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# Milton Village View

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Village webmaster Paul Oldham at his computer with his dog Jake by his side

# Village Website the site for local news

On 22nd October this year Paul Oldham, webmaster of Milton Village website, posted the 1000th article. Paul originally created this award winning website when he first moved to the village because before he moved here he looked up Milton on the Web and could not find anything out about the area.

Since then Paul has created one of the most comprehensive village websites in the area which has now been running for four and a half years. Initially this was a private venture but it has now been adopted by the parish council who keep their section up to date.

On the website you can find news about the village which is updated at least once a week, parish council agendas and minutes, a directory of all organisations in the village, history articles and photos of the village.

You can find out more about Paul at http://the-hug.org/paul. There will be a small prize for anyone who can tell us why Paul and Beth's website is called 'The Hug' the answer can be found on one of their websites. Send your answer to 67 Coles Road, Milton or email: vv@miltonvillage.org.uk

If you wish to visit the Milton website you can find it at: http://www.miltonvillage.org.uk

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# Nicey and Wifey Nice Cup of Tea and a Sit Down

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Book cover

A new book is now on the shelves, and it is all down to Milton couple, Stuart and Jenny Payne. The book is based on an original idea for a website, with sections on tea, biscuits and sitting-down. It is now in the top five on Amazon for food and drink and humour.

Stuart originally started the website, where the idea came from, as a place to practice his programming skills, and somewhere to put his animations. The biscuits were a sideline as he was shocked that some of his younger colleagues hadn't even heard of a garibaldi. He saw it as his mission in life to educate these people. Quickly the website took off and it wasn't long before

they had biscuits appearing in the post from places as far flung as Australia and New Zealand. This carried on for a while quite sedately, until BBC online decided to feature them. This led to Stuart appearing on Richard and Judy, which led to a media frenzy of other TV and Radio appearances and even to an article on the front page of The Times.



Wifey and Nicey Jenny and Stuart Payne





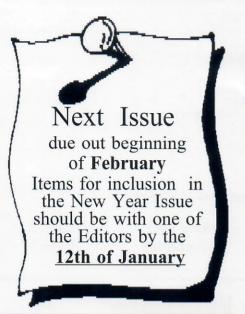
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### Painter is 'decorated'.

A portrait of Louise Tiplady, whose parents live in Willow Crescent, has recently gained second prize in the BP Portrait Competition at the National Portrait Gallery. Painted by her business partner, Paul Harris, the work attracted national press and TV coverage as well as a sizeable cheque. Interestingly Paul, a Herefordshire-based artist and stonemason, had not completed a work for sometime prior to the competition. The picture of Louise and the other major prize winners can still be viewed on the National Portrait Gallery's website.

Paul Capitain

### **Moving Away**

Jean and Jim Fisher are moving to Scotland to be nearer family. Our thanks to our friends and people in the village for their kindness and support over the years.

Jean & Jim Fisher

### Letter from Mrs S Watson

Formerly of Church Lane Milton To all Milton ladies and gentlemen,

I left Milton without saying goodbye to many of my friends and I am sorry but being on my own it was difficult and I could not manage to do everything I wanted to do before I left.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

### Correction

Calendar Girls - Issue 64 Gloria Badcock should have read Clara Badcock.

### Nicey & Wifey

Continued from page 1

Stuart used to hang out on an internet site called b3ta with other creative people making animations. He gave himself the name "nicecupoftea" as he likes tea, and it seemed like a good name. Jenny decided to join in and called herself "the wife" as they had recently got married and she was very proud of this. Jenny was also quite new to the internet and thought that with a name like that she wouldn't get any grief from any of the strange internet people she had heard about that inhabited message-boards. Before long they were simply known to the regulars as Nicey and Wifey, and that was what they stayed. Eventually they were contacted by Antony Topping who suggested they write a book. They agreed a contract with TimeWarner and "Nicey and Wifey's Nice Cup of Tea and a Sit Down" was born and is now available in all good book shops and some Tesco's. Stuart has lived in Cambridge since 1988 working for various IT companies and Jenny has worked at Addenbrooke's since 1992. They moved to Milton from Chesterton when their two boys were young, as they wanted somewhere with more village character, and they weren't disappointed. The boys love being able to cycle to the park and the eldest has settled happily into school.

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Dear All,

This is a thank you note for those who sponsored me to run the London Marathon on the 18th April this year (I know it is a bit late but I have been very busy with Uni coursework and exams!).

I managed to complete the course with a finishing time of 5 hrs 42 mins. Needless to say, it was one of the most gruelling experiences of my life! What made it worse is the fact that the weather conditions were the worst in the history of the London Marathon, as you can see in the photo!

I raised a total of £3,255, which has all been given to the charity Breakthrough Breast Cancer. As most of you will be aware, I was running in memory of my Mum, Tracey, and I am sure she would be very proud of me and amazed at the response from people in the community.

Again, thank you all for your support and donations, without them I doubt I would ever have been able to do it!

Best wishes and many thanks,

Daniel Maltby

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### Milton Colts F.C.

# **New Years Eve Family Disco**

Friday 31st December 8.00 pm to 1.00 am

Milton Community Centre Disco, Bar, Raffle and Buffet Adults - £12.00, Children - £6.00

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### WINTER WONDERLAND AT THE PARK

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A mixture of story-telling and card making.

This year this popular event will be on the 12th of December, with 2 sittings at 2pm and 3.30pm.

Cost £3, booking not required, just turn-up on the day.

### Milton W.I.

### Date

14th Dec 04 Chrstmas Party with Ted Lindley

18th Jan 05 Body Shop by Mr. Chapman

Competition

Home-made Christmas Card

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15th Feb 05 Beatice Potter by Mr. Maskell of the Blue Cross Cat poem

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### **Local Company Gains** £35,000 Funding Grant



Silver Fern Trust Ltd formally Silverfern Concrete based on the Milton Trading Estate has recently been awarded a Capital Funding grant of £35,000 as part of the Cambridgeshire LSC's Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities Fund, contract managed by the CP Learning Trust. This grant will be used to refurbish existing buildings and replace a mixer unit, pictured above.

The object for which the Silver Fern Trust is established is to advance the education of mentally and physically handicapped young people and adults with special needs by providing sheltered work experience, training and opportunities to achieve qualifications.

A cheque for the first instalment just over £23,000 was presented on Friday 12th November.

Barry Jefferson

Note: Silver Fern Trust Ltd make paving slabs and other concrete goods that can be purchased by the public.

### **Family Chronicle**

Warning!! - Don't lose a fortune over an Ancestry scam. Cambs Trading Standards are warning people not to part with their cash if they receive an invitation to buy the history of their family name.

company called William Prince Publishers based in Southall, Ealing are offering a Family Chronicle for £34.99 or a personal family tree for £17.95. DO NOT part with your money, you will receive nothing in return.

If you have experienced any problems Cambs Trading Standards can be contacted on 0845 30 30 666

### **Plastics Recycling**

Further to the report in the last issue of MVV, the huge success of recycling plastics has caused overflow problems at Tesco. The contractors are scheduled to empty the bins only twice a week, but they are filling daily.

This matter has been raised with SCDC by the Parish Council. Until the situation is resolved please remember to CRUSH your bottles, which will save space, but for a short while you might have to revert to using your black wheeled bin for plastics.

Watch this Space!!

### **Tesco Roundabout**



Remember these

After a great deal of effort by the Parish Council the County Council has finally relented and agreed to remove the advertising from the roundabout at the entrance to the village near Tesco.

The Parish Council had argued that the adverts were distracting and dangerous, especially to anyone approaching the village from the A14 direction. The offending signs will be removed after the 16th February 2005.

### Kitchen Green Bins

Kitchen Green bins are now available for collection from the Rectory Farm Shop on the A10. Each household is entitled to one FREE. You will be asked for your name postcode and house number for the records for any bins you collect for you or on behalf of someone else.

Bins can be collected for those who cannot get to Rectory Farm, and Rectory Farm are also hoping to arrange deliveries to elderly residents who would like one.

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### Halingway



The Halingway looking towards Baits Bite lock

The Halingway running from Baits Bite lock to the Pike and Eel in Chesterton is going to be tarmacked, as the first stage from Fen Road to the lock.

The section from Fen Road to Clayhithe will also be improved. This should make easier travel for cyclists.

### **Pilates**

Milton Community Centre Monday 9.30 - 10.30am

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### **Armistice Day**



On Thursday 11th November at 11am villagers gathered by the war memorial in Coles Road to observe two minutes silence for Armistice Day. Harry Capitain read the exhortation and Jane Coston, chairman of the parish council, laid a wreath on behalf of the village. The new Rector Rev. David Chamberlin also attended. Many commented on how nice it was to see so many people attending of all ages and especially nice to see young people and children there.

### POLICE UPDATE - Histon Sector Road Tax Evaders

Police from Histon were working again this month with staff from the DVLA targeting vehicle road tax evaders across the sector. A number of vehicles were issued with tickets and clamped. The clamp release fee is £200. Hopefully the fine, together with the inconvenience of having the vehicle clamped will encourage drivers to ensure they are displaying a current tax disc.

### **New Telephone Number**

There is now one single number to call for all non-emergency calls to Cambridgeshire Police. This is 0845 456 456 4. All emergency calls should still be made to 999. Alternatively, why not try the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website. This allows you to contact, by e-mail, a specific officer.

### **Monthly Crimes**

The figures below relate to reported crimes for Histon Sector for the period  $1^{st} - 31^{st}$  October 2004. The figures shown in brackets relate to the number of crimes reported last month.

Dwelling Burglary Non-dwelling Burglary Criminal Damage Theft of Motor Vehicle Theft from Motor Vehicle Theft of Cycle	13 (7) 35(50) 45(42) 11(5) 28(27) 9(13)		

### **Cubs snake adventure**



Cubs were treated to a rare experience when Mick Skeldins attended their meeting to talk about his job as a Customs Officer. They were allowed to lie on a snakeskin. *Wendy Stanley* 

50<sup>th</sup> Cambridge (Milton) Scout Group

### Marquee Hire

Telephone Bob on C. 514332 E-mail: coutmarquee@miltonvillage.org.

Web site: http://www.miltonvillage .org.uk/scouts/marquee/

### **Lunch Club**

Our Christmas lunch will be held on Thursday December 16th with invited guests who have helped in various ways through the year.

In July instead of cooking the Lunch Club went to Hunstanton when the weather was very kind to us. We had a most kind driver who suggested other places to visit if the weather played up but it kept fine. It was a wonderful day, we shall definitely be doing it again.

The Prime Team

### Milton 2000 minus a year or two - by Harry Missing

Continued from issue 62

The High Street has seen a number of changes since the early 1920's. Then it could well have been described as the Commercial Centre of the village. On the left-hand side stood a 1914-18 army hut, at the time a number of these wooden huts were used as dwellings, some as village halls, our Men's Institute was of this type. The hut stood on land which is now the front garden of Miss Goodin's bungalow. It was occupied by a Mr Alfred Gates and his wife Ethel, the daughter of the Garners who kept the village Post Office in the front room of their house opposite. It is likely that you can still see the scar in the brickwork of the house left when the Pillar Box was removed and taken along the road to a point near Willow Crescent where the Condors had a shop, a bakery. Returning to Mr Gates, he specialised in selling items for cyclists/motor cyclists, including petrol which he sold by the can. Had they existed at the time, Health and Safety chaps would have had a field day – selling petrol and storing it on domestic premises of wooden construction – we thought little or nothing of the dangers at that time.

A few yards further on, Abbeystone House became the site of the village Fish and Chip Shop for a short period run by Joyce and Arthur Clarke. Joyce's mother, Mrs Goodin ran the Milton Hand Laundry and was probably the first household in the village to have a supply of electricity, generating their own in a small building to the right of the house. As children, we enjoyed a number of birthday parties in the large room of the laundry where drying and ironing took place. Moving across the road and a few yards on, we had the shop and business of the Milton Smallholders Co-operative Society. Here you could buy a large variety of items, generally Agricultural/Horticultural related but with some hardware, vegetable seeds and animal feed stuffs were perhaps their main lines, although, if you wanted a stack of corn threshed, they could do that for you with the Steam Threshing Tackle they housed at their farm situated where The College of West Anglia now stands in Landbeach Road.

Historical Book - If you have any old photos we could borrow or any other information we would be pleased to hear from you. Contact Jane Coston on 01223 861655

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### **Exposed by the Trowel**

The last of my articles on archaeology in Milton which appeared in the April 2003, edition 57 of the Village View, completed a series covering the historical periods from prehistory to the Norman Conquest in 1066. From time to time I will have further topics of archaeological interest related to our village to report, the following is of current interest.

During the Summer of 2003, the Oxford Archaeological Unit carried out a Stage one evaluation at the Milton end of the proposed Rowing Lake site. Twenty one trenches were excavated (how many noticed these from Fen Road!), and geoarchaeological recordings were made of the alluvial sequence of the River Cam. A pit and posthole containing Bronze Age pottery were discovered at the northern end, and Middle Iron Age and two Roman pits were recorded. Roman linear ditches across the flood plain were noted, probably constructed for drainage and access to the River. Palaeoenvironmental evidence indicated that the northern end was a swamp, the southern half damp grassland i.e. adjacent to the Country Park. Fen conditions developed from the Roman period with the deposition of peat.

An archaeological investigation carried out by the County Archaeological Field Unit, prior to the commencement of the Penfold Farm Golf course work, produced little of archaeological interest. (AFU report B12 1).

Source: Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society Vol.93, pp 184 and 187

Remember, if you make any finds, contact Jim Daniels, Tel/fax 861447 or E-mail: Clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk

Derek Booth

### Milton Cygnet Pre-School

Good News for Milton toddlers. Milton Cygnet Pre-School has changed its admissions policy. We are now taking children from two years of age. We currently have places available for the younger children in the afternoons. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact Jackie Gray our supervisor at Cygnets on 07702955075 or our allocations secretary Roxane Owen via e-mail at:

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Sarah Hunjan

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### Tuesday Children's Club

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Further details may be obtained from Malcolm and Jenny Franklin,

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# Christmas 2004 at All Saints' Church

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13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> December

### Toddler & Baby Group Christmas Parties

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7pm Come along & sing your favourite

### Carols by Candlelight

Followed by punch & mince pies

Friday 24th December

### 3pm Christmas Eve Starting Blocks

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### 11.30pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December

### 8am Christmas Day Holy Communion 10.30am Christmas Day Worship for All

Ages (lasts 45 minutes)

All the above will be held at All Saints' Church, Church Lane, Milton (past the Jolly Brewers and next door to the hospice)

For more information please call the church office on 441007 or email: office@allsaintsmilton.org.uk Please visit the new-look website www.allsaintsmilton.org.uk

### PUZZLE CORNER

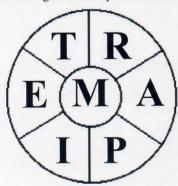
The trivia quiz in the October issue did not prove very difficult - most of the entries received were completed correctly.

The first two entries drawn out of the hat were from Stephanie Clarke of Ballard Close and Barry Jefferson of The Sycamores. Congratulations to these two winners.

The answers to the quiz were:

- 1. The railway was the Trans-Siberian Railway
- 2. Emily Davison was promoting the Votes for women campaign
- 3. The ship that was sunk was the Lusitania
- 4. Hitler was in prison when he wrote Mein Kampf.
- 5. Neville Chamberlain was the Prime Minister in question.
- 6. Churchill was talking about the Battle of Britain.
- 7. The first Hydrogen bomb was detonated on Bikini Atoll.
- 8. The first space traveller in Sputnik II was Laika the dog.
- 9. Saigon became Ho Chi Minh city.
- 10. Vladimir Ulyanov was Lenin.

The puzzle for this month is a form of word finder. Using the letters shown no more than once, you have to make as many words as possible of 4 or more letters - always using the middle letter. No capitalised words, no plurals and the answer to include a word using all of the letters. As a guide 20 words would be average, 30 words would be very good and anything over 35 words - go to the top of the class.



Send your answers to me by 20 December. We shall be presenting the winner with a turkey and there will be two runners-up prizes of seasonal goodies.

The turkey has again been generously given by Eric Pranklin of **Pete's Quality Meats** Arbury Road Cambridge.

Send your entries to Michael Spooner 43a Old School Lane, MILTON Cambridge CB4 6BS - or if you prefer to use email then send to mjsmilton@tesco.net

### Milton Primary School

Poetry and limericks from children in year 5 and 6.

### Kennings

Seed splitter Root shooter Earth breaker Healthy green Branch bearer Tall tower Bud maker Fruit holder Leaf loser Sap weeper Dark death

A Tree

By Luke Brooks Year 6

### Scrabble club

All the scores have been added up for the year and the winners were announced at the Charity Scrabble evening.

The winner for the year 2004 Chrys Chapman of Girton with an average score of 401. The runner up was Letty Burrell also of Girton with an average score 388. Consolation certificate went to Doreen Keen of Milton with a score of 259. The charity winner was Sheila Badcock of Shelford with a score of 772 for 2 games and her chosen charity was the Unit Oncology Addenbrookes Hospital. Although numbers were disappointing for a charity match it was a very pleasant evening.

MARGARINE LADY IS GONE

### Did you spot the trickery?

Answer: The picture was made up of two photographs. Chris Thomas and Alison Hullyer were superimposed onto a giant Hall End sign. The winner of this competition was Rosemary Cluff of Cherry Close.

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### Envy

Envy is green, It smells like damp grass, It tastes like champagne bubbling in your

It sounds like the howling of a dog, It feels like a lit candle, Envy lives in a dark, lonely cave.

mouth.

By Gemma Hall Year 5

### **Leaving School**

Why do I have to go, mother? Why do I have to go? I have to leave my teachers That tell me things I don't know

Why can't I stay here mother? What about my friends? I promised to visit them So our friendship never ends.

I don't understand why this has to happen, I've been there since year two. Why do you wander about? As if it has nothing to do with you?

By Fiona Liao Year 5

### Year 6 Limericks

There was an old man from France Who did a merry old dance He crashed in the tower Got knocked out for an hour All because he did a silly old dance.

By Nick Sharkey

There was an old girl from Peru Who each day ate ten bowls of stew Along came a tiger Who sat down beside her And guess what? She ate that up too.

By Harri Beasley

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### Milton Colts FC

Right: A proud moment when the Milton Colts Managers and helpers gathered together to receive the FA Charter Standard Award

Below: Match in progress on the day of the opening of the new football pitch at Coles Road on Saturday 25 September.

Mowlems had helped clear an area as a gesture to the village once they had completed the cycle bridge.



Milton Colts Football managers were presented with the FA Charter

Standard Award by Parish Council Chairman, Jane Coston at their Presentation Evening earlier this year. It has taken a lot of hard



Below:

Kick off on the new pitch

Milton Captain, James Drummond

with referee Kevin Knock (who

also runs the Milton Girls Under

15 team) and one of the Sutton

work by the club to achieve this and it can only be achieved if the club is run properly, with all managers having Child Protection Courses, Emergency First Aid and at least one of the coaches must have a FA Level 1 Coaching Certificate.

Now the extra pitch has been created, Milton Colts have 3 different size pitches on Coles Road Recreation Ground, catering for children, boys and girls, from the age of 7 up to 12 with the boys and 15 with the girls.

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### Milton Cricket Club

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