

Milton Village View

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Village News Sheet

Happy New Year
to all the Milton people of
the New Millennium

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Milton Community Centre Christmas Pantomime "MOTHER GOOSE"

One of the last bookings of 1999 was a Pantomime, again sponsored by the Milton Community Centre. As usual, it was a very successful event with lots of shouting and laughter - grandparents, parents and children alike joining in with the fun with Silly Billy, the Millennium Bug and the rest of the cast of Hurricane Productions.

A really big **THANK YOU** to all the helpers

who gave up their last Sunday before Christmas to help and support this production and a big thanks to Father Christmas and his "fairies"? who turned up again at the end of the Panto to give each child a bag of goodies.

What a wonderful event! Great fun for all adults and children alike. Well done to all involved. *Editors*



Consultation Plans For Milton A14 Cycle Bridge

Over the past 2 years, meetings have been taking place in Milton between the County Council, the Highways Agency, the City Council, the District Council, Milton Parish Council and other interested partners to forward the possibility of the bridge.

There is to be a manned display of the bridge at the Community Centre, Milton on the 4th of April from 12 noon to 8pm. A consultation is also planned for around that time - more details in the April issue of the Village View.

JEC

MILTON POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION.

The 1999 Poppy Appeal in Milton realised £3255.49, which is up by £373.58p on 1998.

The Royal British Legion Organiser for Milton area would like to thank all who helped in this great cause especially Sid Butcher.

Ron Driver, Poppy Appeal Organiser.

Sad Sight

It was around 7.45 am on Monday the 17th of January when fire engines arrived at Maple Cottage, the Veterinary Surgery. It is believed that the fire had been burning for some time.



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of April

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

Wonderful Pantomime

I would like to thank Jim, Julie and all the helpers, for the lovely Christmas show, Mother Goose. It really was a lovely show; the kids really enjoyed it.

Wendy Stanley

Thanks

The Editors wish to thank Roy Engal for all his help delivering Milton Village View to part of the Rowans during the past nine years. We understand that Roy has not only delivered the Village View but also delivered the Village Voice - our predecessor. Many thanks Roy for all your help.

May we also take this opportunity once again to thank all our delivery people for their tireless help, without whom it would be impossible to bring this magazine to your doorsteps.

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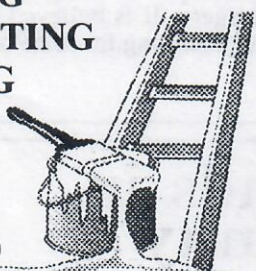
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All Saints'
Junior Church
Christmas
Presentation of
'Tatty Anna'.
The retiring
collection was
for the 'Love
Russia' project.

In reply to items in the December issue

I wonder if I might be allowed to add
my 'three pen'oth', in reply to two of the
items which were in the last 'Village
View'.

Firstly on the subject of our local fox
population, sorry I cannot bring myself to
call such a charming creature FRED! Anyone
who sees these visitors especially on a
regular basis would be serving them best
by keeping quiet about it. Have they not
heard that "careless talk costs lives"? While
some people seem to fear for the safety of
their domestic pets, surely it is the job of
all responsible pet owners to safeguard it,
whether it is from predation or escape? Although,
I don't know why the foxes would bother
chasing a pet when they can knock on
somebody's door and be served a three course
meal!

Which brings me on to my second point,
how responsible are pet owners in general?
I totally agree with your anonymous writer
who finds it unacceptable that some dogs
that visit Milton Country Park are allowed
to defecate where they like. I am a dog
owner myself, and dislike being 'tarred with
the same brush'. If anyone knows who the
culprits are, don't keep it to yourself, let
the ranger know. Hopefully, it will result
in a prosecution. On the matter of dogs
not being controlled: - whilst your editors
note states that dogs may be off the leads
in some areas, I would also point out that
the by-laws state that even when they are
in the "dogs on leads on request" area, they
should still be under control, and not allowed
to cause annoyance or disturbance to any
person, nor "disturbance to any animal or
bird".

Staying in the Park, have you noticed the
increasing numbers of 'latch-key' cats? Mind
you, I blame the Rangers for that. When they
create the improved habitat for wildlife, they
should also put up a sign - Free Entertainment,
because that is all it is to these cats, they
aren't hungry, just bored. These are the
pets of "responsible pet owners"! Have you
also noticed the cats have been provided with
giant litter trays? No - then look behind the
fences in the play area.

Now if you own a horse and take it into the
park to leave its 'calling card', despite it
covering half the path, this is quite acceptable,
and in the same way that dogs cannot read
the signs relating to dogs, horses cannot
understand the bridle-way signs.

So please, if we are going to lynch
irresponsible pet owners, don't just go for
dog owners.

*I am happy for my name to be published, as I
am not ashamed of my opinions, but please
note that on this occasion, I am in no way
representing the 'Friends of M.C.P.'*

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at Milton Primary School

We shall be giving a concert of new and well-known religious music for choir and small orchestra. For information call:

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Milton Scout Group

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SPRING DANCE

Milton Community Centre

Saturday 20th May 2000

Commencing 8pm

More details in the next Village View

MILTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Charity Number 1035659

CEILIDH

Featuring

The Fulbourn Ranters

Saturday 11th March 2000

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 1st April 2000

For further information on
School Association Events
please contact

Mandy Sievwright on 570971

MILTON TENNIS CLUB

Annual General Meeting

To be held on

Wednesday 15th March at 8pm

at the

Community Centre - Coles Road
Everyone Welcome

Milton WI Programme 2000

February 15th Landgirls/wartime women
by Michael Bentinck

Wartime Raffle

March 21st A.G.M

Pretty Handkerchief

April 18th Hopes and Dreams

(Manacure) by Joy Butler-Markham Children's Toy under 50p

Millennium Year Planning Calendar

Spring

MILTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

CEILIDH

Saturday 11th March 2000

~also~

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 1st April 2000

NEW APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Millennium Concert

Sunday 9th April

CARPET BOWLS

Millennium Fun Event

Friday 28th April

SCOUTS & GUIDES

Whit Camp

Summer

MILTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MILLENNIUM BALL

Featuring Rhythm & Rhapsody

Saturday 17th June

~also~

BBO

Friday 7th July

VILLAGE FAYRE

Family Disco 8th July, Fayre 9th July

MILLENNIUM CRICKET CELEBRATION EVENT

MILLENNIUM MAZE EVENT

Volunteers needed

Autumn

MILLENNIUM TENNIS MATCH

NEW CYCLEWAYS

SHELTERED HOUSING OPENING?

MILTON PRIMARY History of Milton Project

LUNCH CLUB

Millennium & 20 Year Celebration

OUTDOOR BOWLS Millennium Event

Winter

MILLENNIUM MOMENTOS

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MILTON RESIDENT

New Year started with a Bang (or bangs)

Up to a thousand people are thought to have walked up to the Community Centre on New Years Eve, many of them lighting their paths with candles. The celebrations started with the Fanfare from Britten's Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings played on the horn by Mark Smith, (a relative of one of the firework firers, Hazel Smith), then the Millennium Words were spoken by the Rev. Anne Aldridge and Big Ben struck midnight followed by the first fireworks and the horn player leading Auld Lang Syne. Many more fireworks followed, and we understand that many of those struck by the 'Millennium Bug' were able to watch from upstairs rooms. Milton was also able to see some of the fireworks from Cambridge City going off as well as others in the surrounding area. At one time, just after midnight the rumbles all around sounded like the rumbles of thunder. Once the tidying up was done and we were leaving the site, a lone bird could be heard singing very loudly close by.

Many thanks must go to all the volunteers, John Wisbey and Hazel Smith who let off the fireworks, Linda Henderson and her group of first aiders, Tony Stubbings and his group of stewards and of course the Millennium Committee and Parish Council who sponsored the event, without these people and their voluntary help on the night, the event would not have been able to go ahead.

Did you take any photos of this event - if you did we would be very pleased to hear from you.

A photograph for every day of the year 2000

The Village View has started a project this year of taking a photograph every day in Milton. A small group of volunteers has already been assembled and are trying to capture this year, a flavour of Milton at the beginning of the new millennium. We plan to take photos of all the Millennium Events planned by various groups in the village, all the streets, the Country Park in all seasons, and many other imaginative photos. At the end of this year we may publish a book if we can get the funds to do so or the photos may be available in some other format. Whatever we decide to do is not as important as getting the photos in the first place. We are all amateurs, which will mean that each photographer will have a different interpretation of the character of Milton.

We would like you to be part of this. If you take an interesting photo of Milton and would like it to be considered for the collection please send a copy to me at Jane Coston, 67 Coles Road, with your name and address, and most important, the date you took the photo. We will also need a description, we hope to print the descriptions under each photo. Once a month we hope to review all the photographs and decide which will be chosen from each day.

If you have a Milton event of any sort planned for this year - please let us know so we can organise for a photographer to be there as well as publicise the date if you wish. If you would like to organise a photo of your street or close, or any other Milton photo, we would be happy to try and organise a photographer.

Milton Country Park

By the time you read this, our Millennium Sun Clock should be in use. 'Friends' and Rangers have created this with a lot of hard work, with a grand opening in late January. The project was made possible by funding by Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd., and East Waste Ltd., from Landfill taxes. There is only one time scale, which is British Summer Time. Let's hope we get plenty of sun this year, and children of all ages can enjoy casting shadows and checking the time.

Once again the 'Friends' will be taking part in National Nest Box Week, and building new homes for the birds. Everyone is welcome to come along to the Park on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th February, build a box and put it up in your garden ready for the robins and tits to raise their families. Do come along and try your skills at woodwork - all materials and tools will be supplied, only £5.00 per box. If we don't use all the materials at the weekend, they will be available during the afternoons of the half term week.

Tim Siggs

(Chairman - Friends of Milton Country Park)

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Millennium Maze

The maze project has proved very popular, unfortunately our appeal for help in the Village View only brought forward one volunteer. The maze will not be able to go ahead without more volunteers. If you feel you could give us any help at all we would be pleased to hear from you.

If you would like to contact us about any of these Millennium projects please phone: Jane Coston, Chairman of the Millennium Committee Tel. 861655 or write to me at 67 Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge CB4 6BL

Continuing the Life Story of the Lunch Club

Our numbers increased to forty members until recently when sadly some had reached the age when they could no longer come having to go into hospital etc. etc.. A full house now would be thirty six having acquired one or two new members.

Our special birthday lunches started when one lady had reached the grand old age of 90 and wanted a celebration lunch as a thank you for having reached that age so that gave us the idea to carry on; it is quite hard work but enjoyable, as are the Xmas lunches. *Continued on page 5*

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East Anglia's Children's Hospices

The Cambridge Friends Group has recently been reformed, and held its first meeting at the Children's Hospice on the 18th January. All new or any previous members will be most welcome to join, and any practical help you can give will be appreciated. If you are unable to help we would still look forward to seeing you at any of our meetings, or forthcoming events.

For more information please contact: Barry Jefferson (Chairman - Cambridge Friends Group) at 69 The Sycamores or phone 862804.



Wool Shop Closes after 10 Years

For those of us in the village (including myself) who are of the artistic and creative type, the closure of our favourite sewing shop came as a great sadness to us. Indeed many a time I would pop into the

'Aladdin's cave' of Milton and browse or buy. This was especially helpful to me when doing craft sessions in different venues including the local school.

The owner, Margaret Taylor, has always been known to us as a cheerful, relaxed, helpful lady, who would have a chat with her customers and give advice too.

The shop was a delight to those of us who liked anything creative connected with knitting, needlepoint, crochet, tapestry, sewing etc. The colours of the wools and tapestry silks were beautifully arranged too. Also as you can see from the picture, Margaret held out many bargain clothes for her customers at very reasonable prices. Another sideline were the wonderful Coach Trips she organised, how we all longed to get on a coach leaving Milton and taking time out to see a London show or visit an exhibition in some other town, stuff dreams are made of.

As Margaret was also the link for many events in the village hall, we should all be grateful to her for her professional handling of ticket sales.

Many of us had a happy time thanks to her efforts and hard work.

Margaret ran the shop from Aug. 1st 1989 to Dec 4th 1999.

Margaret and her family wish to thank all the villagers for their support to her whilst running the 'wool shop'; she will miss her customers. They will have happy memories too, so may we wish her well in her future plans.

Brenda Cawthorne



Indian Evening Raises Funds for Milton Hospice

A marvellous evening of Indian culture and entertainment was enjoyed by many on Saturday 27th November at Milton Community Centre.

For the third year running, Haresh from the Histon Post Office, Anil from the Milton Post Office and other friends, organised the evening for the Indian Community in Cambridge and helped to raise £475 for the Children's Hospice at Milton.

Building Programme

The Hospice has started building a new training and resource centre which will be the first of its kind in the UK. A sibling support suite and new kitchen facilities are also part of the project.

Peter Wade Corporate and Trust Fundraiser

Lunch Club

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The price of the lunches in 1980 was 40p and has risen slowly to the present day of £2.00. Birthday and Christmas lunches are free. We have a number of friends who make desserts for us; without these we would not be able to keep the price down, and we are grateful for them. In this Millennium year the club will be 20 years old, which calls for a celebration so watch this space.

The Prime Team.

A Railway Station for Milton!

On 10th January, Milton Parish Council briefly discussed, as requested, a proposal to open a railway station in Milton, beside the level crossing in Fen Road.

Currently villagers must travel by car though a congested city to Cambridge Station (30 minutes in peak time) or Waterbeach (10 minutes) when taking the train for work or leisure. Only a station in the village itself would enable the 4000+ residents to walk or cycle to get a train and leave the car at home (saving time, petrol and parking costs).

You can visit the web-site <http://miltonstation.members.beeb.net> to read the detailed proposals and also complete the survey of how often you might use the station. Results will be in the next issue. You can leave your comments on the guest book, or e-mail milton.railstation@virgin.net to ask for further information.

A copy of the proposals can also be found on the Community Centre notice board.

Jerry Alderson

What do you think? Write to us with your comments. Jerry is also keen to hear from you so if you would like us to pass on your letters we are happy to do so. Editors

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Christmas Competition

There were many correct entries sent in - some of you even managed to find things that I didn't know were there! (Ho Ho Ho).

All entries were tipped into the hat and the first one pulled out was from Mrs Barnes of Coles Road. Congratulations to Mrs Barnes who won a turkey, generously donated once more by Eric Franklin of Petes Meats, and commiserations to all entrants, perhaps next year?

FEBRUARY PUZZLE

We'll start off the New Year with a fairly simple word puzzle.

STAR	ANTS
PLAY	BLOW
SACK	WANE
ACID	SHUT
TEAR	ARKS
RIPE	VALE
GOAT	IONS

You have to change the SECOND letter of each word to the left and to the right and make two other English words (it is the same letter for each word) - and you should put this letter in the space between the two words. When you have done this for all of the words, another English word can be read down in the centre column. What is this word?

Benet Garage has kindly donated prizes of £10 & £5 for the first two correct entries drawn out of the hat and you should send your entry to Michael Spooner 43a Old School Lane MILTON by 5th March.

M Spooner

Whist Drives

The Xmas Whist Drive was a very enjoyable evening. Due to flu, numbers were down slightly but there were still eight tables in play. Everybody went home with a raffle prize plus those with the highest scores. Prizes included Christmas cake, cockerels, and the usual bottles, chocolates and crackers. We are now in our twentieth year of monthly Whist Drives.

Mary Daniels

P.S. These drives are organised for the Community Centre.



Awards For Milton Scout Leaders With 130 Years

Combined Service

Nine leaders in the Milton Group were presented with awards for Good and/or Long Service by the County Commissioner, Mr. Alex Alexander, at a ceremony held on 26th November at 7.45pm in Milton Community Centre.

They were:-

Medal of Merit for outstanding service
Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Wendy Stanley
Simon Roberts, John Sandford,
Tracey Farrington
Julie Farrington

Long Service Decorations and Certificates

40 years	Rob Farrington
25 years	Wendy Stanley
15 years	Simon Roberts and John Sandford
10 years	Tracey Farrington and Julie Farrington
5 years	Cindy Worland, Nick Ellum and Carol Sewell

The ceremony was attended by a good gathering of Scouts, Cubs and parents.

Echoes From The Past

Many smallholders in Milton engaged in market gardening from the mid 19th century, the area of land rising from 5 acres in 1875 to 21 acres by 1895. In the mid 19th century there were commonly 4 or 5 such gardeners and branches of the Coulsons and Easys were in business as market gardeners and florists until the 1930s.

In the 1920s, there were also 10 acres of soft fruit, mostly strawberries and gooseberries, besides 20 acres of orchards, largely apples and plums.

The Milton and District Co-operative Society, founded in 1912, which provided its smallholders with seed and tools, had 30 local members in 1942. It closed in 1962.

From the 1880s tomatoes, cucumbers, early lettuces and cut flowers were produced, mostly in extensive greenhouses south west of the village, including the Vinery, later Alexandra, Nurseries by the Cambridge road, open from the 1890s to 1961. Milton Nurseries was to the south and had 6 acres under glass. This was established by 1900 and closed around 1978. The Enterprise Nurseries was started c1978.

There was a windmill, which belonged to the Manor but this had disappeared by 1666!

The Manorial estate included a smithy as early as the mid 1600s and a blacksmith was working as late as 1960 making wrought iron gates.

A tailor was recorded in 1515, a wheelwright in 1731 and in 1830, trades and crafts maintained 18 households compared with 56 dependent on farming.

From the 1840s Milton had one or two carpenters, four or five shoemakers and The Neeches were saddlers and harness makers from the 1880s and were also cycle agents in the 1910s and 1920s. A laundry opened c1930 and in 1942 was staffed by 21 women. It was still open in 1960 as was the Cambridge Concrete Co. established around 1936. It made roof tiles and obtained its materials from pits dug south east of the village. These became the Country Park.

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Millennium Fun Bowls Event

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From Milton Carpet Bowls Club to take part in this event -
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Entry is free but could each team provide a raffle prize please.
Winners receive half of any profits of the evening to donate to their nominated charity.

Name of - Club / Group / Pub

Captain Player 2

Player 3 Player 4

Charity or funds of village group to benefit if we win

Contact address Tel.

Return this completed form to Jane Coston - 67 Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge CB4 6BL by April 14th



Milton Colts Dads

After a match during the Christmas Holiday period in which they retained the Cup against the Histon Colts Dads after penalties.

Milton Netball Club

We are back again after the Christmas holidays to keep fit and regain our pre-Christmas shape and are looking for new players to either play in the league or just to come along and learn the game.

We have two teams who play competitively in the South Cambs. League - one team in the first division and the other in a lower division.

Please come and join in with our training programme on Tuesday evenings 7.30 p.m. at the Community Centre floodlit courts. We are again hoping to put two teams in the Summer League starting in May and are looking for people to play in this league which is held one evening each week. We particularly encourage new village players and young people over 13 yrs

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