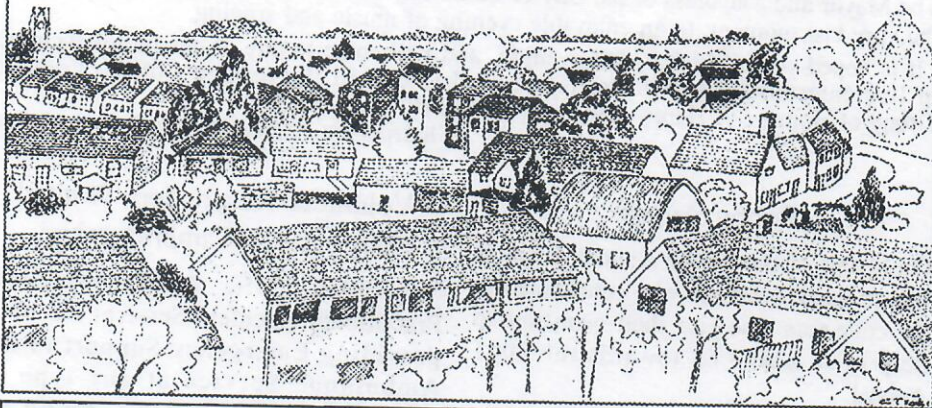


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Milton Memories

Issue 51

Graffiti Project

The Milton Urban Art Project took place just before Christmas. The project involved thirty five young people from Milton aged between 11 and 16. The aim of the group was to work as a team to produce an urban art design across one of the walls of the Milton Youth Club building. The young people were guided by internationally respected urban artist Kilo and the work was supported by funding from Milton Parish Council and South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Partnership.

The art group worked together over four Monday evenings to produce an impressive result, which adds colour and originality to the Youth Club. The project enabled the young people to work collectively and to contribute their own ideas with regard to the detail required. The project also served to emphasise the importance of urban art taking place in an appropriate and permitted space.

To access pictures of the Milton crews work please go to www.miltonvillage.org.uk/youth

Anita Porter



Puss In Boots Visits Milton Community Centre!

On the 9 December it was Pantomime Time again at the Community Centre.

Over 200 adults and children crammed into the main hall once again to enjoy the Pantomime put on by Hurricane Productions with Milton Community Centre sponsoring this fun event and Father Christmas giving out bags of goodies at the end of the Panto.

Dame Doughnut was there to control Cheeky Charlie and the children booed and hissed at Wicked Wanda. Everyone loved Princess Winterbottom and Lucky the Cat was admired by all the audience.

This is a very special event at Christmas when parents, grandparents, carers and children get together and enjoy this family happening at the Centre. Each year young children are introduced in a fairly low key way to the wonders of Pantomime and thanks are given to the helpers who gave up their time, particularly to the two fairies (who seem to get younger each year!), also to Jane and Jim and not forgetting the one very elderly white haired Father Christmas!

Julie Gray



Milton Youth working on the wall inside the Youth Building

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We are also on the web at:
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Ideas For Events in the Park

The Friends would like to see more music and arts in the park and would also like to know what visitors to the park would like. They would also like to hear from people with experience of organising such events or anyone who would like to help.

The address to write to with your suggestions is:

The Friends of Milton Country Park,
Cambridge Road, Milton,
Cambridge CB4 6AZ
or email fmcp@the-hug.org

How to brighten your day

...by annoying others

Put out a large quantity of orange traffic cones and reroute whole streets.

Staple papers in the middle of the page.
Barry Jefferson

Lunch Club

The Xmas lunch club was a very enjoyable affair when 64 people were served with Xmas dinner and a small Christmas gift, not the crown jewels, more for a bit of fun, I had quite a happy time doing them up. When everyone comes full house numbers are 38, but because of ages there are always one or two away. One of our members is celebrating her 90th birthday which of course calls for the usual extra special lunch and birthday cake. Lovely.

The Prime Team

Carol Concert. 17th December. Milton Community Centre

May we convey our thanks to all the people of Milton who supported the Christmas Carol Concert in the Community Centre.

The Soham Comrades Band and 'Choir 2000' entertained a 'full house' which included The Mayor and Mayoress of the City of Cambridge, who had accepted our invitation at the very last moment, to an enjoyable evening of music and singing.

It is hoped you all had a good evening, and will come to any of our future evenings of live entertainment. All profits are used to benefit the residents of the Edmund Group of Homes. A Happy New Year to you all. *E J Twinn*

Chairperson Friends & Family Association

Poppy Appeal

On behalf of the Poppy Appeal, I would like to thank everyone who contributed & the collectors who give their own time to help raise £2463.68 towards the 2001 Appeal.

If you would be interested in helping to collect for the Poppy Appeal 2002 between 26th October & 10th November please call (0845) 7 725 725, before 1st April 2002.

Kim Andrews

Wobble Causes Delay

The Milton Cycle Bridge plans have had to be checked against a new European code for vibration. This asks for tests on all new suspension bridge designs for the 'Millennium Wobble'.

Unfortunately the design failed and therefore the start date for the work above ground is delayed until June whilst dampers are incorporated into the design.

Although we are disappointed at this further delay we have been assured that the bridge will be built. All the ground works (moving drains, water pipes etc.) have now been completed.

Jane Coston

Volunteer Responders Wanted throughout Cambridgeshire

MAGPAS (Mid Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service) has been providing Emergency Support to the Ambulance Service at any type of incident since 1971 and this year we are launching the First Responder Scheme throughout Cambridgeshire and we urgently need your help.

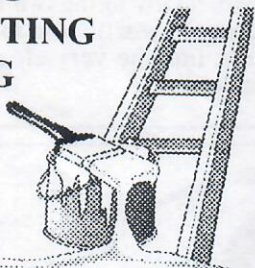
All first responders will be trained in first aid and in the use of specialised heart monitoring equipment (Defibrillator) to shock a heart in the event of a Cardiac Arrest. Each team member on call would attend an incident after being activated via the ambulance service control room and would be trained and equipped with a 1st Aid Kit, Oxygen, Defibrillator, Two Way Radio, Mobile Phone 1 Bleep etc.

This is an exciting opportunity to become involved in your own community and to provide vital time to a casualty, often saving a life, until the ambulance arrives. The Community First Responder Scheme is designed to compliment and work alongside the Emergency Ambulance Service and will NOT replace services delivered by the Ambulance Service.

Do you want to become a First Responder or do you know of anyone who would be interested in becoming one? To find out more, please do give us a call on 01480 371060 and ask for Rob Payne, Scheme Co-ordinator who will be happy to discuss the project with you in detail.

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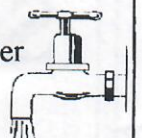
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MILTON RESIDENT

MILTON 2000 – MINUS A YEAR OR TWO

BY HARRY MISSING

Preamble

It is a little over thirty four years ago since I last resided in Milton. During that period I have returned many times, visiting relatives and meeting old friends.

It was on such a visit that my host, Olive, said to me "Take a look at Milton 2000". After a short while I realised memory recall had been sufficiently aroused for me to want a copy. "We all got one free", she said, adding "You'll need to go to the Post Office, if you want one". Perhaps it was the time of the day, for unlike most Post Offices, no customers were waiting to be served so I was able to put my request immediately to the chap behind the counter. "Not here", he said, "you want 67, just down the road". By this time he'd stopped his rummaging amongst the various forms and papers on the counter top. "Here, take this" he said, handing me a business card. "It's all on there". Well, I thought, not only have they produced a wonderful publication of lasting historical interest for future generations, but they have obviously thought out in some details how future demand for copy would be handled. I turned to leave the Post Office. Pleasant chap I thought, noticing his smile as I closed the door.

Moments later I was pressing the doorbell at 67.... "Sorry", she said, "we're out of paperbacks". "Can put you on a waiting list for reprint if you like, or we've got hardbacks at £12.50". "Are you from Milton", she asked. I went on to explain how I was born in the village and had lived in Milton for over 46 years whilst, at the same time putting on my best dejected, poor old pensioners look, in the hope of obtaining a free copy, by breaking down this enthusiastic commercial attitude I was now facing. "You could write me a bit", she said, leaving me somewhat bemused as to the connection between my desire to obtain a copy of Milton 2000 and such a question. "For Milton Village View", she explained smiling. I made no reply as my thoughts went back to the smile of the local Postmaster when I closed his office door. Could there have been some form of collaboration between those two I wondered, or was he, in his smile, merely signifying awareness of the sort of pressures I was likely to encounter at 67. "I'll have one of the Hardbacks", I said, quickly handing over the £12.50 in the hope that a quick getaway was my only hope of avoiding – but no, it was too late, she was already saying it – "You will write me a bit won't you?" This time it was more like an order than anything!

Again, without replying I walked quickly down the garden path, slumped in my car, realising it was 'meltdown'. But why me, I thought, me, a first class eleven plus failure who could only manage to peak at five out of ten for English, with of course the obligatory, 'Could do better'! Why had I not had the courage to have told her. As it was, I was now having to return to Suffolk heavily burdened with worry and £12.50 the lighter in cash.

"What's wrong then?", this is the sort of greeting one only gets from a daughter just home from the office if one happens to have slipped into the realms of melancholy. I explained my predicament and how I was required to 'write a bit'. "That's easy, she said. "Tell them about your family, its life on the farm and connection with Milton during the past Century". "That's it", I said, "that's a bit"! The melancholy lifted a little but the burden was still with me.

This preamble is, of course, to make readers aware of the circumstances in which I was gently coerced into making this contribution and so for those older original residents of Milton, I hope that what is to follow will recall memories both pleasant and sad and that for those more recently arrived, you too will find of interest.

Both my parents came from the village of Fulbourn, both from large families of ten and six respectively. They lived in thatched farm workers cottages that stand side by side and which are now probably described by local House Agents as 'Highly Desirable Country Retreats' in the £150 to £200,000 price range.

Leaving school at 13-14 years, as was the norm then, Mother went into domestic service, whilst Father took to the fields, specialising in the art of horse-keeping. He used to tell me of his time walking the 1 ½ miles from home to start work at 5 a.m. with his father, who was the Shepherd at Shallowes Farm, adjacent to the A11, where both were employed.

Part of the farmland is now occupied by the Cambridge Waterworks Company who built a new pumping station there in the 1920's. Ploughing this particular field one day, father noticed water 'springing' out of the ground and, like all young lads, had this highly charged urge to play with water. Cutting off a long straight branch from a nearby hazel bush he knew exactly what had to be done. More important than ploughing, stopping the flow of water had become the overwhelming priority. Placing the end of the branch into the centre of rising water he quickly realised he was not going to achieve this pressing demand. Soon too, he realised he was slowly losing control of the situation, when his attempts to remove the branch were met by its continuing downward movement, finally having to give up the struggle as the last few inches disappeared into the ground. The Spring, it kept springing, perhaps even a little more forcefully than before. Father, well, he always swore, if 'blooming', his 'end of tether' word could be categorised as such, that it was that rotten old branch that made Cambridge water taste so awful as compared to our pump water at the farm.

In the next issue- Old local farms and villagers and how to catch a hare!

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Mary Daniels aged 21

Those were the days

This story was prompted by Geoffrey Benton's reminiscences of Waterbeach in their village magazine during the 1930's and 1940's.

Mary Burling (that was) now Daniels

On reading the Christmas edition of 'Beach News' I was immediately transported back to the 9th May 1935 and Lode House, Station Road Waterbeach. I had left Milton School at Easter a week before I was fourteen and the following Monday George Mullucks came to our house with bread, my mother asked him whether he knew anyone who wanted a maid.

Dr and Mrs Hartley had moved to Waterbeach on the 2nd May and were in need of help. The next morning he came to see me, and returned in the afternoon with Mrs Hartley. Things then moved very quickly, and on the Thursday I was installed as their maid. The first food I was offered was a slice of seed cake, which was not to my liking at all!

My wages were £16 a year, it was hard work for a fourteen-year-old who had never left home before, but I stayed for over ten years and I am still alive to tell the tale. How well I remember Waddelows shop! Miss Levitt used to call on a Tuesday for the grocery order, which was delivered the next day. (Wednesday). Sometimes Grace Missen used to come for the order and my aunt often said her belt was too tight!

My first pair of 'posh' shoes were purchased at Phipps shop next to the White Horse for five- and eleven pence three-farthings (nearly 30p), and my bicycle came from Vin Bull's shop and was five pounds and nine pence, it was a *Wearwell*. My Dad paid for it, and I had to pay him

back in monthly instalments of ten shillings. That was a lot out of my wages of one pound six and nine pence per month, but he let me off the last payment. There are lots more to tell about my days at Lode House.

early working days probably did me good, although I could not see it at the time. My mother told me I should learn to do house work and cooking, and I soon found out how not to make the same mistake twice.

On my first morning I was supposed to get up at six o'clock to clean the grates and light the fires, but I was too scared and didn't arrive downstairs till 8 o'clock . . . That didn't happen again!

The first Sunday I was in the house on my own, the phone rang. I hated the phone and the caller asked if the doctor would call and see Miss Simpkins, but of course I didn't ask where she lived. That was another thing that only happened once.

The drawing room at Lode House had a highly polished mantel shelf on which stood a pair of antique cups and saucers that I had just dusted when they fell off and smashed. I knew I would be in trouble and was worried how I was going to tell Mrs. Hartley. How upset I was she did not believe me when I told her how it happened.

Whenever I go past Lode House in Station Road I think back to when I worked as a maid for Dr and Mrs Hartley in 1935. I go through all the rooms in my mind and the worst thoughts are about the long stone floor in what was called the 'scullery', the stone floor in the pantry, and finally the long tiled floor in the Hall, all of which had to be scrubbed on hands and knees. What a horrible thought. In those days it was thought a compensation to be supplied with an overall for mornings and a poplin dress, cap and apron for the afternoon all of which I did not like as I considered it made me look too much like a maid (which I was, of course!), but it took me quite a few years to dispense with them.

One of my most vivid memories is of Winnie Allgood going off with a bouquet of red roses to get married to Jack Harding.

After working a few months, Mrs. Hartley decided that it would be good for me to do the housekeeping and cooking on alternate weeks. Goodness knows what I cooked it was probably uneatable. If I didn't know what dessert to make I went for boiled rice.

The move from Lode House to the new house that was called 'Girvian' (is it still that I wonder?) is a blank in my memory - except for the scrubbing of floors, which took place in 1938. By the following year I had managed to save £5 and opened a savings account. My sister and I went to Clacton on our first holiday and the week after we returned home, war was declared. More about that later.

Mrs Hartley being the doctor's wife was involved in all sorts of activities, one of which was the Red Cross detachment. I remember when I had reached the right age to be a blood donor, being taken for my first session. I went on to give 72 donations. I have a picture of the Red Cross Company at Waterbeach and, up till a few weeks ago, the only two still living were Jessie Sennitt and myself.

I was promised a gold watch for my 21st birthday if I was still in service at that time. Was this a sprat to catch a mackerel went through my mind. However I stayed and got it!

To be continued

Millennium Book thanks

Thank everyone who has contacted us and written to us thanking us for the Millennium Book. We have had some wonderful stories and letters from all over the world.

If you missed out on getting a copy and would like one - please contact Jane Coston Tel. 861655

History of Milton

I hope we can continue with our project by putting together a historic book. We will need as many people as possible to write down their memories of Milton. We would be very pleased also to hear from anyone who would be willing to lend us any old photographs. Contact Jane Coston 67 Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge Tel. 01223 861655.

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Milton Beat Concerns

The Milton and Waterbeach areas have, unfortunately, seen an increase in reports of car crime. A reminder then - please remember to leave nothing on display in your car, always lock up and wherever possible, park in well-lit areas.

Waterbeach is also experiencing problems of anti-social behaviour and minor criminal damage being committed by youths. Community Beat Officer, PC Phil Shulver said "If you have any information on who is committing these offences please contact Histon Police on 01223 358966."

Operation Insight

Cambridgeshire Constabulary is currently running an initiative aimed at giving members of the community an opportunity to see, at first hand, how we deliver policing in the county.

You are invited to participate in an 'Insight Patrol' - your patrol would last approximately four hours, working with a police officer either on foot or vehicle duties. We would seek to use this as an opportunity to gauge your views so that we can better match our policing to the needs of the community. You would accompany your host officer, in attending a full range of calls and incidents.

At the end of the patrol, there will be an opportunity for you to give us feedback or to ask any questions.

If you would like to know more about this initiative, or would like to take part in an Insight Patrol, then call Julie Gilbert at Histon Police Station on 01223 823730.

Monthly Crimes

The figures below relate to reported crimes for Histon Sector for the period 1st December to 31st December 2001.

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Thank you

Structure Plan

In February 2001, Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council started a review of the Structure Plan with an extensive consultation on the issues affecting the area over the next 15 years. The Plan will establish the framework for major new development and infrastructure investment over the next 15 years and beyond. It aims to achieve a sustainable pattern of development that significantly improves the quality of life for the people of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Key components of the new Plan will include providing for new jobs and economic development, more affordable housing, securing infrastructure provision and improving the design of new development and protection of the countryside.

The draft Structure Plan will have a formal period of consultation for 6 weeks between Monday 11 March and Monday 22 April 2002. The Plan could have significant implications for your area and this is your chance to support or object to the policies that have been drawn up. Copies of the Plan will be available to view at local council offices and all libraries. It will also appear on the Cambridgeshire County Council website (www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and the Peterborough City Council website (www.peterborough.gov.uk). Copies will also be available for purchase at a cost of £15 by phoning 01223 717791.

In addition, a number of exhibitions and presentations will be held around Cambridgeshire and Peterborough during March and April, where local people will be able to come and find out more about the Plan. A leaflet will be distributed to all households in Cambridgeshire in February advertising the dates and times of the exhibitions. Alternatively, please look on the website for details of dates and times.

Milton Netball Club

Do you want to get fit and play netball at the same time?

If so, why not come and join us on a Tuesday evening 7.30 p.m. at the Community Centre Courts. Whether you want to play just for fun or join us in the Winter League is up to you. We are in great need of extra players. If you would like to, telephone Sue on Cambridge 560495 or Charlotte on 503741 who will meet you at the courts on your first visit.

Whist Drive

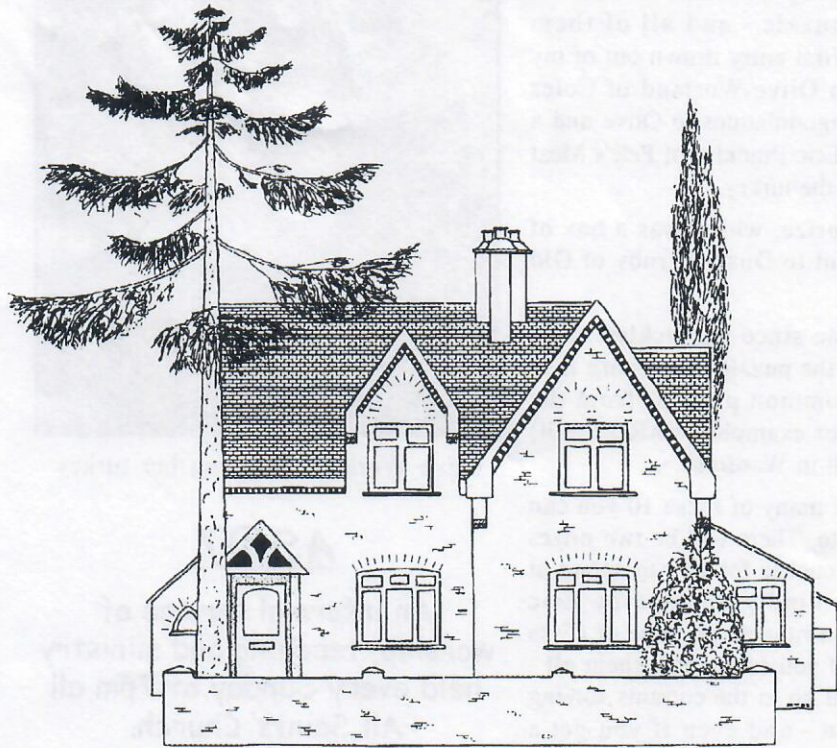
We were very pleased with the numbers at the Christmas Whist Drive, it made all the hard work worth while. There were 60 prizes which meant everyone won something as well as the top prizes. This was all made possible by the money made on the tombola at the Village Fayre. We are now in our 23rd year of monthly whist drives which are held on the fourth Tuesday. Admission £1, good value.

Mary Daniels

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The above house caught my eye after years of living here and I found it striking when considered on its own. See whether you can find it and let the Village View know the number on the door, which I inexplicably forgot to include. The owners have kindly given their consent and you will not impinge on their privacy as the number is clearly visible from the road.

If you have any other suggestions for Milton scenes for the Village View, let the editors know. I might be tempted to have another go!

Good Hunting!

Chris Thomas

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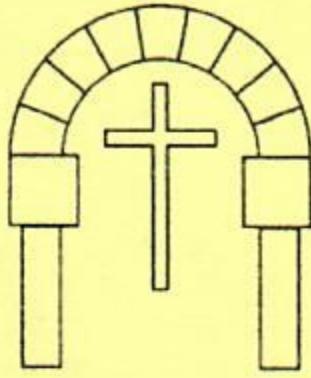
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IMPORTANT!

The wrong dates for Easter Services at All Saints' Milton were inserted into the Village Magazine. These are the correct ones.

HOLY WEEK

Meditations at 8 pm in the Church
on Mon 25th March, Tues 26th March and
Wed 27th March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thurs 28th March
8 pm - Holy Communion
Commemoration of the Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

Fri 29th March
2-3pm - Hour at the Cross
3.30 pm - Special Starting Blocks Service
for families and younger children
7pm - All Age Service

EASTER DAY

Sun 31st March
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am All Age Holy Communion
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
7 pm AS@7 Easter Celebration

For more information about these services
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