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*Jane Coston presenting the Pre-school
with their accreditation certificate*

Milton Pre-School Receives Accreditation

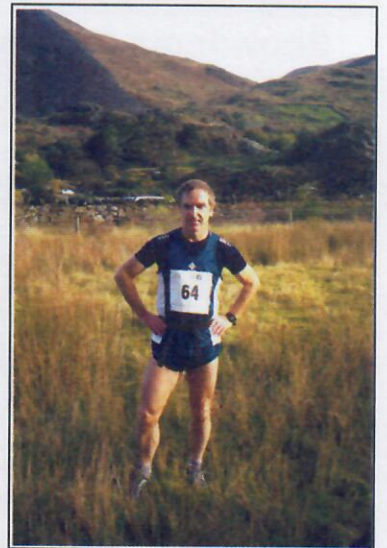
During November Milton Pre-school were delighted to hear that they had been successful in their application for Accreditation from the Pre-school Learning Alliance. The staff and committee had worked hard during 2003 to assemble evidence of the high standards they achieve in all areas of pre-school education. Following a detailed inspection in July, a panel of assessors reviewed the evidence in October and concluded they had met their requirements.

The committee chair, Helen Parsons, said:

"We are delighted to receive this award as it means our high standards have been fully recognised. We offer a caring, stimulating environment for our children to develop socially, emotionally and intellectually in preparation for school. I would like to thank all the parents and staff for their support and hard work in helping us to achieve this accreditation. In particular my thanks go to Jackie Gray, Jane Thomas, Emma Danes and Alison Cooper."

Snowdonia Marathon - local runner Tim Mulcahy achieves a running ambition

Tim was motivated to run in this year's Snowdonia Marathon in memory of his friend and fellow runner Dave Wotton who suddenly collapsed and died from undiagnosed heart failure at an event in November 2001. Dave was a very fit and healthy person of only 39 years of age and his unexplained death has been linked to Sudden Adult Death Syndrome (S.A.D.S) that claims the lives of 4 to 8 young people every week in the UK. Tim said, "After Dave's death it became an ambition of mine to run in his footsteps in the Snowdonia Marathon and raise money for the British Heart Foundation and NSPCC charities. Although the violent countrywide storm of 27th October 2002 caused the race to be cancelled I vowed to return and run this year's race.



*Tim Mulcahy standing near the start
at Nant Peris just outside Llanberis.*

In complete contrast to last year, the weather on the day of the 2003 race was both calm and sunny with golden autumn leaves complementing the dramatic Snowdonia landscape. Only about 750 runners take on the challenge of this race that veterans refer to as the "mother of marathons". The 2,000 feet of ascent and equal descent deter many marathoners who prefer their 26.2 miles to be along the flat streets of London. With fresh legs the first four miles that climb 800 feet up the Llanberis Pass do not seem particularly arduous. But the following 8 miles and 900 feet of descent from Pen-y-Pass to Beddgelert begin to alert you to the exertions to come. The mountain scenery is stunning and temporarily distracts you from the stress to your knees and quadricep muscles on the downhill sections. After leaving

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It's not about ridiculing men, rather a light-hearted look at how women dream of seeing their other half look or behave.

Please be assured that having a conversation with me is not a commitment to take part in any programme. I can be contacted on my direct line: 0207 013 4257 or email christian.kehoe@rdmedia.com

Christian Kehoe

Police Community Support Officer

Well it's been about 3 months now, since I set out & about in Milton as your first Police Community Support Officer (P.C.S.O.). I would like to take this opportunity, to thank you all for welcoming me into your village as I have been walking the beat. I have enjoyed meeting all those of you that have taken the time to stop and chat, whatever the subject. I have had a good feeling from the Milton Villagers in general. My first few months have been interesting and a new challenge for me. The concept of a P.C.S.O is new to me as well as the general public as it is also to my Police colleagues, at Histon Police Station, but so far so good. I spent my first 4 weeks, working alongside PC Phil Shulver, Milton's Community Beat Manager. Since then I have mainly been out on the beat on my own. I am getting a feeling of what is expected of me as your P.C.S.O, and I have had occasion to explain my role to people, either in the street, or at a Parish Council meeting. My impression of Milton, is that it's a very nice village, full of friendly people. We want to keep it that way and I shall look forward to helping maintain that friendly feeling that Milton has. I look forward to meeting you all in the future, and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a 'Happy New Year'.

I can be contacted at Histon Police Station.

Please call 01223 358966

P.C.S.O Lee Page



Rectory Farm staff helping Roger Day to plant trees in the village

New Trees Planted

The parish council, with the help of Roger Day, Rob Chapman and some helpers from Rectory Farm, have now replaced all the trees that had to be cut down during 2003. They had a disease called Bleeding Canker. A hornbeam has been planted by the war memorial and bird cherries have been planted on the opposite side of the road.

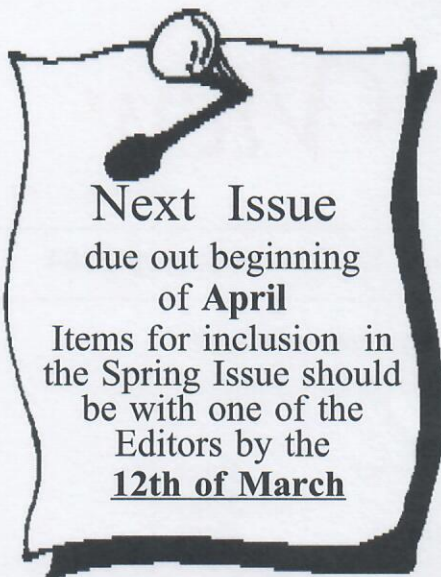
More trees are also due to be planted near Humphries Way/Landbeach Road junction and down Fen Road beyond the railway line.

Thank you!

The staff and children of Cygnets pre-school would like to extend their thanks to everyone who donated their Tesco computer vouchers, especially the Waggon & Horses pub and to Anil at the post office.

This year we hope to collect even more vouchers to put towards new games for our new computer.

Tim Mulcahy



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Snowdonia Marathon

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Beddgelert the marathon relents a little in the direction of Caernarfon but a nasty sting-in-the-tail awaits. At about mile 22 the course leaves the main road and weaves through Waunfawr climbing 700 feet in only 2.5 miles up an old quarry road to Bwlch-y-Groes. The final two miles then descend steeply 900 feet back to Llanberis where agony gives way to the ecstasy known to every marathon runner. I finished in a time of 3 hours 51 minutes that placed me 214th overall and 19th (out of 60) in the M50 class. For those marathoners looking for a challenge beyond the big city marathons like London I can recommend the fantastic Snowdonia Marathon without reservation.

Although not a large sum, I am currently on target to donate around £750 shared between the BHF and NSPCC charities. I would welcome any further donations from your readers who may wish to help me boost my total. Cheques may be made out either to the "British Heart Foundation" or "NSPCC Registered Charity" and sent to my home address 28 Froment Way, Milton, Cambridge CB4 6DT."

Tim Mulcahy

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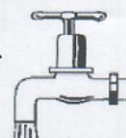
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Andrea Smith on 01223 563932

The Cygnets, Milton Pre-School

Nearly New Sale

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Admission 50p

75% to seller, 25% to Pre-School
All sellers must register before
Friday 6 February

To register please contact
Andrea Smith on 01223 563932

Grade-one-athon

*Tickets available at the Pianoforte
Centre or the Children's Hospice for
the*

**Concert at the Guildhall,
Cambridge on Sunday
29th February 2004**

doors open at 7pm

tickets are just £3 for adults

and £1 for children



**50th Cambridge
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Dickie Bird, 32 Coles Rd, Milton.
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LINE DANCING MONDAY MORNING

There will be a line dance class
starting Monday 2nd February 2004
at the Milton Community Centre
from 10 - 11 a.m.

All welcome, Price £3.00.
The class will be taken by Cheryl in
the main hall. We hope to have
another class one evening per week
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*If you would like any further
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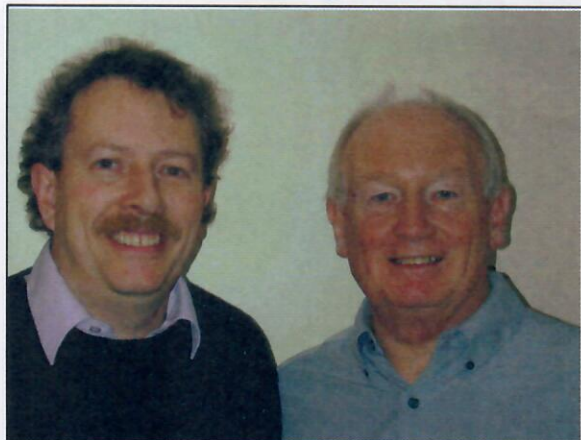
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MILTON RESIDENT

Making music for the children



Helping with Childrens Hospice fund-raising event, Nigel Fordham (right) photographed here with John Arnold, both are Milton members of the local band Rhythem 'n' Rapsody

Local musicians have undertaken the Grade-one-athon challenge to raise funds for the Children's Hospice in Milton.

Over 150 have signed up to learn an instrument they have never played before. They had one lesson on January 4th and will take their grade one exam on the new instrument on February 29. Afterwards they will perform a concert of specially arranged pieces at the Guildhall, Cambridge.

Carol Harper, from EACH said 'So far it has been a wonderful experience, everyone had so much fun learning their new instrument. We could not have managed without Nigel Fordham from the Pianoforte

Centre in Cambridge. He has had the unenviable task of finding all the instruments to lend to the musicians. We had a small panic over finding six harps but Nigel, unflappable as usual, managed the near impossible and got them for us. We can't thank him enough for all he has done to make this event not only possible but also a success'.

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If anyone is interested in supporting this event there are a number of ways of doing so.

- You can sponsor one of the musicians online at www.justgiving.com/charity/each
- Attend the Concert, which may be more amusing than musical but is a unique event not to be missed.

Concert at the Guildhall, Cambridge on Sunday 29th February 2004

doors open at 7pm tickets are just £3 for adults and £1 for children

Tickets available at the Pianoforte Centre or the Children's Hospice

Support another concert in aid of EACH when the Tallis Chamber Orchestra will put on 'An Italian Serenade' on Sunday 22 February 2004 at Lee Hall, Wolfson College, Cambridge at 3:00 pm. Tickets are £8 at the door.

Rhythm 'n' Rhapsody musician and local resident Nigel Fordham helps Childrens Hospice Grade-One-Athon

Nigel is at present very much involved with the *Grade-One-Athon*, a fantastic idea from Thanea and Mauice Hodges (residents of Cottenham) to raise money for the Children's Hospices of East Anglia.

Nigel started the band Rhythm 'n' Rhapsody while studying music at the Cambridge 'Tech' College in the late 70's. The original 5 piece line up included Nigel's father Roy Fordham on drums. Nigel's 13 year old son Jamie made his debut on drums with the band about 2 months ago performing a 'six song set' to gain experience.

Inevitably over the years the band has had personnel changes. About 8 years ago John Arnold (resident of the Rowans) joined as lead vocalist, after many successful years fronting the 'Mark Arnold Five'. Many villagers will remember Rhythm 'n' Rhapsody from the Millennium Ball at Milton Junior School or one of the school barbeques and if you are lucky enough to have heard this band you will know how very good they are.

Nigel's parents Roy and Jean Fordham (Coles Road Residents) lived in the village in 1957 when Nigel was born. Nigel and wife Jenny moved into 15 Old School Lane about 21 years ago and moved up the road to 52 Old School Lane 15 years ago. They have four children who all play the piano; Hayley 19, Emma 16, Kirsty 15 and Jamie 13. Kirsty also sings and Jamie plays the drums.

Nigel is a partner in a local music business Cambridge *Pianoforte Centre* and the *Music Gallery* in Cambridge. Nigel and business partner Simon Howe moved into the premises at 12 Kings Hedges Road in 1981 and Nigel met wife Jenny who ran Caprice the hairdressers at 10 Kings Hedges Road.

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Milton 1900 to Modern Times : part 4

This follows the format of the previous parts; thus the numbers on the Residents List refer to those shown on the drawings.

(a) are those present before 1900 (b) 1901 – 1939 (c) 1940 to recent times

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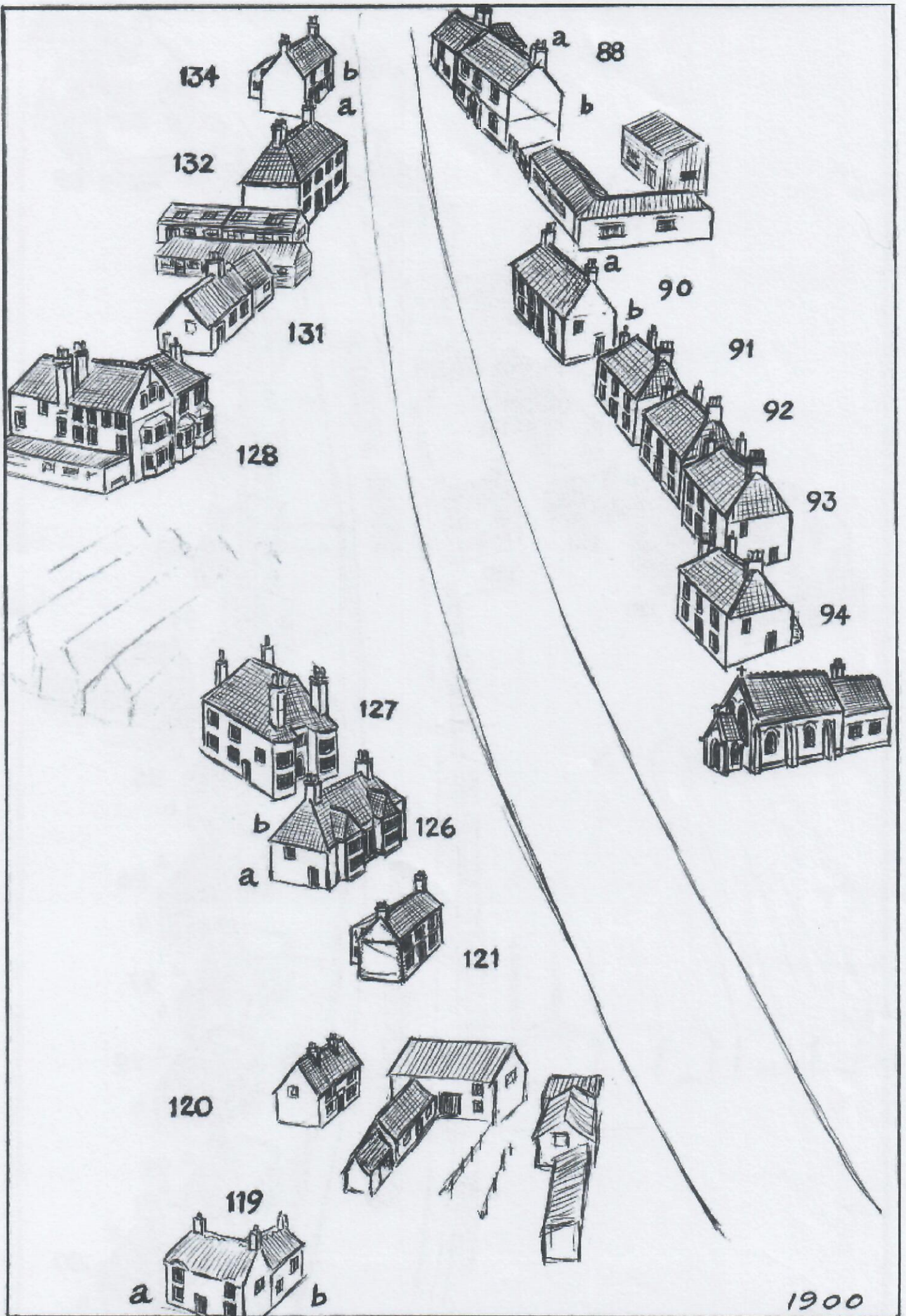
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89	Co-op	(b) Mary Ann Todd Demolished 1990s
90a	former Post Office	(a) John Mynott (b) John Mynott, Charles & Louise Garner (c) Leslie & Christine Edwards
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91	Fern Villa	(a) John Coulson (b) John Clapam, Alpheus Coulson, George Unwin (c) George & Vera Unwin (Eva Gooden) Ronald & Doris Robinson
92	Holland/Holly House	(a) Thomas Coulson (b) John Clapam, Elisabeth Cockle, William Wilson (c) William & Ellen Wilson, M. Beldon Piers & Dulcie Penfold
93	Daisy Villa	(a) David Coulson (b) Thomas & Mary Ann Coulson (c) Alpheus & Mary Ann Coulson, Timothy & Ada Norman, Edward & Christine Missen, Mr. Kybird
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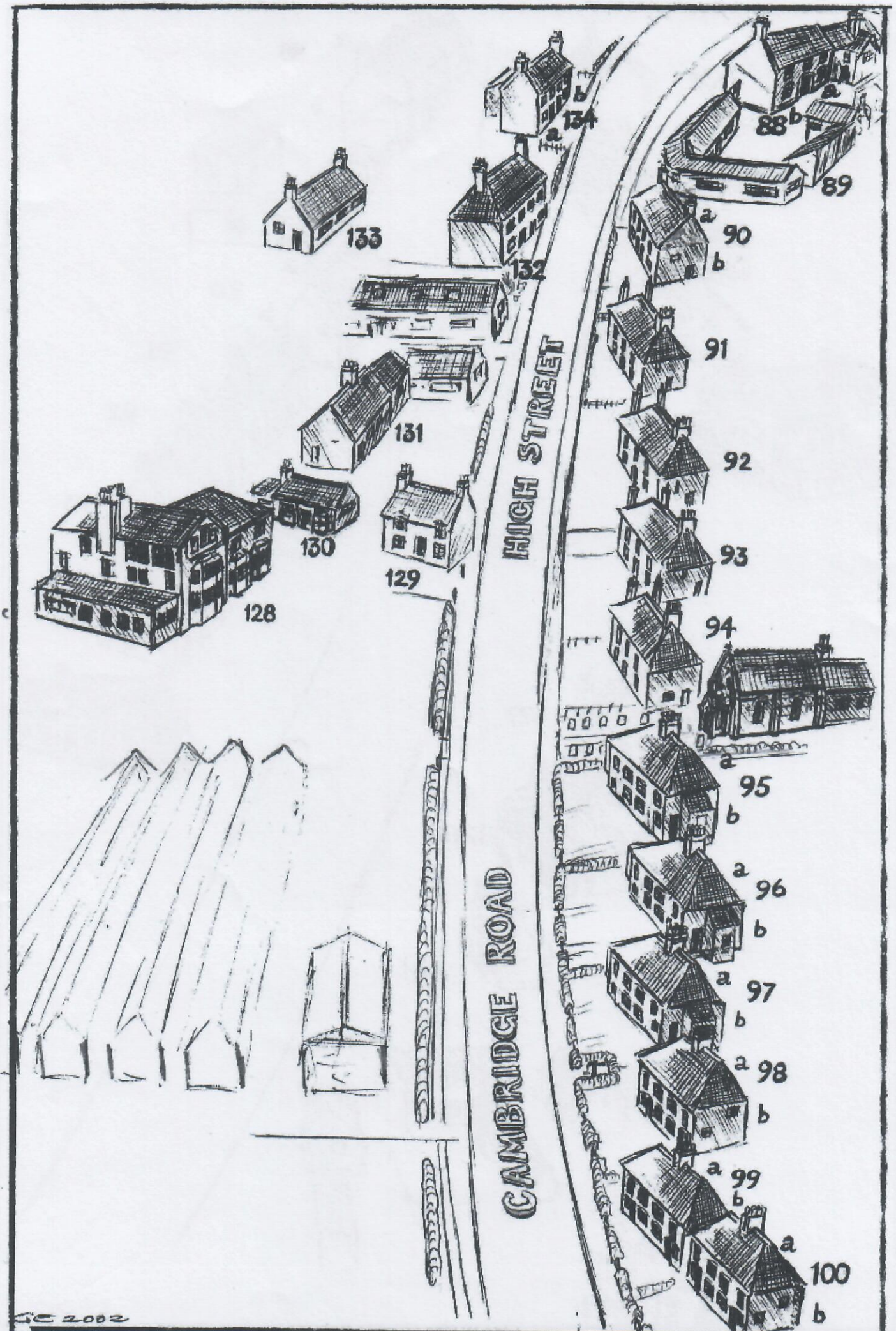
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96a		(b) Mr. Clapham, George Albert Halls (c) Lindale & Julia Butler, Edward Butler, Harry & Alice Butler
96b		(b) Robert & Clara Starling (c) Robert & Clara Starling, Tom Warner, Chas, John Doggett
97a		(b) Reginald & Hesta Griswood, Sid & Lil Glasscock, Percy & Myrtle Brown (c) Percy & Myrtle Brown, Leslie Allen & Alice Coulson
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98a		(b) Reuben & Alice Flack (c) Reuben & Alice Flack, Rhoda Davis, John Mead, Walters & Clara Mead
98b		(b) John & Mary Shipp (c) John Shipp, Edna Turner, Alice Shipp, James & Fred Carter
99a		(b) Isaac & Hilda Coulson (c) Isaac Coulson, Miriam Coulson, Walter & Mirial Ellis
99b		(b) Percy & Florence Butler (c) Percy & Florence Butler
100a		(b) Stacey & Lucy Cox (c) Stacey & Lucy Cox, Alfred Stanhope, Hector & Eva Bowyer
100b		(b) Marion King (c) Marion King, Harry Peters, Olive Stanhope, Elizabeth Hobbs
101a		(b) Leonard & Edith Coulson (c) Leonard & Edith Coulson (Frank Lustrance, Oliver & Audrey Ellis)
101b		(b) John White, Fred & Blanche Coulson (c) Fredrick & Blanche Coulson
102a		(b) Jacob & Charles Coulson (c) Jacob & Ruby Coulson, Edward & Phyllis Rolfe, Cyril & Joyce Moule
102b		(b) Victor & Elsie Wright, Cyril & Harry Day (c) Cyril & Hilda Day
103a		(b) Thomas & Emma Gregg (c) Robert & Florence Cook, Douglas & Linda McCarthy
103b		(b) Charles Pettit, Harold & Liz Pettit (c) Lizzie & Clarence Pettit, Clarence & Hilda Wilkin
104a		(b) Elsie Payton, Walter & Edith Townsend (c) Walter Townsend, Reginald & Olive Parker
104b		(b) James & Lucy Todd (c) James Todd, Lillian Todd, Lillian & James Todd
105a		(b) Robert & Margaret Stubbings (c) Robert & Margaret Stubbings

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105b		(b) Albert & Kate Coulson (c) Albert & Kate Coulson Albert Coulson
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106b		(b) Mary Ann Todd (c) Barnabus Shipp (Bernard & Pam Frost) Sidney & Mary Ann Shipp
107	Ranleigh	(b) Cyril & Irene Clements (c) Cyril & Irene Clements, Leslie Nunn, George & Carolyn Steel
108	Plemon	(b) Berridge & Ivy Matthews (c) Berry & Ivy Matthews (John & Judy Ostler)
109		(b) Frank & Eva Hewish (c) John & Phil Bradley, Joan Anderson (Robinson) Stan & Ada Bangham
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113		(b) Fred Hunter Butler (c) Fred & Flo. Butler, Rob & Murial Allen, Martha Butler Morris & Sheila Gabrielle, Ivy Jones, Ernest & Betty Owen
114a		(c) Davio, Mr. Pelter, Douglas & Hedwig Percival
114b		(c) John & Elizabeth Green, Eileen Bishop, John & Margaret Butler, Ed & Dot Leader
115a		(c) Richard, George & Henry Hurst, Zenor & Betty Bobryk
115b	Botany Ho	(c) Fred Butler, M.A. Wyborn, Fred & Florence Harris, Nigel Goden
116a		(c) Harry & Ivy Pratt Ivy Pratt
116b		(c) Mr. Harris, Robin & Margo Rose
117a		(c) Fred & Jennifer Sharpe
117b		(c) Michael & Heather Nurse Mr. Pettit
118a		(c) Michael & Edward Smith Linda Gray
118b		(c) Dr Whitmore - Thom & Rose Easy, Mr. Chapman
119a	Bennett Farm	(c) John & Margaret Jenkins
119b		(c) Minnie Tinke, Rose Stranger Alice Garfield
120	Bennett Lane	(a) Elias & Louisa Otley, Frances & Elizabeth Creek (c) Henry & Minnie Street Ernest & Jane Ward
121		(b) Edward Stacey & Ann Robinson
122		(a) Fred & Eliza Hill (c) M.A. Brown, Alfred Sargeson, Rob & Christine Attle - these demolished 1960s
123		(b) Alice Day, Harry & Alice Day John Parnell (c) Daisy & Ettie Day, Amy & Ettie Day
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124b		built 1935 (b) Reg Thomas & Clara Badcock (c) Reg & Clara Badcock, Clara Badcock, Carbridge
125a		(b) Hector & Eva Bowyer (c) Mr Nichols Thomas & Ivy Housden (Margaret Adams) Tom Housden
125b		(b) George & Susan Collins, Ivy Martin (c) Derek & Joan Haird, Douglas & Sheila Gates
126a	Margaret Villa	(b) William & Harry Shipp (c) William Shipp, Elizabeth Willmot, Horace & Clara Tyrrell
126b	Marlon Villa	(b) Thomas & Katherine Gregg, Henry & Charlotte Rogers (c) George & Cissey Day
127	The Vinaries Nursery	(b) George & Margaret Chapman (c) John & Sylvia Taylor, John & Caroline Bullen, Mr Paston Roy and Catherine Parcell
128	Alexander / St Edmonds Ho	(b) Cyril & Joyce Moule (c) Walter, Doris Allgood, Peter Moore, Roger & Mavis Bullock Dr. Draper
129	Alexander Cott - The Chestnuts	(a) Thomas & Elizabeth Elsdon (b) Eric Walkling (c) Eric Walkling Bernard Walkling (Wilfred Warner)
130		(a) Emily Spanton (b) Charles & George Brown, Joyce & Mary Brown, Walter & Clarence Wilkin, (c) John & Janet Kidd, Will Mayes, Hilda Wilkins, Percy & Florence Moores
131	Bay House	(a) George Mansfield (b) George & Margaret Halls, Walter & Beatrice Rose A. Clements Horace Lambery Demolished 1960s
132		(b) William Hopkins (c) Peggy Coulson, Jack Wilkin Demolished 1960s
133		(a) Susan Goodin (b) Will & Su Shipp, John & Evelyn Mansfield Evelyn Mansfield
134a	Ivy Cottage	(c) Joyce Goodin & Arthur Clarke Arthur & Joyce Clark
134b		(b) Fred Goodin (c) Susan Goodin, Ron Linger Ron & Su Linger
		(b) Eva Goodin (c) Annette & Eva Goodin
		(a) Watson Burton, Victor Wright (b) Elsie Wright (c) Mr Wood, Fred & Mary Hawes Dorothy Sell
		(a) Arthur Ison (b) Arthur & Edna Wenham (c) Leslie & Rhoda Ferguson Les Ferguson





Choir Picture

Remember this beautifully posed group photo from the last 'View'? Well, against all the odds two Miltonians with good memories plus not inconsiderable observation and detection skills have delved back around eighty years to produce some positive leads that should bring to light further information. Margaret Walden of Shirley Close, got out her wedding pictures from some 30 years ago. Then she superimposed them on the picture, and guess what? The building features exactly matched those of the church where she was married in 1973 - St Luke's in Victoria Road, Cambridge, now a Community Church sharing its premises with the former neighbouring Congregational Church subsequently replaced by redevelopment.



So that was one mystery solved - it wasn't Ely Cathedral as thought. Nor was it in the early 1900's as previously surmised, at least if the probable identification of one of the boy choristers (4th from the left on the front row) is anything to go by.

Daphne Norman, of Landbeach Road, is fairly certain that it was her father Rupert Thoday who died in 1976. Mr Thoday was a boy chorister at Over Church and although Mrs Norman, for a variety of reasons is unable to be one hundred percent sure due to the disappearance of the family photograph album for the period, she has seen his childhood pictures many times in the past and the features correspond with what she remembers of him, though husband Bob is more neutral.

Anyway her evidence, if correct, would put the picture's date to around 1919 - 1922. She reckons that her father would then have been eight or nine years old.

The other supposition originally - that it was an area choral festival of some kind - is the only part of the earlier guess work that seems to stand up for these were fairly commonplace just after the First World War in rebuilding the local social framework.

So the investigation continues with a visit to the Cambridgeshire Collection the most likely source for more information now that we appear to have narrowed down the place and period of enquiry.

David Waterson

The picture was in the considerable collection of the late Fred Carlton, of Butt Lane, Milton and was passed on by his daughter, Jennifer, who moved to the Midlands on getting married.



Cygnets Christmas Nativity

Milton 2000 – minus a year or two

by Harry Missing - *Continued from December issue*

As children my sister and I would spend time with Father in the field wherever he happened to be at work and, of course, along with Mother, taking all our teas in the harvest field using freshly cut and bound sheaves to sit on was a highlight of the year. Father's contribution to bringing in the harvest ceased when all corn was cut and the Binder put away in the shed until next year. His next job was to start preparing the land for the next harvest. This would be at a time when 'harvest working' was still operating and meant that he started work at 7am and finished at 7:30pm at night. Ploughing land which in August would be extremely hard and would often require him to place a couple of ½ cwt weights onto the double breasted plough to assist him in his struggle to keep the plough in the ground. It's no wonder he didn't join in our game of cricket at the end of such a day. I used to follow him up and down the field walking in the newly made furrow and listening to his 'Wokumhether' when he got to the headland to turn around. Didn't think too much about this word at the time assuming it was one of those words only understood by horses. Later however, with the mind slipping back to the past, as it tends to, after having been in receipt of a Government Pittance for the past 16 years! I managed to interpret the word as a corruption of the words, "Whoa, come hither". I feel this was almost certainly a phrase handed down over the centuries from ploughman to ploughman, from the time 'hither' was a much more commonly used word than it is today. I think it highly unlikely that it is used by ploughmen now, cocooned as they are in their radio linked, air conditioned offices, hydraulically suspended over their £50,000 tractor units of today.

Talking of ploughing, reminded me of another occasion for excitement that took place on the neighbouring field of Mr Bert Pearson, grandfather of the present day Bertram (*recently moved from Butt Lane to another village*). We all gathered to watch a demonstration of the ploughing by a machine called a Gyrotiller. A very impressive machine, very similar in appearance to the present day Diesel Engine used for shunting on the Railway. It had one wheel at the front and two at the rear, allowing it to 'turn on a sixpence'. At its rear were two large claws that revolved into the ground to a depth of some twelve to eighteen inches. Its forward movement was perhaps a little slower than that of a horse so it was a little time before it became evident that, although it was doing a remarkably good job, it was also breaking up and removing the land drains. Father returned smugly to his three Suffolks and double breasted plough.

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February

Sunday 15th. Nest Box Making.

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10.00 am to 4.00 pm. £5.00 a box.

March

Sunday 7th, WATCH/Wildlife

Explorers, Practical Work. A chance to work in the wildlife garden, tidying up and providing more homes for wildlife. 2.00 pm start.

£0.50 members £1.00 non-members.

Sunday 14th, Here comes Spring.

A 2 hour walk in the park as part of the Cambridge Science Week events. 2.00 pm start, £1.00 per person.

April

Sunday 4th, WATCH/Wildlife

Explorers. Wildlife Games and More. An afternoon of activities and games that will help you enjoy the environment more. 2.00pm start. £0.50 members £1.00 non-members.

Friday 9th, Cambridge Bird Club.

The Chicken Run a talk by Stuart Elsom, birding in Arizona and Colorado. 8.00 to 10.00 pm, £1.00 for non members.

Sunday 11th, Easter Treasure Hunt.

It's treasure hunt time again at Milton. The Rangers have thought up more questions about the park for you to answer. Come along and answer them. 2.00 pm start. £1.00 per person

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th.

Children's Easter Holiday Activity Days

Two days of activities for children exploring the environment through investigation, as well as art and sport activities. The days are aimed at children from 8 to 11 years of age, and will run from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Children will need to bring a packed lunch with them. All places need to be booked in advance. There will be a charge of £7.50 per child per day.

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PUZZLE CORNER



The Christmas word search attracted very many entries - perhaps I made it too simple - but the first name to be drawn out of the hat was that of Louise Shane of The Rowans, and Louise was presented with a delicious 11 lb bird a couple of days before Christmas.

The runners up prizes went to Christine Parson of Bene't Close and Mrs J Mendham of Willow Crescent. Congratulations to all these winner and commiseration to all those who sent in correct entries but were unsuccessful in the draw.

The aim of the puzzle this month is to find pairs of words. It is possible to find 10 pairs of words from the columns below, which have an association. When you have matched up these words, you will find that there is one word left over. This word is the answer to the competition. Here are the words to match up:

EAGLE	DAVID
ANTONY	LAMP
COLUMN	CASTOR
CHLOE	RATS
MOUNTAINS	HARPY
MONARCH	CLEOPATRA
JONATHAN	RIGHT
ATLAS	POLLUX
DAPHNIS	DESERT
FIFTH	BUTTERFLY
WHALE	

The associated pairs are not in any order - they can both be in the first column or in the second column or one word from each column. Just send in the word that is left over to Michael Spooner 43a Old School Lane Milton Cambridge CB4 6BS by 5 March. There will be two prizes awarded for this puzzle which have been generously donated by **C H Lumb (Builders)**.

Lunch Club

Now in its 24th year. It is not entirely for elderly folk but for retired people who are on their own. By the way a bit more male company would be welcome. We now have 40 members and a waiting list. As long as we can see empty plates and satisfied customers we are happy.

The Prime Team

Special Thanks

A big thank you to all the people who donated money towards the dishwasher for All Saint's Lunch Club.

A great variety of people made donations towards this, many of whom were not connected to the Lunch Club, but wished to help. A contribution from Milton Charities ensured the dishwasher was purchased without any delay.

All the groups who use the facilities at the Church Hall, hopefully will benefit from this. A special thanks goes to John Scruby who ensured the purchase and installation of the machine went smoothly, and the PCC who endorsed the purchase and paid the installation charges.

D Linsey

Our City and its People

Answers to the December quiz

- In which year did Sir Clive Sinclair's doomed "C5" go on sale? Was it 1979, 1982 or 1985? Answer: 1985
- Which Cambridge College is the home of Pepys Diaries? Answer: *Magdalene College*
- Hobsons Conduit is now situated at the end of Lensfield Road, opposite "The Royal Cambridge Hotel", but where was its original location before there? Answer: *Market Place*
- Heading Northbound on the M11, what number junction would I look for to get off onto Madingley Road? Answer: *Junction 13*
- Where in Cambridge can you see Henry VIII holding a chair leg? Answer: *Entrance Gate, Trinity College*
- Which college main building is situated at the junction of Madingley Road, Northampton Street and Queens Rd? Answer: *Westminster College*
- In the grounds of which college is the Bridge of Sighs? Answer: *St. Johns*
- Who is the present Mayor of Cambridge City? Answer: *David White*
- Name the 5 roads that converge together at the 4 lamps roundabout? Answer: *Victoria Ave., Short St., Jesus Lane, Kings St, Maids Causeway*
- Which TV presenter was once joint owner of 'Midsummer House Restaurant'? Answer: *Chris Kelly*

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Scrabble

We have started again, we are all looking for new members. We are not too strict, as we are not playing for the world championship, we allow you to check your words. One game and then a cuppa. Top score in January was 882 and bottom was 442.

MAD, RAINY, GEORGE SNAIL

Whist



Mary with the lovely selection of whist prizes

A big thank you to Mary Daniels for once again organising the Christmas Whist Drive. It was a super evening. Mary organised a stall at the Village Fayre last year which raised enough funds to buy prizes for the Christmas Whist Drive. Everyone went home with something.

Wendy Stanley

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Frosty the Snowman Panto

This year Frosty the Snowman Panto came to Milton Community Centre and around 300 children, mums, dads, grandparents and carers enjoyed watching Fairy Springtime, Simple Simon, Dame Bumble, the Snow Queen and Vicky the Vampire!

The production was very exciting and extremely noisy!

Milton Community Centre sponsors this event and it is certainly very popular. This year many people arrived without tickets and thankfully they all managed to find a place but next year it must be noted that everyone must get their tickets before hand to ensure that their children are not disappointed.

Many thanks to the voluntary helpers who gave up their time and without whom this Panto could not be held.

NOTE: The next big event is the Milton Summer Fayre and if villagers do want the fayre to continue we need more help on the day - please give me a ring and I can tell you how you can keep this event going, just by helping in a small way.

Ring Julie at the Community Centre on 01223 862763 (mornings)



Frosty the Snowman thanks

What a brilliant Panto. A big thank you to all the helpers and especially the lovely father Christmas.
Wendy Stanley



Local Karate Success

Members of the successful Milton Tang Soo Do karate team competed at the Christmas Dragon Championships at Sawtry Leisure Centre. Local medallists Gabi and Oli Moran and Trevor Hitt are seen here together with other members of the team. Yours truly (left) was only active in a judging capacity! Local second dan, Alex Campbell (not in photo) won the adult sparring competition in a closely fought final against Jeff Cockrum (centre front), also from the Milton club.

Paul Capitain.

WANTED!!!

- **Evening Line Dance Teacher required at Milton Community Centre:** Due to the response for line dancing classes we are in urgent need of an evening line dance teacher.
- **Fitness teacher for a class of mature ladies:** A regular group of ladies would like a Fitness Class each week in the daytime - their teacher is not returning to us this year.

If there is anyone willing to take either of these two groups, or knows of someone who could help please ring Julie or Sue at the Community Centre on 01223 862763

Cricket Club News

Milton Cricket Club finds itself back in the Cambs Cricket Association's Senior League for the 2004 season. Restructuring has seen the formation of a Senior League Division 3 and the village team has been 'promoted' into it from last season's Division 1 (North). Cricketers hoping to play at this higher standard will be glad to hear that indoor nets start on 4th February at the Perse School (6.50 until 8.20 pm).

Paul Capitain.

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