

**Winter Issue - December 1992**

**Issue 5**

## **MILTON BRITISH LEGION**

When the Milton branch of the British Legion was first formed it was held in the Wash-house of Milton Hall when Major and Mrs Bulteel were in residence. I remember when I was a child attending these meetings and my Uncle singing "The hat my Father wore" and my mother singing "Annie Laurie" - they were not exactly Pavarotti or Joan Sutherland, but they enjoyed it.

Then, in 1933 a new hall was built as a new meeting place for British Legion members, and the opening was celebrated by a big parade with banners and a service in All Saints Church. The hall was also used for weddings, parties, and every Friday evening there would be a Whist Drive.

On remembrance Sunday there would be a service round the memorial and a Church Service, followed by refreshments in the Hall, and the proceeds collected for the Poppy Appeal would be counted.

In the last few years the hall was known as the Lion and Lamb function room, but to old Miltonians it will always be remembered as the old British Legion hall.

Now, the Hall is no more. It was a sad day and we mourn its loss. In less than a week the building was demolished - gone forever, and with it many memories.

And all that remains of Milton British Legion are the two banners that stand in All Saints Church..... *Mary Daniels*



## **WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED**

Yet another case of someone being made homeless, well not quite but the pile of rubble outside the Lion and Lamb, that used to be home to the Milton Morris Men, caused some concern and a case of mild panic during the summer. Determined to stay in Milton we were lucky that the primary school came to our rescue and now we meet in the small hall every Monday night 7.50 pm to 9.20 pm. At this point we would like to publicly thank the Landlord and Landlady of the Lion and Lamb for the support and patience with us for the past 10 years.

This summer was varied to say the least. We danced in the pouring rain at Bottisham, at a wedding in Tring, to a massed audience at the Strawberry Fayre, to one man and his dog outside a city pub, with a welsh team in Lincolnshire, at a Garland day in Duxford, at many country pubs and of course, at the Milton Fete. We have enjoyed all of them, made many friends and kept our tankards full.

Now we are practising for next year and if you have ever thought "I would like to try that" then now is the time. Our numbers have recently swelled by two and anyone from teenage upwards is welcome to join them and us at the school on Monday evenings.

More details can be obtained from:

*Dave Jones*, 98 The Rowans, Tel: 441309  
or Ed Hacket (bagman)

## **Where Have All The Photos Gone?**

In the old British Legion Hall and later during its time as a library, there were framed photographs hanging up of the opening ceremony of the war memorial from 1933. When the hall became the Lion and Lamb Function Room, the photographs went missing. Does anyone know of their present existence, as we would like to hang them up in the Community Centre?

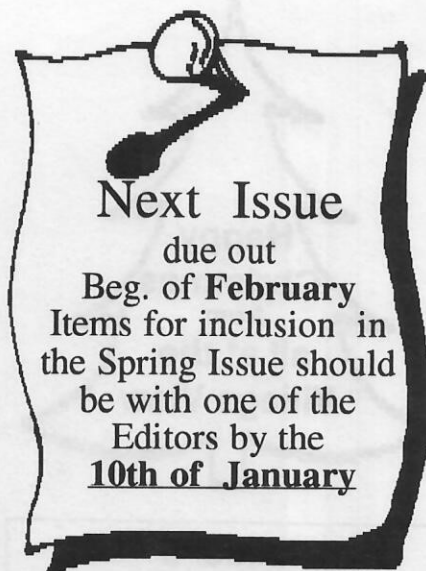
*Jim Daniels*

Clerk to The Parish Council Tel. 861447

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## MILTON SOCIAL CAR SCHEME

I started the car scheme with the help of the County Council Transport Department, when I was a member of the Parish Council in 1989.

It was intended for voluntary car drivers to take the elderly to Tesco's to do their shopping, but we do make concessions, and take people on local trips - to the over 60's club, for instance, when requested.

It has proved a very successful scheme and we have a regular team of volunteer drivers who work each week. As I am now retiring from the scheme I would like to thank everyone concerned for making our car scheme work so well.

I am handing over to Mr Stan Diddams. He can be contacted on 861564, and I'm sure he will be most helpful, if you need information about Milton Car Scheme.

*Iris Chilton*

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Having had our August break from meetings we are now back in business. Our September meeting was a talk with slides of "Dealing with a Civil disaster".

The competition was an emergency item but the entries would not have got us far had we had a crisis.

In October we had a demonstration on cracker making. November was members night and at the Christmas meeting who knows what might happen.

Your WI Correspondent!

*Mary Daniels*

**Country Park Warden Marries**  
**Congratulations to**  
**Malcolm and Michaela Busby**  
Malcolm and Michaela recently married at Hollywell Parish Church. The bride wore a silk cream dress embroidered with pearls and lace made for her by her grandmother. She was accompanied by two bridesmaids who wore peach and cream dresses.

**EASTERN ELECTRICITY**  
has agreed to sponsor our magazine for the next year (5 issues). Thank you. Thank you also to Cambridge Evening News for continuing to support us with favourable printing rates.

## MILTON BAPTIST CHAPEL

High Street

When the clocks went back and the days seem to get shorter, we at the chapel put our times of worship back to 3.00 pm instead of 6.00 pm on Sundays.

We are small in number and things seem to be a bit quiet just now, but we are talking about our Carol Service which, we trust, will be a joyful occasion as always and we do extend a warm welcome to all who would like to join us, both for the Carol Service and our Sunday Worship as the Scripture says:-

"Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever". Ps 106:1

**TIMES OF SERVICES:**

**SUNDAYS 3.00 PM**

Communion 1st Sunday in the month

**CAROL SERVICE:**

9th December at 7.30 pm

*Freda Lewcock, Secretary*

## COUNTRY PARK NEWS

With Autumn long past, or so it seems, the park is settling down for the Winter which judging by October's frosts, started early.

Within the park visitors are now able to use the car park which is located off the roundabout outside Tesco. Workwise the Toilet Block and Visitor Centre are both progressing well, the Visitor Centre in particular is beginning to look quite impressive.

What's left to do? The final landscaping, planting, clearing up and installation of benches, etc. This work should start shortly and last until at least February.

All that remains now is to wish everyone a HAPPY CHRISTMAS. See you in the park.

*Malcolm Busby,*

*Milton Country Park Ranger*

## WHAT IS WATCH

WATCH is a wildlife club for children, locally administered by the county wildlife trust. It is the junior branch of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation.

Members receive three newsletters a year plus news of events throughout the county they can attend, ranging from a study of ladybirds to helping with a national survey of river life.

Membership is £5.00 per year for an individual child but a family of up to four children can join for £8.00. Application forms and further details can be obtained from the county **WATCH** organiser **Jenny Ryle** on Cambridge 880788

## Tap Tap

If you were taking a stroll through the Country Park on Sunday 15th November you would have heard the tap tap tapping sound of little hammers. Was it the gnomes at work getting ready for Christmas? No it was children enjoying an afternoon making bird boxes for the Country Park.

Twenty three children attended this session of Watch and between them they managed to make 26 bird boxes with no fingers being cut off.

Very favourable reports of this event have been received. Well done! J C

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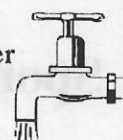
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# Forthcoming Events 1993

## Milton Country Park 1993



All events/activities start from  
The Visitor Centre  
Please wear suitable clothing.  
A small charge is made for the  
WATCH activities.

For further information on  
Country Park activities please contact:

**The Ranger**  
**Malcolm Busby**  
**Tel. (0223) 440196**

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### Walks

**January 3rd 2.00pm start**  
**Meet the Park**

Find out what jobs are left undone.  
What does the future hold?

**February 7th 2.00pm start**  
**Park Management**

How do we look after the park,  
why do we do it, where and what for?

**March 7th 2.30pm start**  
**Family Treasure Hunt**

All will be revealed when you find  
answers to the clues.

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### Watch Activities

**January 17th 2.00pm start**  
**Operation Birdbox (Part 1)**

Help us to provide new homes for the  
park birds and animals.

**21 February 21st 2.00pm start**  
**Wildlife Brainteaser**

Find the clues around the park  
- what will be the answers?

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### Volunteer Activities

**January 10th 9.30am start**  
**Scrub Clearance**

Help us shed a little light on an area by  
removing invading scrub.

**14 February 14th 9.30am start**  
**Water Plant Transplant**

Just the thing to cool your heart,  
moving plants around to encourage new  
colonies to develop.

## MILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**1st December**

**6.30 pm - 8.30 pm**

in

The Large School Hall  
Lots of stalls and games  
and  
A SPECIAL VISIT FROM  
SANTA

## MILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

### NEW YEAR'S

## EVE 1992

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**THURS 31 DEC 1992**

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**MICK GRAY**  
**7 COLES ROAD, 860812**

## LIZZIE'S WORKOUTS

**NEW BLOCK'S OF**  
**TEN STEP**  
**CLASSES START**  
**1st February 1993**

For Further Information  
Contact: LIZ WARD, 441171

**ENTERPRISE CLUB**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
To be held on  
**TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER**  
**3.00 pm**  
in  
**THE CHURCH HALL**  
Afternoon Tea  
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**MILTON SCHOOL**  
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**Dress Theme:**  
**School Boys/School Girls**  
**(Optional)**

For further information or tickets contact:  
Lynda Molloy Tel: 862093 or  
Milton School

## 50th CAMBRIDGE (Milton & Landbeach) SCOUT GROUP VALENTINE



### DANCE

**8pm - Midnight**  
**Saturday 13th February**

at  
**Milton Community Centre**  
**Live Group - Food - Bar**  
For Tickets:  
Tel. Sue 861747 or Lynn 861361

## Playgroup Reunion



Adrian Beeching, Ruby Stanley, Jill Pettit, Mike Dimambro  
Marion Beeching, Karen Ricci, Helen Spiers  
Sandra Wilson, Wendy Stanley  
Janet Freeman, Jill Dimambro, Sue Nunn

This September our Playgroup was 25 years old. It was started by three ladies: Ruby and Wendy Stanley and Jill Pettit, and ran with very few changes of staff for many years. Janet Freeman has worked there for nearly 25 years and started at the princely wage of 12/6d a morning! The teachers had to fight all their own battles over the years: they fundraised themselves, holding a jumble sale each year to finance buying the paper, paint, glue etc. and had to do quite a lot of the cleaning, too. There were plenty of customers of playgroup age until around 1984, when it became a PPA playgroup run by a committee of the parents: being a charity it could then apply for grants and call on its members to raise funds. At the lowest point we opened with only 13 children in September, but we have steadily grown since then, with the expansion of the village adding to the numbers of young children. The Playgroup is now flourishing - we have a bulging waiting list of children due to start years into the future. I wonder if Milton Playgroup will still be around in 25 years time, though?

We held a 25th birthday reunion on 26th September, at which playleaders from all the years came for a celebration together with committee members. In this fast-changing world it was reassuring to hear how similar the activities at playgroup had been so long ago. But we don't have

television at playgroup now. Wendy Stanley reminisced: 'In the middle of the morning we used to settle the children down to watch the television. There was only that one programme for young children in those days. They had their milk and lunch while they tried to guess which window we were going through today. The television often went fuzzy and we used to thump it on the top to clear the picture. The parents wondered what we were teaching the children, when they went home and hit their own television sets!'

In September we had our inspection by the Under 8's Advisor from Histon social services team, for re-registration of the playgroup under the Children Act. This was a very detailed inspection of the premises, indoor and outdoor play facilities, health and safety aspects, the training of playleaders, the programme of activities and equipment available, records of the children's details and arrangements for emergencies, and the quality of the experience for the children. I have to say we passed with flying colours, and the Advisor said she would be sending other playgroup organisers to our playgroup to see how it should be done - we were one of the best she had seen, both in terms of the premises and the running of the playgroup, and the village should be proud of its playgroup.

*Hazel Smith*

## A DIFFERENT ASPECT OF THE W.I.

Over the years my husband and I have spent many happy holidays and short breaks in bed and breakfast accommodation in WI members' houses, (as advertised in our monthly magazine, Home and Country).

This year we thought we'd go further afield and two addresses in France sounded interesting. Two telephone calls brought us to Flavigny in Burgundy and a small village near Aix-les-Bains in Savoy.

Our first hostess, who originates from Suffolk, lives in a converted convent in a small medieval town, Flavigny, where cars are not allowed unless you happen to be staying there. It is a delightful place for exploring this lovely wine growing area of France. Lovely Burgundian food and wine was served at our evening meals in this house.

Our next stop was in a village near Aix-les-Bains and the couple we stayed with, Joy and Lennie Alcock, made us so welcome that we felt we had known them for years. Joy was an excellent cook and her husband a great help in advising us of the best places to visit. They take three English couples per week, so there is always interesting conversation in the evenings.

Glorious weather, beautiful scenery, friendly people - what more can I say, except that we have booked again for next year!

*P Blackmore*

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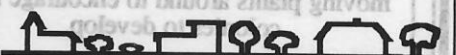
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## CARE OF THE FRAIL, ELDERLY

There is no doubt that facilities for the frail, elderly in Milton are well below those provided in nearby villages. There is no Day Centre in Milton for their use and there is no sheltered housing. It is not even known how many Miltonians fall into this category.

For this reason, some 30 - 40 people met in the Community Centre at the end of October to discuss ways in which the frail, elderly could be helped.

A small committee was formed to look into the provision of a Day Centre and to establish who would be likely to use it. A speaker from South Cambs. reported on Sheltered Housing and it was quite clear that the council has no plans to build this type of housing in Milton. The land is too expensive.

It is likely that a MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME will be set up and that Landbeach will also participate with Milton in this scheme. It will include a schedule of regular visits and the provision of personal alarms. A part-time warden will be needed and it is hoped that Milton Charities will help with the funding.

*M Spooner*

### Planning - GOLF RANGE:

An application for a Golf Practise Centre on land at Penfold Farm, Ely Road has been refused.

### Parish Council Vacancy

There is a casual vacancy on the Parish Council and they will be co-opting at their December meeting.

## Births

**WESTERN:** Mr & Mrs JSB Western are pleased to announce the birth of Thomas Simon Brooks, on Sunday 20th September 1992, at the Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

## Deaths

**MADDOCKS:** We regret to report that David Maddocks has died in a motor cycle accident. David used to live in Coles Road and was a Parish Councillor in 1983 who played a prominent role in negotiating the new recreation facilities.

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### News From The Parish Council TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

A letter from the Transport Department of the County Council confirmed that the Department could not justify the expense required to prevent vehicles using the Butt Lane junction to turn round.

Three measures will now be looked at:

1. Establishing a pedestrian crossing in the High Street or Cambridge Road
2. Narrowing of the A10 at the northern approach into the village.
3. Weight restriction signs.

The possibility of 20mph experiment through the village will also be considered.

*M Spooner*

It has been suggested that the Parish Council contribute towards the costs of traffic calming measures.

### ROWING LAKE

The lake proposals are contrary to:

1. The Milton Local Plan
2. The Cambridgeshire Structure Plan
3. The Cambs Green Belt Plan
4. The South Cambs. Local Plan of 89

British rail has objected to a railway crossing with a right angled approach.

*M Spooner*

**Update:** The Planning Authority (S.C.D.C.) referred the application for The Rowing Lake to the Department of the Environment as they considered it to be a substantial departure from the Development Plan for Cambridgeshire.

On this occasion however it has been decided that the Secretary of State would not be justified in using his powers of intervention, such powers are only used in very exceptional circumstances.

*Jim Daniels*

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### Parish Council

Dates of meetings at the  
Community Centre, 7.30pm

Coles Road.

7th Dec 92

4th Jan 93

1st Feb 93

1st Mar 93

All meetings are open to the public.

## Milton Primary School

### Admissions

If any MILTON parents have a pre-school child who is not attending Milton Playgroup or presently registered with us and is due to start school in SEPTEMBER 1993 - could they please call in at the School Office and collect an Admission Form.

The eligible birth dates are between: - 01/09/88 and 31/08/89

### Mobile Library:

The mobile Library is considering 1 stop per visit instead of 3.

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- \* Beginner to Test Standard
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To: The patients of the Milton Practice.  
From: Dr. E. Draper and Dr. R. Steward

## RE: THE DISPENSING OF MEDICINES TO PATIENTS AT THE MILTON SURGERY

A pharmacy opened in Tesco store, Milton on 21 September 1992. The practice had not been informed of their intention to open a pharmacy until August, when the notices appeared in the store itself.

Under the present regulations, the people affected are all patients of this practice who live within one mile of Tesco. The following are the effects it will have on these patients.

As of 21 March 1993, the practice will not be allowed to sell or provide medicines on the National Health Service (NHS) to these patients at the surgery. The exception will be if a patient can prove hardship, in which case they should contact the surgery and the receptionist will assist them.

As many people may know, Dr Draper has been away on sabbatical, to obtain a further qualification as a Member of the Faculty of Homoeopathy. Since his return many people have benefited from the use of these medicines. Unfortunately after 21 March 1993 the above regulations will apply to Homoeopathic as well as conventional medicines, so it will be difficult for people in Milton to obtain Homoeopathic medicines as the nearest pharmacy specialising solely in Homoeopathic medicines is in London. Consequently it will be almost impossible to treat acute conditions such as ear infections in children or gastro-enteritis, Homoeopathically.

The practice hopes that it can make the NHS see sense over the whole dispensing issue and to adhere to the patients charter which states that it is obliged to ensure that the patients needs are met.

If patients in Milton feel that their needs include enjoying the full benefits of the therapeutic system of Homoeopathy (in addition to conventional medicines) under the NHS then it will be necessary for them to make strong representation to the FHSA (Vinery Road, Cambridge - phone 242731) and/or Member of Parliament.

This is the situation at present, if there are any further developments we will let our patients know in a future issue of the Milton Village View.

### 50th Cambridge Scout Group (Milton & Landbeach)

As Christmas approaches we tend to consider the events of the year, your local Scout Group is no different and I would like to take time to recall, a little of another fine year.

The Parent Group Executive have been very active this year with dances, jumble sales, Summer Fair and the like, to make funds to provide the boys and girls of the membership, with not only financial backing but to provide encouragement, leadership whenever called upon.

The age range of membership is six years old through to eighteen years old, when young persons are encouraged to become leaders, thus passing on skills, knowledge and maintaining the same sense of good humour and fun, the grass root requirement of the Scout Movement.

The boys and girls have had a full year again following activities like, hiking, canoeing, abseiling, dry slope ski-ing, swimming, cycling, gang-shows, cookery, nature conservation, football and chess competitions and of course the activity scouts are mostly associated with camping. Camping in particular is a great educational and fun thing to be involved in, it brings out the best in people and provides a rare type of supervised freedom which the majority of members enjoy very much. We have only had a very small proportion of boys and girls leave because they did not like camps.

You will also have noticed events and collections in aid of PROMISE which is a national appeal to raise money to promote inner-city Scouting and help disadvantaged Scouts. Thank you if you have supported, if not a donation to any Scout Group member would be appreciated.

We still have a number of Walter Woggles to sell although Woggle Day has now passed, these only cost 50p each towards supporting Scouting and make ideal novelty gifts.

All in all The Scout Family in Milton is doing well in these times of recession but we must not become complacent, we still need leaders; in particular to support and help the girls who wish to join.

We must still continue to raise funds to replace old and worn out equipment, (no, not me). To this end I write to urge you as villagers and parents alike to come along, support our functions, and whilst so doing support the Scout Movement in Milton.

Finally I give advance notice that we hope to stage another Gang Show in Milton next February, start a buzz now for tickets to avoid disappointment.

Yours in Scouting Bob Norman  
Group Scout leader

## Congratulations

to

**Jim Daniels**  
for winning the  
**Cambridgeshire**  
**WI Scrabble Trophy!**

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Also

**Congratulations to**  
**Lorna & Godfrey Sheen**  
for winning the  
**Milton Carpet Bowls**  
**Mixed Pairs Trophy**

### Scrabble

Milton WI now has two honorary male members, Michael Spooner who won the Cambridgeshire WI Scrabble Competition in 1991 and Jim Daniels, winner in 1992. Hard luck Mary you can't win every year. (Mary Daniels was the runner up this time.)

Don't forget ladies to invite them to your next meeting!

### Best Kept Village Competition

Milton was unplaced in this recent competition and the comments by the adjudicating committee seemed somewhat eccentric!

Here are a few examples:

**BUS STOPS AND SHELTERS:** Bus stops were seen but no shelters.

**GREENS, PONDS:** Neither exists.

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS:** None listed or seen.

**LITTER BINS:** No sign of litter bins or bottle banks.

I wonder which village the committee went to! M Spooner

### SENIOR CITIZENS

A Senior Citizen is someone who feels young in the head but looks old, and wonders when one starts wearing clothes which befits their age.

A Senior Citizen is someone who has learnt to not iron everything and sometimes forgets how to use a duster and knows how not to see the dust or the odd cobweb or two, he or she, is someone who wonders how they ever found time to go to work.

A Senior Citizen is someone who has graduated to the more leisurely type of activities such as whist, scrabble, carpet and outdoor bowls, some of them make cakes for bazaars, raffles, fetes and keep an eye on other senior citizens, they will babysit for grandchildren.

When men look too young to be doctors or policemen you can be sure you are a Senior Citizen.

Senior Citizenship is something, which cannot be avoided, there is no alternative. I just wish I could stay the age I am for a year or two longer.  
**BUT!!!!**

Mary Daniels

## CRICKET CLUB

The 1992 season has finished with the first eleven satisfied with its final position of midway after their debut in the P & M Taylor Senior League Division One. Players are confident that they can improve on that performance in 1992.

The second eleven missed promotion into Division Two of the Anglia Business Computers Junior League by point two of a single point, and are still annoyed with themselves. They too, hope to rectify this next season.

The Colts XI won all of their six friendlies with comparative ease, and an application has been made to the C.C.A. to enter a team in the under 15's League.

The Sunday Social Side had a very enjoyable season.

Further attainments by the Club in 1992:

Beaten finalists C.C.A. Invitation Cup  
Thulborn Cup Winners  
Witcham Six-a-Side Winners  
Winners Federation Evening League  
Beaten finalists Federation Cup

*Harry Capitain*

## MILTON SPORTING "INVALIDS"

### - FOLLOW-UP

As reported in an earlier edition of the Village View, two of Milton's Professional sportsmen had undergone operations for injuries sustained whilst pursuing their professions.

I am sure that everyone will be pleased to know that Kevin Wilkin, known as the comeback king is knocking in goals for Northampton Town in Division III of the Football League, and that Darren Cousins looks as though he will be fully fit for the beginning of the next cricket season with Essex.

The Milton Village View wishes them both all the very best of good luck.

*Harry Capitain.*

Arriving home he stepped through the front door from the comparative peace and calm of the rat race into the mayhem and chaos of his netballing family.

Tripping over 'Children in Need' collecting buckets which had been strategically discarded in the hall he found himself prostrate on the floor. He realised that there was a soft furry sensation on his cheek and opening his eyes came face to face with an equally prostrate, life size Pudsy Bear costume. Coming to terms with the situation he was then aware of shoes, apparently throwing themselves from the cupboard under the stairs and an almost human voice muttering from this vicinity "Where are my trainers? Ah ha there you are".

Raising himself, to his full 6ft, with the assistance of a rounders post which was awaiting the annual Netball Ladies v Husbands rounders match, a human shaped whirlwind all of 5ft2 emerged from the cupboard. As this form gathered momentum a voice from within said "Hi, just off to netball, have made you some tea, see you down the pub about 9.00 pm". The whirlwind then proceeded out of the door and down the road towards the recreation ground leaving devastation in its wake.

Leaning against the hall wall he pondered on the age of this creature that he had married some 25 years previous and wondered if second childhood began at 45. On reflection he realised that she had not yet completed her first childhood.

His thoughts were shattered by an ear piercing recording of Queen singing 'We are the Champions' echoed by an almost harmonious 'Yes, we ARE the Champions of the Cambridge and District Netball League'. Another, younger whirlwind then manifested itself on the stairs and on passing him uttered "Hello Dad, off to Netball, join you at the Pub later". This second apparition then proceeded to follow the first towards the Netball Courts.

Peace reigned at last and he wondered if insanity was inherent and whether he should warn his son-in-law-to-be about Netball Players madness.

Entering the kitchen he was aware of a sweet sickly smell in the air and noticed that the light fitting and the cobwebs, apparently attaching this to the ceiling, were decorated with, what appeared to be small pink pieces of cotton wool. Further examination revealed that they were candy floss and that his wife and daughter had had a practice run with the machine, in the kitchen! This item was awaiting transportation to the Village Fete.

Having poured himself a cup of tea, he took this life saver through to the living room and there before him stood his pride and joy. A 10ft long cardboard replica of a pirate ship lovingly constructed by himself. Only the finishing touches were needed, so with brush in hand he proceeded to paint and as he did so he said 'I name this ship "Milton Netball Club" may the Lord protect all families that play for her'.

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