROL CONCERT

MONDAY DECEMBER
20th

Further details in the
December issue

Milton Day Care Centre Coffee Morning and a Bring & Buy

Friday 12th Nov. 99
11am to 12 noon
please come and support

Violin and Piano Tuition

For further details, please contact:
Fiona O'Shea B.Ed Hons (Camb.)
Tel No. 525656 (local resident).

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Milton Toy Library

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You can find us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month in the Sports Hall at the Community Centre, Coles Road, from 10.30 to 11.45am.

Children are encouraged to try out the toys whilst there, so come along for a coffee and a chat and please bring all of your friends.

We are always looking for volunteers to help on a rota system with taking the money and occasionally preparing the teas, so if you would be happy to help or would like any more information please contact Tracey Hall on 01480-830464 or Sonia Hay on 440237.

Don't forget now that Christmas is almost here our annual toy sale will be held on Thursday 25th November 10.00 to 11.30am. We shall be holding a raffle with prizes kindly donated from local companies. There will be a Dorling Kindersley bookstall, and refreshments for sale.

For the last five years Sue Smith has given a great deal of her time organising and running the toy library, but with her two sons now at school and a new job she has stepped down and handed the reins over to Tracey Hall and Sonia Hay.

Everybody who has become involved with the toy library would like to say a big thank you to her and wish her well.

We would also like to say 'thank you' to Linda Skingle for all her help over a number of years and hope her move to Hardwick goes smoothly.

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Did you enjoy the occasion?
Could it have been organised better?
Would you like to see it continue?

If the answers are "yes" then please read on. We desperately need help to organise the Millennium Fayre for the 9th July 2000. It can be rewarding and fun to be involved and need not take up too much of your time. To make light work of the organisational needs we are looking for people to take on the following responsibilities:

- Booking annual attractions
- Arranging arena events from a small budget
- Finding sponsors for the programme
- Running a disco
- Ticket sales
- Running a children's bar
- Taking stall bookings from local groups
- A treasurer
- Advertising co-ordinator
- Programme distributions co-ordinator
- Distributor of signs and posters
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If you are interested and would like to know more before making a commitment, then please contact me,

Carolyn Watts on 515862 or 04033 81997.

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Milton Day Care Centre

The Milton Day Care Centre has now been running for six years. Our thanks go to the Community Centre Management Committee who have provided us with the Small Hall and the Kitchen, free of charge, also Edmund House who have given the free use of the mini-bus every week. We are very grateful for their help. The Day Centre meets every Friday during school term time at the Community Centre. Volunteers cook lunch for up to 20 members as well as organising activities or entertainment during the afternoon, which we hope gives everyone an enjoyable day, whilst being amongst good company.

In the past year we have continued our close links with Milton Junior School. The children from the two top classes and their teachers have come to, sing; play music; join in games of bingo or beetle and talk with members. In June we were invited to attend the School for a performance of their end of year pantomime. It was certainly different sitting in the Hall on a hot summer's day singing Christmas songs! but we had a lovely time.

The younger children from Milton Pre-School brought a smile to all our faces by singing their well rehearsed songs at the Christmas Party and again in July. We really appreciate the efforts of the teachers at both Schools in helping us to bridge the generation gap between the young and the elderly. We look forward to future visits and hope they enjoy coming to see us.

Thanks to the Gallagher Trust we hired a coach in June for our outing to Willington Garden Centre where we enjoyed afternoon tea.

Congratulations to everyone, especially Hilda Cluer, for winning the prize for the best dressed stall at the Village Fair in July, with the theme of 'Upstairs Downstairs'.

We are holding a Coffee Morning and a Bring & Buy on Friday 12th November 1999 from 11am to 12 noon, please come and support it.

Finally, if you know of an elderly person who might benefit from attending the Day Centre or anyone who would like to help as a volunteer, please contact either; Pauline Waters (Secretary) on 860620 or Michael Ball (Chairman) on 862955.

Milton Country Park

The summer has seen many visitors to the Park, especially on the weekend of 14th and 15th of August when South Cambridgeshire District Council Arts Development Unit combined with other organisations to stage Art in the Park. There were many and varied forms of arts and activities throughout the two days, and whilst not all the art was to everybody's taste, those who attended had a most enjoyable visit.

Unfortunately, the children's activity days this year had to be cancelled due to lack of support, but plans are in hand to try to run them once again next year, possibly with little or no cost to the participants.

The 'Friends' are still going strong, and have managed to staff the Visitor Centre every day through the school holidays. Now, the Information Desk will only be open at weekends during the winter, and weekdays during the school holidays.

The 'Friends' major project at the moment is a Millennium Sun Clock. During October, it is hoped that construction work will take place, with a Grand Opening later in the year. Watch out for posters in the Park.

Tim Siggs. Chairman of the 'Friends'.

MILTON CRIME NEWS

Winter is approaching and the opportunist criminal will be taking advantage of the darker evenings or unprotected property; by stealing motor vehicles or belongings in them; as well as burgling premises.

In Milton reported crime has gradually reduced over the last five years, but this is no reason to be complacent. A comparison of the crimes for the last three years for January to August inclusive are as follows:-

1997	160 crimes
1998	143 crimes
1999	110 crimes - Theft of or from motor vehicles; burglaries and criminal damage accounted for 50 crimes

YOU CAN REDUCE THIS CRIME EVEN FURTHER BY:-

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Six out of ten burglaries happen in the autumn and winter months. You can take a few simple precautions by making your property more secure;

*Don't leave your home in darkness
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Shut and lock windows and doors
Draw curtains when lights are on
Don't leave valuables on open view
Mark your property with your postcode
Use external lights with sensors
Fit a strong, high side gate - and lock it*

FINALLY:- If you are not already in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, then contact the Clerk to Milton Parish Council, Jim Daniels on 861447 for details.

Womens' Institute

Although August is really a holiday month some of our members have been working really hard organizing a charity walk to raise funds for our Millennium effort which is to be an item of equipment for the Doctor's Surgery.

At our July meeting the winner of the Years Competitions was announced. Esther Jackson will receive the trophy. Holidays over we now look forward to some interesting speakers, members night and next year we shall be celebrating 75 years of Milton W.I.

Our membership stays at a steady figure of around 40 members, we are always pleased to see new faces. Reading through the first W.I. meeting minutes of 1925 the speakers have changed, for instance the first speaker was "How to Cure Rabbit Skins" and the second was "How to Cure Spots and Pimples" by Nurse Gifford of Waterbeach.

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All Saints' Pilgrimage to Ely

June the 12th 1999 will not easily be forgotten for some very good reasons. It was the day chosen for the parish pilgrimage to Ely Cathedral, it was also one of those days if you had the choice, maybe the walking boots would have stayed in the cupboard and cycles remained securely locked in the garage. Torrential rain was falling as the pilgrims began their

journey via Fen Rivers Way to Ely and this was punctuated by some very loud cracks of thunder. The storm had blown away by the time the cyclists left Milton but it was still raining hard. As well as walkers and cyclists a good number of pilgrims travelled by car. In all about thirty-five folk joined the party for a cream tea before being led into the cathedral by Rev. Peter Moger.

The whole day gave each participant an excellent opportunity to take a step back and reflect upon our Christian journey. A pilgrimage to Ely Cathedral can provide the opportunity and give space for reflection, answering some of those questions we often pose ourselves.

Founded by St. Etheldreda in 673AD Ely Cathedral was a particularly popular centre of pilgrimage in medieval times. It was a very humbling experience to recall that we were but a few joining the countless thousands of people who have made this journey before us.

Tony Stubbings



Harvest

Sunday 3rd October -10.30 am

Harvest Service followed by
Bread and Cheese Lunch in aid of Tear Fund

Friday 8th October -7.30 pm

Harvest Supper

Children's Light Party at Ely Cathedral

Sunday 31st October - 5-7pm

For children aged 7-11.

Fun, fireworks and displays.

A coach will be leaving Milton.

Preparation day Thursday 28th October 10-12noon. At All Saints Church Hall.

"Parenting in the Fast Lane"

Wednesday 3rd November - 7.45pm 10pm

- an evening on parenting for parents of 9-12's and teenagers - led by Jack Garrett

Weekend of Prayer and Gift Day

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th November

An opportunity to Prayer & Give for the reorganisation and building plans for the church.

Remembrance Day Service

with Uniformed Groups

Sunday 14th November -10.30 am

Christingle Service

A service for all the family Sun 28th Nov - 4pm

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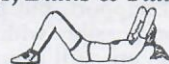
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Puzzle Corner

The answers to the puzzles appearing in the June issue were:

The Difficult Puzzle!

1. 17 (the next prime number)
2. 375 (sequence of the highest individual score in test match cricket - hence Brian Laras 375 in the 1993/94 series)
3. 1509 (the sequence was the accession dates of the first seven King Henrys - hence 1509 the accession date of Henry VIII)

The first prize winner was Frank Burling of Pembroke Close and Michael Prater of Pearson Close was the runner up.

The Easy Puzzle!

The year was 1999 - congratulations to the Captains of Fen Road and Mary Daniels of Bene't Close.

All the prizes were generously donated by **R P KENT, Painters and Decorators of Milton.**

This month's puzzle is a word finding puzzle.

How many words can you find in the grid.

E	L	G
M	T	N
N	A	E

The rules are:

1. Words must be of 3 letters or more.
2. All words must contain the central letter 'T'
3. Each letter can be used only once in a word (This means a word may contain 2 E's or 2 N's)
4. Your list should contain one 9 letter word
5. The person submitting the most eligible words is the winner

Entries should be sent to Michael Spooner, 43a Old School Lane, Milton CB4 6BS by the 5th Nov.. The first prize will be £10 and £5 for the runner up. Prizes this month were generously donated by **B J Leonard.**

Whist Drive

The monthly Whist Drives are very enjoyable, with lots of people on holiday there have still been 6 tables.

We had a very successful tombola at the Village Fayre which will enable us to have a bumper Drive at Christmas, many thanks to everyone who helped in any way. *M.D.*

Milton Cricket Club

Report on the Season from the COLTS' Manager

This has been a critical season for all youth cricket in Cambridgeshire. During last winter, a new authority was formed to deal more effectively with youth cricket right across the board: it was called the Cambridge Young Cricketer's Association. The aim was to provide help with the encouragement of cricket from primary school level (children of seven or eight) right through to the merging of the fifteen and sixteen year-olds with the adult club teams. It was also decided that any young player would only have to compete against children of their own age or ability. To do this successfully required (and will increasingly require) spaces (pitches) to be prepared, time given, in the management of coaching and parent involvement.

This season we elected to enter 3 teams, a team in the transition or Sunday League, Manager Bob Newton. Half of this team being composed of senior cricketers and half of Colts; this is a very important part of the new CYCA program. Another team in the Under 14's League, Manager Mark Dann, and a third team in the Under 11's league, administered by myself. I also ran a number of friendly but proper games on Saturday mornings for the younger ones, who will play as Under 11's next season.

The Transition League, which is the artery through which new blood is introduced to the senior teams, and such a critical part of the club, has performed very much better than originally thought.

The Under 14's did not do so well on paper, coming only low in their League. But it must be remembered that this was the squad which had not had the benefit of proper early coaching, what is more they had to play against some formidable opponents. But there are certainly half-a-dozen boys' in that age group who have shown commitment, improvement and stoicism and their rewards will come in the seasons that are ahead. The club is grateful to Mark Dann for managing this age group, also Peter Stoehr and Ken Trick for giving their time as coaches.

But it is to the Under 11's that Milton should look to find both success and promise. With only one exception all the Under 11's squad came from Milton Primary School. They came top of their division - for which, I am told; they will receive a trophy in the form of a shield to put up in the pavilion.

In the Cup, a bigger, thirty overs-a-side competition, they reached the semi-final. Special mention of players must wait until Trophy Night, meanwhile the Cricket Club should be grateful to David Clark, Daniel Coston and Mark Barton, all ex-Colts who elected to take a coaching course and helped with training during the winter. Pauline Brindle was invariably on hand to do the scoring, similarly Robert Henderson to umpire and give the boys the benefit of his experience in coaching young cricketers.

The season was made much more of a community activity, enjoyable now that there is so much parent involvement. Next season we look to one or two parents of the next generation of Under 11's to join the committee: by then the Club will be running an extra age group. With enough support, the future of cricket in Milton looks promising.

Maurice Claydon-Wallace Colts Manager

Sunday Transition League

The Sunday Transition League being new to the fixtures has been both interesting and rewarding for all concerned, especially for me playing with senior players namely Peter Stoehr, Chris Almond and Steve Bartlett and watching them encourage the young players. Milton played competitively against some experienced teams in particular St Giles, Camden and Haddenham/Ely who take the game very seriously! The latter, which I am happy to say, was a game we won. Of all the games played in this league the youngsters that shone through were our two entertaining overseas players Kirty and Adyita; as well as Peter Simons, Graeme Newton, Jeremy Jones and more recently Chris Pringle who scored 22 runs against Littleport. Next season we will introduce the new up and coming young Milton Colts into this league - watch this space!

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Only A Game But The Decisive One

Milton Under 11 Cricket v. NCI

Tues. July 27th 1999

A perfect evening for the grand finale. The final match for both teams, each of whom has only lost one league match all season. Of course, we should be champions already. We beat them earlier in the season, but lost one later against the team next from bottom, with almost all the regulars missing on a school excursion. But no good worrying about that now, or even the two players on holiday, one of whom is the valuable Jonathan Dann. Their team is claiming to be in the same boat, but they've been recruiting players mid-season, and know how vital this game is. So do our boys, judging from the way almost everyone turned up for practice last night, which makes a change. Even more surprising is that they're listening (apparently) to pre match advice.

David Ball loses the toss and we're batting first, just what we wanted! What we don't want is a repeat of the start against Haslingfield last week, when we lost 8 wickets in the first seven overs and had a minus score, before the last two pairs worked wonders and scored 67 without loss in 6 overs.

First pair of 'Mr. Dependable' Stuart Davies and 'Brilliant but erratic' Edward Capstick gave us a very good start. It would've been even better if they hadn't got out twice, but a net 17 is very satisfactory. Matt Wilson-Eames and David Ball add 13, but again get out twice and NCI's fielding is very good. The next pair Scott Ransome and James Henderson came near to disaster. Four wickets fall, including two run outs. Both runs were very gettable, and I make a mental note to strangle both players at the end of the innings. Incredibly they still get a net gain (of two), despite some bad luck, and a hard hit ball several times going straight to their fielders. But 232 is not a convincing score. Their umpire/manager seems to be adjusting the field every ball, and some of their players look very big for under 11s... and just in case we need yet another excuse for falling at the last hurdle, they have not complied with the little known rule which states that at least six bowlers shall bowl in the first 12 overs.

Just like the Haslingfield game, the innings comes good with the last two pairs. First Richard Brindle and Paul Sandford add a useful 17, mainly from Richard's bat; again two wickets right at the end of his innings just takes the edge off it, and confirms that Richard subscribes to the Edward Capstick religion of never allowing a performance to be completely unblemished. Then comes a brilliant 41 without loss from Luke Cox (11) and Edward Conlon (20), fine hitting and sharp running between the wickets, to bring us up to 288, while NCI's bowling and fielding go to pieces.

This score should be good enough, but a lot will depend on the accuracy of our bowling and, sure enough, some wides are being given away from the start. The first pair are not messing about, but luckily for us David Ball's bowling is right on target. Two superb clean bowled's in his first over and two more in his next with only 3 runs conceded! Stuart (2 for 23) and Edward (2 for 25) also bowl steadily and even Richard is on target apart from one outrageous no ball. With their last pair needing 47 it looks all over. They also have an injured batsman who needs a runner, which is generally bad news for the batting side. Here, however, their runner uses it to advantage, setting off for everything and anything and now it's our turn to panic.

David's last over has everything: Two catches, one ruled out for a no ball, extras, singles turned into threes, boundaries, a run out, another wicket (making his final figures 5 for 23), a coronary or two etc. - a microcosm of a season, which has ended in triumph with victory by 18 runs. Now why is their umpire berating his team? Can anybody really take a game that seriously?

Robert Henderson

Milton III 1999

Following on from the good work of last year by Captain Jack Nayar Milton III started the 1999 season with a win over Abington II. However after losing important players during the first phase of the season we suffered a few defeats, although close matches and an enthusiastic team we couldn't quite win the games. As the season progressed we turned losses into wins with the help of experienced players Steve Bartlett, Ken Trick and Bob Waters, their presence helped balance the team and encourage the youngsters and less experienced team members to gain confidence in their game. Steve Bartlett in particular helped to bring on the younger bowlers the most notable improvement came from Graeme Newton where after some experimentation managed to settle down and produce some impressive bowling. Although our batting side could benefit from some professional coaching we found David Clark, John Greenwood, Robin Newman, John Green and Bob Newton coming through to successfully challenge teams such as Comberton II. At the end of the 1999 season Milton III finished 3rd in the Division 4B South League and I would like to thank all those who supported and played for us.

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