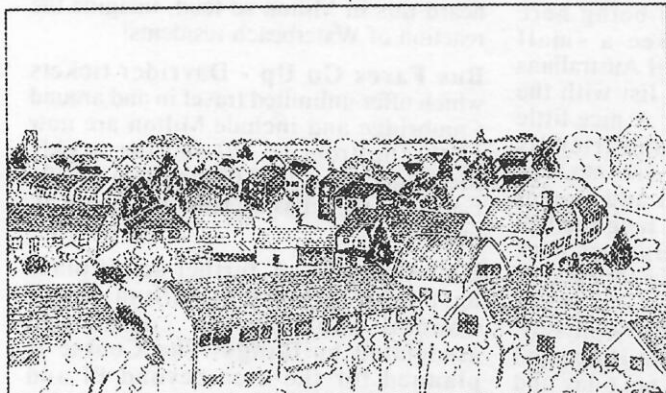


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Happy Christmas to all our readers

New World for Planet Videos

The video shop is for sale. It opened 3 years ago and the owner has decided it is time to move on.

Toby Tye the Director wishes to thank the village for all your support over the years.

If you are interested in the business contact Toby Tye before Christmas on 518300 or call in at the shop.



Planet Video and Milton Post Office

Milton Post Office Raided Again

Masked raiders robbed Milton Post Office in Coles Road leaving the owners shocked and bewildered. It is only three years since the post office was last attacked and this recent attack took place almost to the day and time of the last attack. During the robbery one of the raiders used an axe to smash the counter window and the other wielded a cricket bat.

Did you see anything at around 5pm on Friday November 1st? Both

attackers were wearing boiler suits and balaclavas. They carried into the shop an axe and a cricket bat. Following the attack they sped off in a car possibly from the grass around the war memorial. Police want to speak to anyone who was in the area at the time and may have seen something vital which could help the investigation. Anyone with information should contact Histon Police Station 358966 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Anil and his family wish to thank all the village for their kind support during this time and for all the gifts, thoughtful words and cards.

Did you know that you will be able to use Milton Post Office to bank and withdraw money from your own bank. The following banks are part of the scheme:- Alliance & Leicester, Barclays Bank, Lloyds TSB, Co-op Bank, Cahoot Bank, SMILE.

If you are a pensioner or are in receipt of Child Benefit and are concerned about the new scheme, where this money is going to be paid into banks - you can still collect your cash at the Post Office, ask at the counter about new ways to receive your cash.

Curate Moving On

The Revd Anne Aldridge has been appointed to the post of Hospital Chaplain at Addenbrookes Hospital with effect from 13th Jan 2003. In her time at All Saints both before and after becoming Curate we have been greatly indebted to Anne for her commitment, care and unselfish love and devotion in helping others around her in the community. We shall miss Anne 'being there' but our love and best wishes go to her and the family as she takes up her new role at Addenbrookes.



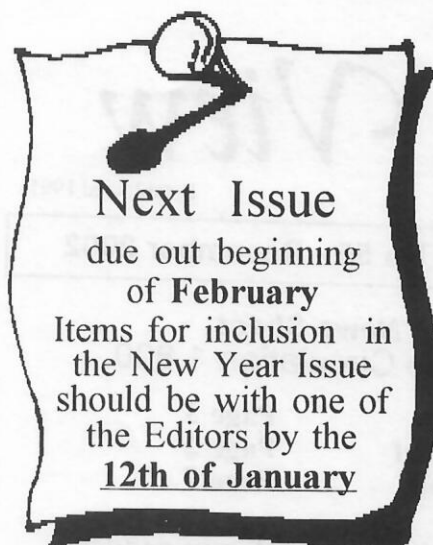
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Cambridgeshire County Council hasn't got enough room for all the waste we are producing. They spent £6 million last year to dump it in land-fill sites. South Cambridgeshire District Council spent another £1 million collecting it. About quarter of this waste could be composted, not to mention recyclable items.

As a volunteer for the CCC Master Composter scheme I can help get you started. We already have kerbside collections of paper, cans and glass. Kitchen waste and what goes into your waste paper bin can become something valuable and useful too. I'll be happy to talk rubbish with you or any groups who are interested.

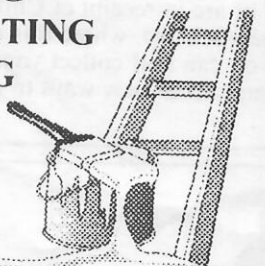
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Thank you the Molloy's and Milton Village

My wife Sherry and myself [Brian] were lucky to spend ten lovely days 10/10/02 - 20/10/02 in the village of Milton. After the 1st week in Leigh on Sea, it was off to see the Molloy's Lynda, Mick, Steve and Laura of Coles Road. Not being here before it was great to see a small community in action. Like all Australians the pubs were high on the list with the Jolly Brewers the first call. A nice little pub with lovely barstaff and friendly people like all the pubs we went into. The next call was the Waggon and Horses until stumps. The guy Nick rang the bell and I said to Mick free beers, then Nick said last call and 15 minutes to leave. If you ring the bell in Australia that means you buy for everyone. Good try anyway. The other 2 pubs The White Horse and Lion and Lamb saw us the next day and many times after that. You can do a lot in ten days with Cambridge, Ely, the Newmarket races, big garden centres to name a few. Our walk from Milton to Cambridge through Forest Lakes and along the River Cam with the sun out and its beautiful scenery was breathtaking. To top it all off Lyn had 31 members of the family meet at the White horse for a Sunday roast lunch which was one of the many high lights. You people of Milton are a great bunch of people and to the ones we met somewhere over the ten days we say Thanks for the memories. It was then back to Southend and London and a weekend in Paris. Even now we are home the photos and highlights will always be remembered.

Thank you

Brian and Sherry Smith

Craigie West Australia, Australia.

Wings Appeal

The Milton Branch RAF Association would like to thank all those who supported the Wings Day Appeal on Sunday 15th September. We raised altogether £1,900. This included money raised from a bowls competition, a collection at Tesco and the Beating the Retreat and Sunset Ceremony held on Coles Road Recreation Ground.

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News in Brief

Bang, Bang,

Bang, Bang, Bang, B Bang

Many were woken by loud bangs on the morning of November 2nd at 6.30am! Apparently this was the army doing something at Waterbeach Barracks. If we heard this in Milton so loud, imagine the reaction of Waterbeach residents!

Bus Fares Go Up - Dayrider tickets which offer unlimited travel in and around Cambridge and include Milton are now £3.00 (up from £2.50) and the weekly Megarider, is now £8.00 (up from £7.50). Generally there has been an increase in all fares.

Golf Course - A further set of plans have been received by Milton Parish Council showing the course and associated buildings. The Course is planned for the area beyond PI and opposite the allotments.

Green Boxes bring in extra cash for the village - Milton Parish Council has received £790 from the green box recycling scheme. The more we recycle the more money we will get to spend.

Refuse Collections Christmas, New Year and Easter - District Councillor, Richard Summerfield reported at Milton Parish Council that he had been successful in getting the refuse collection improved so that over Christmas, New Year and Easter there would be a collection each week and villages would no longer have a two week gap.

Storm Damage - Storms on Sunday October 27th brought down cables in Fen Road, damaged many trees and also took roof tiles off some homes.

Coles Road Flooding - Workmen have once again tried to solve the problem of flooding at the junction of Coles Road with Cambridge Road.

Village News by Email - milton-news is an electronic mailing list which has been running for four years now. It sends details of forthcoming events and news about the village to your email box. It is a low volume list with one or two posting a week at the most. More details at

<http://www.milton.org.uk/milton-news.html>

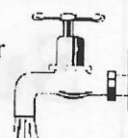
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MILTON 2000 - MINUS A YEAR OR TWO

By Harry Missing - *continued from October issue*

A couple of years on and it was time for School. Not the village school for us, we had to walk to the main road to catch the bus that started its journey at Waterbeach. Tiny little vehicle it was and by the time it reached the farm gate, usually had a full capacity of passengers so, I more often than not was privileged to sit beside Fred the driver until we reached our centre of learning, the Milton Road Elementary School. Besides driving the bus, Fred also had control of the lever that caused the door to open and close. Almost one of the first things I learnt going to school was to keep ones hands in ones pockets when Fred started pulling on the lever as that door had an insatiable appetite for young fingers.

We were not the only children from Milton to attend this School. Quite a number accompanied us, including Iris Hall (Pearson), Joyce, Susie and their brother Albert Goodin, Vin Shipp, cousin of the Goodins, Harold Easy and Frank Hindle whose father was by now installed as the new Manager of the Sewage Farm. Eventually, we all got bicycles and made our way to School, thus saving much needed cash for Mother. I mentioned the arrival of the Hindles at the Sewage Farm, well this was followed a year or so later by the replacement of the Pettits by the Lucas family. Three boys and a girl. All the boys, Steven, Peter and Arthur were keen on football and cricket which suited me fine although Arthur was only useful as a goalpost at first, being about five years of age at the time! In due time all of them played an active part in Milton village life. Their sister Phyllis, along with my sister joined the newly formed Guide Movement under the Leadership, I think, of a Miss Honey and Miss Amy Butcher, daughter of the Village Blacksmith.

to be continued

Shoeboxes to Croatia

Hi - My name is Angela Campbell. I live in Milton and have two children attending the local school and a child at I.V.C. For the last five years I have been spearheading a campaign to collect shoeboxes full of gifts, toiletries, warm items and soft toys in the Cambridge area. This year has been no different. The schools involved this year have included Oakington Primary School, Barton Primary School, Impington Village College and our own Milton Primary School.

Cambridge Building Society staff have also been working away at the campaign. I have also had the support of R+T Shoes in Histon who have been saving empty shoeboxes and the Salvation Army charity shop who have donated soft toys.

B.B.C Radio Cambridgeshire have also been in touch and have launched a shoebox campaign through their action desk appeal. You may have heard me on the afternoon programme on Monday 11th talking to Ray Clarke about what I've been up to! Addenbrookes Hospital Outpatients Department has become one of the drop off points this year for the radio appeal. An exciting extension to my involvement has opened up for me this year which involves a trip overseas to Croatia to give the boxes out to the disadvantaged children there. What makes it even more special is that I am able to take my 10 year old daughter with me. I believe in investing in the children as we input in to them and allow them to realise that God loves all children and that they also can make a difference in other peoples lives.

May I take this opportunity to thank the children, parents, grandparents and workers in Milton for the support I have received and especially Tom Gilmore, the office staff, and the teaching staff at Milton Primary School.

Many thanks - *Angela Campbell*

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Those were the days

Last episode - continued from the October Issue

Yes, I too have enjoyed Geoffrey Benton's memories in the Beach News of Waterbeach in the 30's and 40's, in fact it was those stories which prompted me to write about my working days in service with the Waterbeach doctor and his family. There were all sorts of things that I could have written about but it would have been too repetitive.

When I look back I realise now how little I knew of life. Maybe these days they know too much, but I wish I had known a bit more, as I suffered a lot through lack of knowledge. Things happened to me that, had I told my employer, I would have been accused of making it up, so I thought it best to keep it to myself.

When war started in 1939 I was expected to join the Red Cross, then become a blood donor, which ended when I became too old after seventy-two donations.

The years 1935 to 1945 are still very vivid in my memory and things still happen now which remind me of those days. I still have the order of service for the closing of the Carmelite convent in 1937 and I remember delivering their medicines and speaking through a turntable in the wall. It was a bit weird and scary! One of my duties at the surgery that I hated was having to lock the waiting room door at 7 o'clock to stop anyone else coming in.

Looking back now, at the age of fourteen I was plunged into an unknown world without knowing anything of life, with no money or having had any social life at all; it was nothing but work, work, work and I was quite unhappy for a long time.

From my employers point of view I must have seemed such a simple creature, like taking on another child but to be fair to them, I had a good bed and was always well fed.

On the positive side my early days at work taught me discipline and not to be afraid of hard work, attributes which I found useful as I grew up. One of the highlights of my life was being presented with Maundy money from HM the Queen at Ely in 1987, something that I shall always remember. This concludes my series of writings for 'Beach News' which I hope have been of interest to readers.

Things happened to me in these years which would have made interesting reading, but would have been out of place in this story.

Mary Burling (that was) - now Daniels

'Exposed by the Trowel'

An important product of the land in fen-edge Milton during the Roman occupation was as today, the growing of grain. In order to transport the grain either by road, river or canal (the Car Dyke, see June 2002 issue), the grain needed to be kept dry, vermin free and relatively manageable by weight. These requirements were satisfied by large storage jars being fired from local gault clay, primarily at pottery works in Horningsea. This distinctive Horningsea ware was over half an inch thick, and two feet high with a large open neck; the greatest diameter of the jar was around twenty one inches and the base eleven inches wide, the jar was decorated with a comb pattern. Such a large jar could hold well over a hundredweight of grain and it is estimated that up to 20 jars (over a ton of grain) could be placed on a 15 feet x 6 feet boat for transporting along the Cam or the Car Dyke to the North.

But Horningsea was not alone in producing 'commercial' and domestic pottery in our region. Our past local historian Ken Humphries reported in 1970 on Milton's contribution to Romano-British pottery. Although less grand than the Horningsea ware, Milton kilns, some on the site of the present Country Park, produced grain jars around 15 inches high with open necks 10-12 inches in diameter. Furthermore, a range of domestic pottery of various shades - red, grey through to black and textures either coarse or fine, was being made in a number of kilns around Milton. These kilns and evidence for industrious 'Miltonians' living nearby during between the 1st and 5th Centuries AD will be the topic of my next article. In the meantime, just check those bits of pot in the rose beds, your ancestors may have thrown these on a wheel 1800 years ago - if you think this, contact Jim Daniels, Tel/Fax 861447 or E-mail: clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk

Whist Drives

The Christmas Whist Drive will be in the Community Centre on Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm. We are hoping for a good crowd, there will hopefully be a prize for everyone. Next year we start on the 23rd year of monthly whist drives.

For £1.50 you have refreshments, raffle, good company and twenty four games of whist.

Mary Daniels

Focus on

Milton Pre-school

Also known as 'the Cygnets', we are situated in the annex next to the Community Centre. We welcome children from the age of two and a half provided they are toilet trained. There are some spaces still available for the afternoon sessions.

Our excellent group of dedicated staff give the children a stimulating and fun environment in which to learn through play. We recently received a very positive Ofsted report.

The children are looking forward to their nativity play in the church in December. Everyone has a role whether it be a sheep, cow, angel or Mary and Joseph. They also have a party at the end of term with a magician and a surprise visit from Santa.

We have various fund raising events throughout the year including Nearly New Sales and the popular Easter Fayre. If you eat Nestle cereals and save the ten pence box-top tokens the Pre-school can cash them in to buy new equipment for the children. A collection envelope is on the Community Centre notice board.

If you would like more details about sending your child to the Cygnets feel free to drop in or attend the next Open Day, which is Thursday 5th December. Or telephone 07702 955075 during school hours.

Alison Cooper

(Vice-chair, Pre-school Committee)

Lunch Club

Preparations are now on the agenda for the Christmas lunch on Thursday 12th December when between 60 and 70 people will be sitting down, after that we will all be ready for a rest. The Lunch Club started in February 1980 with about 12 members and there are now 40. The Prime Team has been working together now for many years and it takes up quite a big part of a week. We have to rely on the kindness of the friends with cars to transport members there and back. We have several ladies who provide desserts for us, without them we would have to charge more. My retirement has turned out much different to what I had imagined. I certainly didn't anticipate running a lunch club for twenty two years, however it has not been time wasted. I hope!

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Colin Platt, who moved to Milton in 1996, is a professional life coach having gained an accreditation (with distinction) from The Coaching Academy. The Academy has grown into the largest coach training school in Europe with every one of its members following a strict Code of Professional Conduct. Colin established a Cambridge Coaching Group last February with a current membership of twenty-four professional coaches. The group meets in Milton every four weeks and an open evening is planned in the near future.

Colin has enabled many people to step back and re-evaluate their priorities in order to make a conscious decision about the future they would like to create for themselves. He encourages people to ask what is going on in their lives at the moment. People who work long hours, travel long distances each day and have little time for themselves or for their families, may often feel stressed and discontented. Lack of motivation and drive and perhaps being stuck in a job, which provides little or no inspiration, can sometimes lead to poor health and relationship issues. If any of these symptoms strike a chord and you are looking for a higher quality of life, greater fulfilment and contentment, Colin suggests that life coaching could be of benefit to you. An intake/discovery session is the first step for anyone wishing to be coached through an issue with which they feel 'stuck' at present.

Colin can be contacted by:

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1st Dec 4 pm - Christingle Service
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20th Dec 7 pm - Carols By Candlelight

Sunday 22nd December

8 am - Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am - All Age Service
(led by Junior Church and Get Real)
5.30 pm - Evening Prayer
7 pm - AS@7 Christmas Service

Christmas Eve

3 pm - Starting Blocks
Christmas Service
11.30 pm - Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

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PUZZLE CORNER

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How Old was:

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| 1. Clark Gable when he died | 59 |
| 2. Judy Garland when she starred in the Wizard of Oz | 17 |
| 3. Prince Charles when he became engaged to Diana | 32 |
| 4. Lee Harvey Oswald when he shot President Kennedy | 24 |
| 5. John Lennon when he was murdered | 40 |
| 6. Churchill when he resigned as Prime Minister | 80 |
| 7. Beethoven when he died | 56 |
| 8. Syd James when he had his fatal heart attack | 62 |
| 9. Shirley Temple when she received her Oscar | 6 |
| 10. Florence Nightingale when she died | 90 |

No one sent in an all correct entry - but the most correct answers were given by Debbie Harvey of Lander Close.

Debbie wins the voucher presented by Rectory Farm.

The runner up prize goes to Angela Crush of Old School Lane.

The puzzle this month is to match up Books and Authors. Here is a list of Books with the authors given alongside.

But they are not the correct authors! You have to match the books with their correct authors

BOOK	AUTHOR
1. Just we two	R.U.Sure
2. The disused church	Annie Seedball
3. Strong wind	Sheila B Cummin
4. Never give up	Paula Rowpe
5. Bell ringing	Percy Veare
6. Hit on the head	Eliza Wake
7. The Postscript	Tina Beans
8. The cows escape	I.C.Starrs
9. Time for school	Ewan Mee
10. The quick meal	R.U.Upjohn
11. Embarrassment	Adeline Ekstra
12. The sweet shop	Lucy Lastic
13. The Insomniac	Gay Topen
14. Doubts	M.T.Pugh
15. Round the mountain	Gayle Force

The prize for this December puzzle is a turkey - once again generously donated by Petes Meats. There will also be 2 runners up prizes of some Christmas goodies!

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(From October Village View, and answers)

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| 1. REACTS QUICKER - | CRICKET SQUARE |
| 2. TABLE NUT - | BUTT LANE |
| 3. TEEN GARBAGE - | BENET GARAGE |
| 4. LOOSE CARD - | COLES ROAD |
| 5. BLAND OILMAN - | LION AND LAMB |
| 6. BAD ROLLS - | BOLLARDS |
| 7. A MARROW MILE - | WAR MEMORIAL |
| 8. CHOP HIPS - | CHIP SHOP |
| 9. TO SCOFF PIE - | POST OFFICE |
| 10. "MUST PARK ERE" - | SUPERMARKET |

Charity Scrabble

We have just had our last scrabble evening for 2002 when the years winner was presented with a certificate complete with a gold seal, the runner up with a silver seal and the one at the bottom a consolation prize with a red seal. Michael Spooner's average score was 393.25 Michael English 362.13 and Mary Daniels at the bottom with 279.90. It was also our charity evening, numbers attending were disappointing for all the hard work which went into it but it was a very enjoyable occasion and a wonderful atmosphere. The winner was Ray Miller from Newmarket who scored 862 in two games, his charity was Parkinsons Disease.

The next scrabble meeting will be Jan 10th 2003 in the Church Hall, at 50p it is a very cheap evening out. The more you play with different people, the better you get.

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Milton Colts Football Club

Milton Colts Football Club has grown steadily over the last few years and now has 8 boys teams ranging from U8's to U16's and 3 girls teams from U12's to U14's, catering for around 140 young people training and playing at both Coles Road and The Sycamores. The Club has been quite successful over the years and have now got 3 boys attending Cambridge United's Advanced Centre for training and 1 boy representing the county at their appropriate age level. Last seasons U11's, coached by Neil Gooden won their league and also progressed through quite a few stages of the East Anglian League Cup, playing against teams from other areas such as Essex. Hopefully this season will have all people connected with the club enjoying their football as well as being successful.

Hilary Davies

Funding Future Facilities in Milton

There was an interesting joint meeting of the parish council and the charity which runs the community centre and the recreation grounds at the start of November. Two main issues were discussed.

The first is a project to virtually re-build the pavilion on Sycamores Rec, both to provide better facilities for the cricket and football clubs (the "colts" end of which is booming: there are over 200 youngsters playing football now for example, both boys and girls) and to provide a permanent home for the youth club (currently in a portakabin next to the pavilion). It's hoped that most of this development (in the order of £300,000) will be funded by external funders (lottery etc), commercial sponsors and by fund raising by the clubs although the parish council will probably be asked to make some contribution.

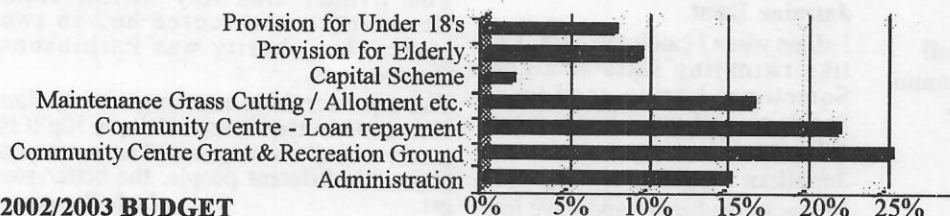
The second project, on a slightly longer timescale, is work to improve and expand the community centre on Coles Road. This was purchased via a loan from the Government which will be paid off in just under three years. The current proposal is to take out another loan at that time with similar re-payment terms and use that to fund improvements to the building.

What exactly will be done to the community centre is still being discussed. The cladding on the outside of the building certainly needs replacing at the bottom. Other items on the wish list include: - extending the annexe, - improved changing rooms, possibly with their own access to the recreation ground, - a bigger admin office, - an office for the parish council, - a new structure joining the main community centre and the annexe together.

If you have any thoughts as to what you or organisations you are involved with need out of the community centre then you should let them know by email (mcc@miltonvillage.org.uk), phone (862763) or letter.

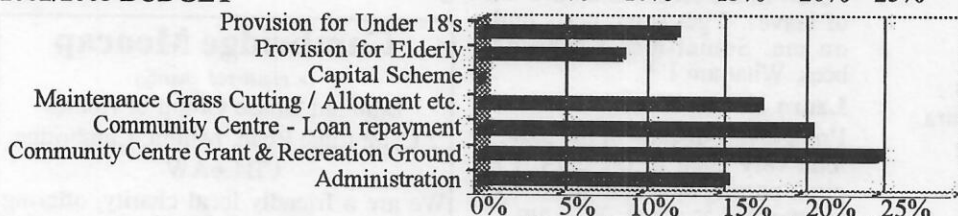
Parish Council Finances 2001 - 2003

2001/2002



During 2001/02 Milton Parish Council spent a total of £88,547. The chart shows broadly how this money was spent. The Parish Council continues to support the many sporting, social and leisure activities at the community centre and recreation grounds through its grant of £20,000. Total income for the year was £92,339.

2002/2003 BUDGET



Budget figures for 2002/03 show an estimated expenditure of £87,536.

The Parish Council has received £69,000 from the Parish's share of the Council Tax for 2002/03. This means that a 'Band D' house is paying £42.41, an increase of 3.5% from last year.

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