

Milton Village View

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Competition**

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Milton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Wed 25th April 2001 at 8.00pm
Milton Community Centre Annexe
All Welcome

Issue 47

All Saints Church Crypt

This photo taken by churchwarden John Harrold, shows the interior of the church crypt which has been sealed for many years.

A small hole was made in the exterior and a camera lowered into the crypt. The three coffins shown mark the final resting place of members of the Knight family, who were responsible for building Milton Hall - see page 4.



Mothers Day service, the last service in church before work started on the reordering of the interior

All Saints' Church

As reported in a previous issue of the Village Magazine there have been plans to reorder the interior of the church to improve visibility and flexibility with changing congregations and use. The building work finally started on Monday 2nd April and is due to finish on Friday 13th July. Sunday Services will continue during this time (see page 6) However alternative arrangements will have to be made for mid-week services. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Please contact the church office (441007 or office@allsaintsmilton.org.uk) with any questions or queries.



Inside the crypt

Milton Country Park

Now Open
following the
closure due to
foot and mouth.

Village Web Page

For some years the village web site has been hosted by Cambridgeshire County Council but earlier this year the parish council decided to purchase a domain for the village so the web site has now moved to a new home at

<http://www.miltonvillage.org.uk/>

We have taken this as an opportunity to redesign the site to make it easier for you to navigate and for us to maintain. We hope you like the new design.

The new site includes: a news section which is being updated every week with news and information about the village, a directory of all the clubs and other organisations in the village, details of parish, district and county councils, your MP and MEPs, local history, information about the village and links to the web sites of other village businesses, organisations and individuals.

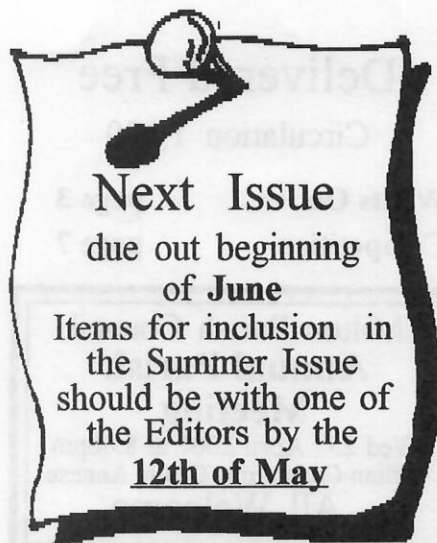
The parish council has also agreed to offer village organisations their own email addresses so, for example, this magazine's email address is now vv@miltonvillage.org.uk. If your organisation would like an email address (all mail being forwarded to the email address of your choosing) then get in touch.

Paul Oldham

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At Last a New Logo

Ten years ago a temporary logo was put on the front of the Village View until we had time to design one properly - now ten years later we have removed the 'temporary' logo and replaced it by one drawn specially for us by Chris Thomas - thank you Chris.

The new cover image for the Village View was drawn by Chris Thomas who has lived in Milton since the last century. When not working at the Science Park or peering down a microscope at home, Chris happily lives under the delusion that he can occasionally draw and his family is careful not to disillusion him. The picture was drawn from photos taken from a specific site in Milton and you are invited to send in your guesses to the Village View. Any apparent structural alterations on properties depicted are the result of artistic licence and do not reflect any impending planning changes!

Chris Thomas

Answers to Jane Coston, 67 Coles Road, Milton.

There will be a small prize for the first correct answer out of the hat.

Just Bin It

This is the name of the new campaign from the Tidy Britain Group which is encouraging clean ups around the country and urging people not to drop litter.

Is our village as clean as it could be? Do we all remember to take our litter home with us and recycle it whenever possible?

Our Parish Council works hard to improve the look of our village and pays to have litter cleaned up. At times it seems they are losing the battle.

The young people who meet at the Milton Youth Centre are already taking action and volunteering to pick up litter on Saturday 7th April.

Do we want to do more? You can find more information about the 'Just Bin It' campaign by visiting the website www.tidybritain.org.uk

If anyone feels we need to take immediate action or simply wants to be part of a team who could be called upon from time to time to help with clean up events then phone me on 441151.

J Lemon

Friends of Milton Country Park

At the time of writing the Park is closed to visitors due the Foot and Mouth problems. I hope that by the time you read this, it will once again be open.

Events, hopefully taking place in the next couple of months are:

Easter Sunday, 15th April - Easter Event. Hunt for the clues, and claim your reward. Starting at the Visitor Centre, from 2pm. £1.00 per person.

Sunday 29th April. Conservation Work. Come along and help the Park. 10 am to 3 pm.

Sunday 6th May. Dawn Chorus Walk. Start at 5 am, then back to the Visitor Centre for a breakfast. £5.00 per person. Booking essential.

Wednesday 23rd May. Evening Walk in the Park. Start at 7 pm. £3.00 including refreshments. Booking essential.

Sunday 27th May. Conservation Work. Come along and help the Park. 10 am to 3 pm.

For further information, or to book for any of the events, please telephone 420060 or 515750.

Tim Siggs

David all set for the London Marathon

David Brooklyn (21) of 36 Coles Road Milton is running in this years marathon for Physical Handicapped and Able Bodied Together (PHAB).

If anyone would like to sponsor him, please phone 560410

Good Luck David!

Fred Chilton

When Fred and Iris Chilton arrived in Milton in 1982, their lifestyle changed considerably from their London days. They soon took a great interest in village life and joined in many activities. Iris joined the Mother's Union and Women's Institute and also became a Parish Councillor. Fred helped to start the Monday and Thursday afternoon carpet bowls, which they both enjoyed. They were instrumental in starting the Enterprise Club which is still flourishing. They also began the social car scheme which helped older folk to do their shopping at Tesco's. Fred enjoyed snooker and cards, in fact he liked all sport.

Sadly Fred died in early February after quite a long illness.

Four of his Milton friends were able to attend his funeral, and it was a measure of his popularity and ability to make friends, that so many people attended his funeral.

The world will be a poorer place without him and it was a great privilege to have known him. Fred, we shall miss you.

Mary Daniels and Michael Spooner.

I first met Fred and Iris about 18 years ago when they had just driven their new car down to the river for a pleasant afternoon. To my great embarrassment one of my children, who had been up until that moment totally in charge of his bike, ran uncontrollably straight into the car. Little was I to know that in future years this couple would become so well known and respected and we would be working together in so many ways. I will never forget Fred's fairness, kindness and contribution to the village and I too feel privileged to have known him.

Jane Coston

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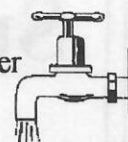
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Milton Millennium Photo Book

Work is now well underway to produce a book from the photograph-a-day we took in the year 2000, together with the captions and descriptions we have written.

The funding for the book will be partly from the Parish Council Millennium fund, with a substantial contribution from village shops, businesses, tradesmen and organisations, and any larger companies we have a link to.

I have enjoyed phoning up all the potential sponsors and persuading them to part with their money. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, and the project now has a very 'villagey' feel to it: photos of the village and village people and events, taken by villagers, and the book now funded by the village to be distributed to villagers.

If I have missed you out in my phoning around, and you would like to sponsor the book, and have your name or your organisation's name listed in the back as a sponsor, it is still not too late; please get in touch.

Histon Ten Sing

Youth Group for Teenagers

Histon Ten Sing is a performing arts group for teenagers in the Impington Village College catchment area. While the main focus tends to be on singing accompanied by a band, there is an activity for most people, like dance, drama, playing an instrument, operating the PA system, video recording, writing, fun, games and outings.

They started five years ago, and have around 50 members. In addition to weekly meetings, they arrange concerts and fund-raising dinners, they perform in places ranging from local garden parties and old people's homes to Somerleyton Hall and the Mumford Theatre, Southwark Cathedral and York Minster. Every year they attend the National Ten Sing Festival in the October Half Term. Last February they arranged a trip to Norway and will be going again in the February Half Term in 2002.

Everyone is welcome - there is no auditioning. The group is FOR and BY teenagers, with adult co-ordinators, so the young people themselves influence the choice of material worked on.

They meet Saturdays in term time in church halls in Histon, from 7.15 - 9.30pm. Cost: £10 per family per year plus T-shirt @ £8.

For further information, please contact the co-ordinator, Irène Butlin on 01223 234383.

Histon Ten Sing is part of Cambridge YMCA, a Christian organisation open to those of all faiths and none.

Histon Ten Sing 5th Anniversary Concert was at Impington Village College Monday 9th April.

If you think that you or your child is in one of our photos, and you would prefer the face not to be identifiable, please do get in touch with me on 860752. So far, everyone has been very happy to be included in the book.

The numbered hard-back edition is in demand: if you want one you should order it as soon as possible from Lynne Twinn on 861361.

Hazel Smith

Milton Millennium Photo Group

Community Minibus

Milton Parish Council is exploring assisting in the provision of a community Minibus.

If you would be interested in being a

Volunteer Driver

or would like your group or club etc. to be able to use it, please contact the Parish Clerk 84 Coles Road or Tel. 861447

MILTON HALL

The modern Milton Hall was built by Samuel Knight who probably completed it in 1794. Its surrounding park was laid out to the design of Knight's friend, Humphrey Repton, producing a vista east from the house surrounded by plantations, and a lake to the south east. According to contemporary maps, this lake was called Lake Clytemnestra. (A photo of Repton's gates can be seen in the Milton Millennium photo collection).

In 1794-95, to enlarge his grounds to the west, Samuel had the Cambridge-Ely turnpike road diverted away from the west front of his house.

After being offered for leasing in 1807 and 1814, the house was occupied by the Knights and Baumgartners until the 1850s. In 1862 it was sold to Richard Miller, a Cambridge wine merchant. The Revd. Charles William Giles occupied it from 1862 until his death in 1888, after which it was sold to the Pryors of Cambridge c 1889 (see photo in the Community Centre of a member of the Pryor family).

The Hall was used in the 1930s to house refugee Basque children and between 1939 and 1945 as military billets and in 1948 it was sold to the Eastern Electricity Board.

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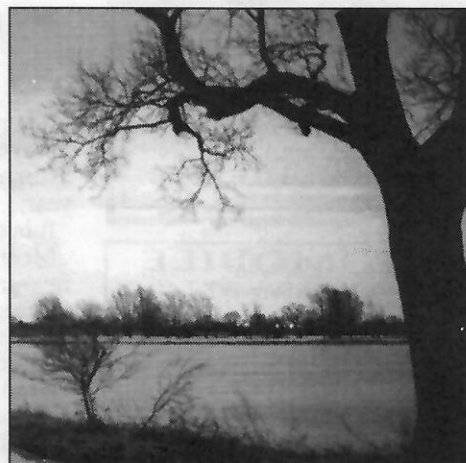
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February Flood

The walk to the river in the spring sunshine brings back memories of the 6th February. That night, whilst commuters were still dragging their cars out of the flooded Waterbeach Station car park, we stood at the Fen Road rail crossing looking out across the fields. A biting cold wind gusted fitfully across the water that rippled all the way from the river to the railway embankment. Bracketed by the naked trembling branches of a tree and illuminated by starlight, the reclamation of the flood plain by the river had a sinister air to it. 'You may think it's yours', it said 'but I can always take it back!' A short dash down the remnant of the road still above water. Looking back, Venus shone low over Milton, her light reflected in a momentary patch of calm in the restless lake. We sped back home out of the bitter wind, past the other occasional passers-by, braving the freezing air on their way to view the phenomenon.



The next day I rode out on my bike, finding the river path accessible again on the Milton side. In the early morning sunshine, the receding flood had a more benevolent look. 'It was last like this in the '60s' came the comment from a walker scouting the paths ahead of a rambler's outing as we gazed across the still flooded banks towards Horningsea. The weir and the lock were irrelevancies to the water as it flowed undisturbed in a broad sweep under the footbridge. Vortices gently stirred the sliding water and in the distance a flock of seagulls settled in the reflected blue by the railway line. The river had been briefly roused to leisurely stretch its muscles and was now returning to its usual somnambulant state.

Chris Thomas



The Wonders of Willow.

Take a walk along any waterway in the region and chances are that willows line the banks. It is difficult to imagine a fenland scene without these familiar shapes rising above the flat landscape. They have been part of our heritage for centuries, providing valuable timber for basket making, fencing and fuel. However, without careful management boughs can break and trunks split, blocking watercourses and disrupting navigation.

Pollarding is the method most commonly used to maintain a manageable size of tree and involves the occasional removal of all growth above a given height. Originally this height was determined by the size of local grazing animals in order to protect the new growth but today is generally between 2 and 3 metres.

The River Cam Conservancy manage about 870 willows between Byron's Pool, south of Cambridge, and Bottisham Lock to the north. "We try to pollard between 80 and 100 trees every year," said foreman Colin Sparkes. "The trees were planted in about 1840 to provide timber for bank reinforcements although today our main concerns are safety and unobstructed navigation," he added. Falling demand means that most of the timber is now given away as either wood chips or logs for the fire.

Willow timber is no longer the important commodity it once was but the trees themselves remain vital to the numerous species of wildlife which rely on them. With careful management their long-term future will be assured and they will continue to grace our landscape as they have for centuries.

by Paul Captain
of the Wildlife Trust

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For further details please contact Nellie
Crees on (01223) 863229.



Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Pete Tomlin

He celebrates his 26th Birthday in April
and has also received his Bachelor of
Science (Hons) degree from De Montford
University in Leicester.

Best Wishes

from all your family and friends

All Saints' Church

Sunday Services until Friday 13th July

8 am
10.30 am
6.30 pm

Holy Communion in the church hall

Family Service/Family Communion in the main school hall

Informal prayer meeting in the hall

Easter Services will be

Sun 8th April
Mon 9th - Wed 11th April
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday

- Palm Sunday
- Easter Meditations at 8 pm
- Holy Communion 8 pm
- Quiet Hour at the Cross 2pm
- Starting Blocks Special 3.30 pm
- Family Service 7pm
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Puzzle Corner

The puzzle for this issue will give you a chance to try your hand at a few anagrams.

The 10 anagrams shown are all towns/villages in Cambridgeshire - none of them too far away from Milton. Those marked with an asterisk consist of two words.

See how many you can solve.

1. DO CHANGE TERMS
2. BUT ONLY NEAR COWS *
3. DRAM OF PIPS
4. PELT OR TILT
5. PROVE WARPETH RED *
6. FORGED GRIMY HEN *
7. CHAT TO MEN
8. FARM FOR HIS PAW*
9. GRAIN SHONE
10. THE FAR LODGERS*

As usual there will be prizes for the two entries, which have the most correct answers. Send your answers to Michael Spooner 43a Old School Lane MILTON Cambridge CB4 6BS BY 6 MAY.

Here are the answers to the Puzzle in the February Issue

1. When was toilet paper first used?
a. 22 BC b. 851 AD c. 1123 AD d. 1745

Answer b. 851 AD. "They are not careful about cleanliness and do not wash themselves with water when they have done their necessities; but they only wipe themselves with paper" So wrote an Arab visitor to China in 851 AD, giving the outside world its first description of toilet paper.

2. Who invented bifocal glasses?
a. Thomas Edison b. Galileo. c. Benjamin Franklin. d. Dr Michael Paccard.

Answer c. Benjamin Franklin. In 1784, roughly 8 years after drafting the U.S. Declaration of Independence Benjamin Franklin (1707-90) invented bifocal glasses.

3. Who invented the zip fastener?
a. Whitcomb L. Judson. b. Gideon Sundback. c. Alexander Parks. d. John Walker.

(Continued from column 1)

Answer a. Whitcomb L. Judson. The first zip was invented in 1891 by a mechanical engineer, Whitcomb L. Judson of Chicago. Judson's system comprised rows of hooks and eyes that locked as a slide ran along them. He established a zip manufacturing business but his invention was never a great success. In 1906, a Swedish employee, Gideon Sundback, designed a new zip with interlocking teeth, which has entirely supplanted Judson's original system.

4. When was the planet PLUTO discovered?

a. The 1890s. b. The 1910s. c. The 1920s. d. The 1930s.

Answer a. The 1890s. As a result of observations of Uranus by American astronomer Percival Lowell between 1893 and 1897, he detected anomalies in Uranus's orbit which he felt were not adequately explained by the presence of Neptune. From his research he calculated the position of a ninth planet, but he never succeeded in sighting it. After Lowell's death on the eve of his 75th birthday, Pluto, as it is now known, was first observed by Clyde Tombaugh, an astronomer working at Flagstaff Observatory, the observatory founded by Lowell.

5. When did the first jet-engine fighter plane fly?

a. 1938 b. 1940 c. 1941 d. 1943

Answer c. 1941. In April 1941, near Rostock on the Baltic Sea coast, a new Heinkel He 280 took off to become the first jet fighter in flight. It was able to reach 785 km/h and a ceiling of 37,000 feet. Another new invention incorporated into the design was the ejector seat.

There were no all correct entries submitted. Three entries contained 3 correct answers and each will receive a prize. Congratulations then, to Barry Jefferson of the Sycamores, Mary Daniels of Bene't Close and Michael Prater of Pearson Close.

Michael Spooner

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If you play scrabble you will know what these numbers spell. We have members from St. Ives, Newmarket, Teversham, Cambridge and Histon. We do not take it as seriously as though we were playing in a world competition, but treat it as a social occasion.

(We meet on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall.)

Wanted: Cricket Players

The village's 100-year-old cricket club is looking for fresh blood to make 2001 a successful season.

Milton CC, a sociable village club with three league teams and a thriving junior section, needs capable bowlers and batsmen in its quest for league and cup success.

The club plays on an attractive ground with its own facilities near Tesco.

Training for the season takes place on Tuesday evenings with indoor nets at Hills Road Sports Centre, later moving to the club's own all-weather nets on both Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Perhaps you have recently moved into the area or are just working too hard to have played cricket last season. Take time out and join us for a couple of no-obligation nets.

For a chat and more details, contact club secretary David May on: 01223 561255 or first team captain Phil Davis on: 01223 574796

Are You Entitled to a FREE Bus Pass?

The new scheme will give passholders a 50 per cent reduction on standard single and return fares. People eligible include pensioners (men 65+, women 60+) and various groups of people with disabilities.

The blind and partially sighted will continue to get free travel.

Passes will be available through council offices and most post offices from April 2nd and will be issued free, but people will have to provide a passport size photo with their first application. The new passes will be in two parts, a photocard which will be kept permanently and a renewable pass, as at present.

The new scheme in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough covers local bus services in all the authority's areas plus journeys from those areas to and from local towns outside the Cambridgeshire boundary such as Bedford, Newmarket or Royston.

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Team: Janet & Don Freeman,
Peggy & Albert Cowell

Milton Outdoor Bowls Club

Maureen Payton, our club president organized a bowls weekend at Warners Guntan Hall for 29 members. One of our teams reached the final but unfortunately lost. A great weekend was had by all.

Carpet Bowls Finals

The finals of the Carpet Bowls Club were held in March. In the mens' singles final, Roy Engall won the cup, having beaten Alan Rudd in a well contested match.

The doubles final was a triumph for Jim Daniels and Rene Bone who defeated Daniel Coston and Terry Cook.

A Milton team was also successful in the David Cornwell Cup, defeating Babraham in the final. The Milton team consisted of Spencer Maltby, Daniel Coston, Jim Daniels and Adam Coston.

In the ladies singles final, Lorna Sheen defeated Valarie Rudd in another well contested final.

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MILTON SUMMER FAYRE

Sunday 8th July 2001

12.30pm-5 00pm

We are inviting you, as a member of our community to participate in the Village Fayre. You may wish to display your group or club, by having a display stand, or you may like to take the opportunity of running a stall, organising a game or activity to raise funds. Each pitch costs £5.00. A standard pitch is 4 metres wide. If you require more than a standard pitch please state your requirements and we will try to accommodate you. Sorry, no commercial stalls.

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 Hilary Stobart on 01223 704080 or the Secretary, on 01223 441499

Please return this BOOKING FORM to Hilary Stobart, 9 Willow Crescent, Milton. **No later than 10th June. Cheques payable to Milton VILLAGE FAYRE.**

Please book the following on behalf of
[i.e. the organisation or Charity for whom you are raising money]

Number of pitches required @ 4m frontage each

Type of stall/activity, whatever?

Tent/Caravan to be used [state which]

Do you require a trestle table? Yes/No
[Please provide your own chairs]

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