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Milton Village View

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Milton Summer Fayre – Goes on and hopefully on!



Milton Community Centre held its Annual Summer Fayre again in July with many village charities taking part. Thanks to the helpers that came in at the last minute, the day was very successful, even though the weather could have been better, with stalls all doing well in the way of fundraising.

“The Vibes” Band played together with an Elvis look-alike. Thanks to XS Latin American Formation Dance Team and Helene Jones School of Dance for giving free displays of their dancing. The Milton Colts Football Tournament took place on the grassed football area and was enjoyed by everyone.

This is one of the occasions where various charity organisations in the village join in and not only raise money for their own groups, but also create a lovely friendly atmosphere so everyone can enjoy the day, stallholders and villagers alike and I am glad to say that we have had around a dozen people offering to take on this Fayre for next year.

Anyone interested in joining this group please ring 01223 862763 and speak to Julie.



Tom Gillmore to Retire

After almost 21 years as Head teacher at Milton Primary School, Tom Gillmore has decided to retire at the end of the school year, July 2005. Tom has been responsible for leading the school through many changes and two successful Ofsted reports. He describes his time at the school as both stimulating and professionally rewarding but is now looking forward to taking up other more leisurely activities.

Mrs Day's 100th Birthday Celebration



Mrs Day with two of her sons cutting the celebration cake

The Lunch Club served up a special meal for Mrs Day's 100th birthday. The room was beautifully laid out with co-ordinated tablecloths, serviettes and flowers. Several male ‘waiters’ were dressed appropriately for the event and were on hand. The meal was 3 courses and the food was top quality. The Chairman of Milton Parish Council, Jane Coston presented Mrs Day with a basket of silk flowers on behalf of the Parish Council. Jane said afterwards “I have never tasted beef so well cooked with all the flavour and the roast potatoes tasted wonderful. The vegetables were cooked to perfection. I felt like I had been to a top class restaurant – there must have been over 50 people served with food that day.”

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Milton W.I. Outing to Newmarket Hat Shop



What fun we had trying them on

Mrs Hopkins was my Grandmother

I was recently given a copy of your magazine Milton Village View. I read with great interest the article by Ivor Gates who mentioned a Mrs Hopkins of Butt Lane. This Mrs Hopkins was my paternal grandmother, and she did indeed have a daughter living in Switzerland. That daughter was of course my aunt, who sadly died in the early 1980's. Although I have moved from Cambridge I and my two brothers remember Milton in its younger days. Also by coincidence Rev. Ian Cowley who was Rector of Milton is now our Vicar here in Yaxley.

Sheila Faircloth nee Hopkins

Friends of Milton Country Park

A guided nature trail booklet is now available for 50p. Also available at a reduced price of £2 are a pack of 10 postcards depicting the park at different times of year and showing just some of the events we have. If you'd like to purchase either of these items they are available either from the Rangers at the visitors centre or by emailing fmcp@miltonvillage.org.uk

Talking about events, on Sunday 4th September I went on a guided herbal walk. It was led by Ashley Scott. She was very knowledgeable telling all 15 of us about the medicinal qualities you can get from plants like nettles, holly and raspberry bushes. Did you know that tea made from the leaves of raspberry has been used for centuries as a folk medicine to treat wounds, colic pain, upper respiratory disorders, and difficulties in childbirth?

If you'd like to join the 'The Friends' then you can download a Membership form from our website
(www.miltonvillage.org.uk/fmcp).

Theresa Feetenby

The W. I. recently had an outing to Newmarket Hat Shop. We tried on hats that would cost in the region of £200 to buy but only cost £35 to hire making hat hire a great idea. There was also a lovely range of jewellery, bags and shoes. Afterwards we went on to have coffee and biscuits in the Barn before we set off home again. Thank you to everyone who organised this.

Wendy Stanley

Milton Surgery Announcement

Dear patients

You may have heard that the Government has introduced a new contract for General Practitioners from 1st April 2004. One of the changes in the contract is that the responsibility for GP Emergency Medical Cover is now split into Weekdays (8 am – 6.30pm Monday to Friday) and Out of Hours (all other times).

All the GP surgeries in Cambridge and the surrounding villages (including Milton Surgery) have decided to allow the local NHS Primary Care Trusts to take over the responsibility for the Out of Hours Cover for our patients.

For the past eight years Milton Surgery patients have been covered by CAMDOC during the evenings and weekends. We have been very pleased with the service provided by CAMDOC. The Cambridge and South Cambs Primary Care Trusts have agreed to continue to use CAMDOC for Out of Hours cover.

The official date for the primary Care Trusts to take over responsibility is 1st October 2004 however none of you should notice any difference in the service which will continue to be provided by local Doctors and Nurses working for CAMDOC.

Beating of the Retreat and Sunset Ceremony

I just wanted to congratulate all those who were involved in organising this wonderful event.

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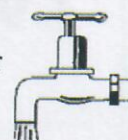
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Milton W.I.

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Play Equipment Replaced



A new multiple play unit was installed in The Rowans play area to replace old equipment at a cost of nearly £8000. The site has been designed so that the provision of wet pour could be considered for the site at a later stage.

New Rector Inducted

The new rector of All Saints The Rev. David Chamberlin was duly inducted on the 6th September, as reported in the last issue. We welcome and wish David and his family the very best for the future. David was previously vicar of the Swardston group of parishes in Norfolk.

His own unique web site is at: <http://www.chamberlin.clara.net/chamberlin/david.htm>

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Odour Update

The following procedure should be adopted when reporting odour complaints to Anglian Water.

Phone; 08457 145 145 (Local call)

Press 9 on your keypad

Press 1 on your keypad

Advise the call agent that there are odours from the Cambridge Sewerage Treatment Works, and advise the call agent that you are logging a complaint, or wish to have the manager call you back to discuss the issue.

Was it a bird, was it a plane ?

No just a very large balloon! Late one evening in early June west Milton was overflowed at a very low level by a hot air balloon.

The picture below was taken by a resident in Butt Lane



Recycling

Just a reminder that kitchen waste can now be put into your green wheeled bins. Residents can now recycle: **Cooked food, Fruit and vegetable peelings, Old fruit and vegetables, Eggshells and stale bread, Tea bags and coffee filters, Meat, fish, bones and food carcasses.**

A plastic recycling bank is now in place at Tesco car park. (see below). At the moment only **three** types of plastic used in packaging can be recycled. These are identified by symbols which can be found at the bottom of most bottles. A triangular shape with a number 1, 2 or 3 inside the shape. These cover fizzy drink, milk, washing-up liquids, squash, mineral water and shampoo bottles. Plastic bottles with codes 4, 5, 6, and 7 **cannot** be recycled using the banks; these should be put into the black wheeled bin. If in doubt full details are listed at the bank.



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Milton Poetry Group

New members welcome to this small informal group. No particular expertise required, other than sharing your ideas on poetry. For further information contact Adrian Bushen on 862309

Jennie's Marathon

Jennie Taylor who lives in The Rowans will be running the London Marathon in April 2005 supporting the Calvert Trust, who provide adventurous Holidays for people with disabilities. She's looking for sponsors. You can do this online at: <http://www.justgiving.com/JennieT>



I'm hungry mum!

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Milton Day Centre



Edna Wenham and Rose Southgate at the Day Centre lunch outing to the Pike and Eel

The Day Centre, which operates on Fridays during term time, continues to flourish after eleven years, thanks to our committed and loyal volunteers, who help everything run smoothly. We have certainly come a long way since we opened in the Community Centre in 1993 and then transferred to Barnabas Court in 2001. This year was rather difficult for everyone as our cook Lorna became seriously ill before Christmas. However with some outside

temporary help and the good will of our previous volunteer cooks, we managed to keep things up and running. We really missed Lorna, but thankfully she is making a good recovery and we all look forward to her return on alternate Fridays in September.

Last September the year began with our 10th Anniversary celebration, where helpers past and present joined members for a bring and share buffet lunch. Other activities during the year included quizzes and games, speakers, crafts for Christmas, an Easter bonnet competition, visits by the School, musical entertainment and slide shows. Outings have been to Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club and a summer visit to the Pike & Eel at Needingworth for lunch.

A big thank you to those in the village who have supported us in our fund raising activities, such as the Village Fair and at our pre-Christmas Bring & Buy/Coffee Morning.

We would very much welcome new volunteers who could spare a few hours on Fridays on a rota basis. If you would like a chat about how you could help, please ring Pauline Waters (860620) or Margaret Nunn (860829). We also have a vacancy for a part-time cook to work alternate Fridays from 830am to 1.30pm, at an hourly rate of £6.

Pauline Waters

Senior Citizens Outings

For the third year in succession a coach outing to the coast was organised for Milton senior citizens. On the 30th June everybody on the trip spent a lovely day at Clacton-on-Sea.

While some preferred to sit and relax in the gardens along the sea front, the more adventurous strolled along the promenade in the glorious weather, or took a trip along the front by train, whilst others explored the shops in the town.

Our second outing on the 1st September was to London for a river trip down the Thames from Westminster to Greenwich. This proved to be a huge success, and was once again blessed by beautiful weather. Everybody had a wonderful day together.

In December we have a third outing, as we are going yet again to the Thursford Xmas Show, which has proved to be so popular the past two years. Many requests were received for a return trip.

The organisers would again like to thank the Jean Gallagher Trust for the generous donation towards the cost of these outings, without whose help they could not take place. Indeed three trips in one year is excellent value for money.

The Milton Senior Citizens outings are run solely for people living in the village and are not affiliated to any other club, or organisation.

All enquires to **Marie Davis** on 520061 or **Daphne Linsey** on 862804

November 1968 - Were we the first Calendar Girls?



Milton W.I. 'Miss World Competition'

Contestants lining up for judging

From left to right: Mrs Mary Daniels, Mrs Pat Froment, Mrs Gloria Badcock, Mrs Mary Shipp, Mrs Nora Halls, Mrs Kathleen Sumner

In slinky gowns and revealing swimsuits the women of Milton paraded their charms but they were no spring chickens. The eldest was a 62 year old Grandmother and the baby of the line up was just 37. They were not deterred by the disclosure of statistics emphasising some comfortable round figures. They let their hair down and aided by false eye lashes, hairpieces, wigs, pins and stays and 'knocked them in the aisles' at the Old Village Hall. The object of the competition was to find Miss Milton W.I. and the winner was Mrs Pat Froment.

Mary Daniels

Whist

Although lots of organisations close down in August, we stay open, and the numbers have been quite encouraging. We had a very successful tombola at the Village Fayre so we should have a good Christmas Whist Drive. As the hall will be closed for our usual Christmas Drive week, we shall have one on the fourth Tuesday in November and the Christmas one will have to be on the fifth Tuesday - November 30th.

Mary Daniels

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The figures below show how broadly this money was spent. Please note that
some of these figures have been offset by money received.

The Parish Council continues to support the many sporting, social and leisure
activities at the community centre and recreation grounds through its grant of
£22,000.

	2003-04	2002-03
Administration	12,107	12,828
Community Centre and Recreation Grounds	22,000	22,000
Community Centre - Loan Repayment	17,385	17,453
Community Minibus	2,102	0
Maintenance - Grass cutting etc	19,532	22,029
Capital Schemes	16,275	11,803
Provision for the elderly	8,008	8,452
Provision for the under 18's (inc play areas)	6,614	9,975
	104,023	104,540

The precept for 2004-5 is £80,000. This means that a band D house will pay £48.46
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Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church

Sunday Services

10.30 am Family Service
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Midweek Home Group

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PUZZLE CORNER

There were not very many entries for the 'True or false' puzzle in the June issue but all were of a high standard. The winners were Theresa Feetenby of Garner Close and Mary Daniels of Bene't Close. Congratulations to these two winners. The answers to the puzzle were:

1. True 2. False - The Brighton Line is the call in Bingo for 59 3. False - The dead heat in the Boat Race was in 1877 4. True 5. False - Wednesday's child is full of woe 6. True 7. True 8. False - The 15th wedding anniversary is 'Crystal' 9. False - The 6th Commandment is 'Thou shalt not kill' 10. True

For the new season I thought we would start with a Trivia Quiz. If you have been to the School Quiz evening this will be right up your street - although there are not so many questions! They all relate to events in the 20th Century.

1. The final section of the longest railway in the world was completed in 1917. What was the name of the railway?
2. Emily Davison threw herself in front of the Kings horse in the 1913 Derby. What cause was she trying to promote?
3. One of the factors that brought the U.S.A. into the 1st World War was the sinking of a British liner which was carrying Americans. What was the name of the ship?
4. Where was Adolf Hitler when he wrote his book 'Mein Kampf'?
5. Which British Prime Minister announced in 1937 that the result of a European Conference would guarantee 'Peace in our time'?
6. About which battle did Winston Churchill say 'Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few'?
7. What was tested on Bikini Atoll in 1954?
8. Name the first space traveller in Sputnik II.
9. When the Viet Cong captured Saigon what new name did they give to the city?
10. Under what name do we know Vladimir Illyich Ulyanov?

Send your entries to me, Michael Spooner 43a Old School Lane MILTON CB4 6BS by 6 November.

If you wish to use e mail, send to mjsmilton@tesco.net

This month the prizes of £10 and £5 have been generously donated by Benet Garage.

Unusual flooding and an interesting watery tale in Old School Lane

You may have seen the flood in Old School Lane last month, or seen the picture in the Cambridge Evening News. I have been looking into the history of the ditch which crosses Old School Lane where, after a cloudburst, the water just couldn't flow away fast enough.

This is a charming little drain, and I can't believe it never had a name. I wonder if any of our older residents had a name for it?

In the mid 1900's, Milton was an important market-gardening village, growing mostly tomatoes and cucumbers under glass. There were acres of greenhouses on the west side of the main road, at Alexandra Nurseries, roughly where Edmund House and the entrance to The Rowans is now. The rain water flowed fast off these glass houses, and the ditch by the main road took the water away across the road (beside where Coles Road and Recreation Close are now).

The ditch runs along by the Community Centre and through Tomkins Mead, a wet nature reserve beside the Country Park, at the back of Old School Lane. Villagers remember that it used to be deep enough that it was not unusual to see swans paddling along it. It crosses Old School Lane and comes out at Fen Road, which seems to have always been where ditches from the old part of the village gathered together.

Our ditch from Fen Road onwards has an even more picturesque history. When Humphrey Repton was engaged to landscape Milton Hall in the 18th Century, and created the parkland we know as Pi Research, Milton's rainwater was diverted to flow past the Rectory and into an ornamental boating lake in the woods at the back of Milton Hall's grounds. This lake is rather silted up now. I wonder if anyone has pictures of this in its heyday?

From there the water flows into field drains and finally reaches the Cam near our boundary with Waterbeach.

Hazel Smith

Cambridge Building Society reopens

The Milton branch of the Cambridge Building Society opened its doors on Monday 12th July following extensive refurbishment.

The branch now has a fresh, modern feel and is more accessible to wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs. It also has a private meeting room where customers can discuss their accounts with staff, away from the counter area.

The Society first opened at 6 High Street, Milton over 11 years ago in March 1993 and it has been popular within the local community ever since.

During the refurbishment the Society opened a temporary branch which was located in the Community Centre Car Park in Coles Road. Feedback from customers about the temporary branch was very positive and many preferred not having to visit another town or village to do their banking during the time the main branch was closed.



Stephen Mitcham, Head of Business Development officially reopens the Society's Milton branch watched by Vicky Grigor, Milton Branch Supervisor and Sue Higginson, Area Manager.

Commenting on the refurbishment, Sue Higginson, Area Manager, said: "The Milton branch is now better equipped to meet the needs of both our customers and our staff. We know that our local branch network is important to our customers. As a Society, we are committed to providing first class customer service and the refurbishment of this branch will allow us to continue to provide this service for many years to come."

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Milton School Association - Summer BBQ



This years summer BBQ was held on the 9th July. Milton School Association are very proud of this annual event which is held each year at Milton Primary School. The event is always well attended, with rides and attractions for the children along with

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Entertainer Michael J Fitch who keeps the children well entertained with his magic skills. This year there was Milton Dads Football between Milton Colts and Milton Rangers. Milton Mums displayed some excellent amusement with their dancing skills for the second year. (Although it's now time for a change next year) Premier Soccer had their speed cage set up for the children. There was also an excellent country dancing display from Milton Primary School pupils.

Helene Jones School of Dance gave an excellent show of Ballet, Tap & disco. We are also grateful to Cambridge Fire & Rescue who brought along a Fire Engine for the children to have a look around. The evening was rounded off with a family disco. Weather was on our side again and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. The event raised over £2,000 that is helping to go towards construction of the new school swimming pool which is taking place this autumn.

Natasha Foster

Milton Pre-school

If you would like to register your child at Milton Pre-school please contact our supervisor Jackie Gray, Telephone: 07702 955075 (during school hours) or email: cynets@miltonvillage.org.uk

Children can start at 2 years 6 months if they are dry. In the near future we are hoping to be able to lower the admission age to two and therefore also have nappy changing facilities. Please contact us for further details.

We have recently been Accredited by the Pre-school Learning Alliance and offer a stimulating environment for children to learn through play.

Our staff are well qualified, caring and enthusiastic and look forward to meeting you.

Also thanks to everyone who collects Nestle Box Tops and Persil Stars for us. This year we hope to collect even more and beat last years total of £63 from the Box Tops. We have collected over 1200 Persil Stars so far. The stars are being collected to buy some new art materials. So please keep collecting. They can be given to anyone at Pre-school or dropped through the letter box of 69 Coles Road.

Alison Cooper

Open Studios

Chris Thomas and Alison Hullyer would like to thank everyone from the village who visited their studios in July. Despite unpredictable weather conditions they had approximately 180 visitors over the two weekends and both had good sales of cards and pictures. They are hoping to participate in Cambridge Open Studios again next year. Chris will be exhibiting at the Sawston Grand Art Exhibition in October half term and they will both be taking part in the Open Studios Christmas Exhibition at Fitzwilliam College on 27th and 28th November.

Examples of their work can be seen on their websites: www.hullyer.co.uk and www.miltoncontact.com.

Did you spot the trickery - Many of you said that the photograph that accompanied the Open Studios article in the last Village View looked a bit odd but could not work out why. Did you spot why the photo was odd? Send us a postcard with the answer to 67 Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge CB4 6BL. There will be a small prize for the correct answer - picked out of the bucket by the pixies.

Painting and Drawing Milton Country Park

Would you like to begin the week using your creative side? We are a small, friendly and lively drawing group meeting on Tuesday afternoon, 1pm - 3pm and looking for new members!

Based at Milton Country Park and part of Impington Village College adult education, this 20 week ongoing class is taught by experienced artist Sheila Bryan and takes you through all aspects of drawing. Each week looking at a different topic; this term we have made good use of the sunny days and have been drawing outside in the park and at Baits Bite Lock. Autumn/winter months are generally spent inside the centre with occasional trips outside for the hardy!

Autumn term begins again 28 September 2004

For more information contact

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