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Milton Asian Disaster Appeal

£14,000 raised so far

The appeal now stands at £13,989, and further contributions are still to be added. So far Milton has raised enough to send shelter to over 280 people. What a fantastic response for a village with only 1,800 homes!

Each Shelterbox costs £490 and contains a tent, water purification, sleeping bags, cooking equipment and many other items - all in one box and enough for ten people to set up home.

The appeal was launched on New Years Eve and raised several thousands in the first few days. By Friday 7th January over £6,800 had already been donated. The first donation to come in was from the Milton Colts whose New Years Eve raffle in aid of the appeal raised £255.

Donations of hundreds of new gifts and Christmas presents for the Bring and Buy, raffle, bottle stall and auction flooded in and by Friday, the day of the sale, there were so many gifts it took almost an hour to



Children donated their piggy bank contents

Closing Date for the present fund is March 14th.

If you still have funds to pass on to this appeal please could you notify John Gray, 12 Humphries Way as soon as possible so the accounts can be finalised. All Saints Church have kindly agreed that any future fund raising for the Asian Disaster Appeal can be channelled through the Church.



Peoples generosity was astonishing. Every trestle table the Community Centre had in the hall was in use and laden with donated goods. The volunteers reported that buyers were handing over money for goods and donating their change.

ferry the goods using a team of estate cars and volunteers from the house in Coles Road to the Community Centre. By Saturday 8th January, one week after the appeal had been launched over £12,000 had been raised. A further clearance sale held at the school raised over £160.

Where did the donations come from?

Well over 100 individual donations were given in cheques and cash.

The largest single donation was £1,250 and at least one other individual's donation covered the cost of a Shelterbox.

Milton Primary School donated the cost of one shelterbox £490.

Milton Primary also raised £260 at their after school event.

Milton W.I. donated £50 following a talk at their meeting.

St John's Hills Road Taoist Tai Chi Society £32

All Saints' Music Soiree £89.50

Douglas & Warner Partnership Ltd £200

Balsham W.I. donated £70 following a talk about Shelterboxes at their W.I meeting.

Darwin Workshops, Fulbourn raised £400.45

Landbeach & Milton Baptist Wednesday Group raised £50.

Relatives of Milton residents in Yorkshire and Norwich are also known to have donated large sums because there was nothing happening in their areas.

All Saints Church, total still to be confirmed.

In addition to the above fundraising there were collections in the Post Office, Cambridge Building Society, Waggon and Horses, Lion and Lamb and the White Horse which were sent directly to charities. Were there any others - let us know!

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of April

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the Spring Issue should
be with one of the
Editors by the
12th of March

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Post to Greece?

Mrs Watson, who recently left to live in Greece, has written to ask if anyone would mind posting a copy of the village magazine to her, she is happy to pay postage costs. If anyone is willing to help please contact Jane on 861655.

Local man working in the Antarctic



CHABLIS and is funded by the Department for the Environment - Defra, at the University of York. James, an ardent Norwich City football fan, braved the elements to have his photograph taken in all the Norwich regalia. Is he the only Norwich City fan to be photographed on the Antarctic? James returns to the UK in March.

David Lee

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - 2004

We in Milton raised £3056.17 towards the Poppy Appeal. On behalf of the Royal British Legion, I would like to thank all who contributed, shops and businesses who had a collection tin, Tesco's for allowing collectors outside their store and the volunteer collectors who gave their time. Unfortunately the collectors in Milton have been declining in recent years, so we are desperately looking for new people to help for the 2005 Poppy Appeal. If you are think you can give ½ hour or more of your time then please call 0800 085 5924 or visit www.britishlegion.org.uk for more details.

Thank you Kim – Milton Poppy Organiser

2005 Summer Fayre

This year the MCC has appointed a working group to organise the summer fayre and we would like to thank Julia Gray and her assistants, for their support and organisation of the previous summer fayres.

The working group thought that this year we would ask your view on what you would like to see at this year's fayre, after all it is for charity! And the village! We are looking for your suggestions of entertainment that could be used at this year's fayre that would be appreciated by the younger and older generation of the village.

Please send your suggestions by the 25th February, addressed to – Summer Fayre, Milton Community Centre, Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB4 6BL or e-mail us at MiltonFayre@AOL.com

Mother Goose

This year Mother Goose the Panto by Hurricane Productions visited the Community Centre and delighted all the adults and children with her antics.

The production is always exciting and noisy with lots of Boogie, Hissing and Laughing at the many characters.

Milton Community Centre sponsors this event and this year even on a Saturday it still proved very popular in the village.

Thanks again to the people who helped on the Saturday.

One of the next big events in the Community Centre's Diary is the Milton Summer Fayre and there is a brilliant new group organising this event. I know they are putting in a lot of effort to make this a really successful day with a few surprises, so put this date in your diaries now – Sunday 10 July 2005!

A Big Thank You

to all those who organised this years Mother Goose. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by all.

Wendy Stanley

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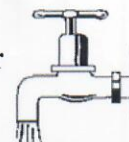
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**50th Cambridge
(Milton & Landbeach)
Scout Group**

Jumble Sale Saturday 12th March 2005

Milton Community Centre,
Coles Road, Milton.

Doors Open 2:30 pm - Admission 20p

New Groups starting at the Community Centre:

New Aerobics has just started on
Monday lunchtimes in the main
hall of the Community Centre.
This class is taken by the same
aerobics teacher that takes classes
on a Monday evening.

Spanish Classes will start 23
February upstairs in the
Community Centre. These classes
are for adults and children.

For further details please ring the
Community Centre on 01223
862763 (mornings only)

Beating Retreat and Sunset Ceremony

Sunday 18th September 2005

For the fifth year the Milton branch,
Royal Air Forces Association is
arranging to hold Beating The Retreat
and Sunset Ceremony on Sunday 18th
September, 2005 on Coles Road
Recreation Ground, Milton
commencing at 5pm.

Those taking part include the Cadets
of the Beds Cambs Wing of the Air
Training Corps including the Corps of
the Drums of 104 (City of Cambridge)
Squadron A.T.C. and 2500 (St Neots)
Squadron A.T.C. In addition the
R.A.F. Wyton Voluntary Band, also
the Minden Band Queens Division,
Bassingbourn will take part.

We are also hoping to pay a tribute to
617 Squadron (The Dambusters). There
will also be the usual Fireworks
Display. Tea and coffee will be
available. Admission is free.

There will be a collection on behalf of
R.A.F. Association Charities. We hope
the people of Milton will support this
event as we feel sure you will enjoy
the evening.

Rap and Hip Hop project

I'm organising a Rap and Hip Hop
project for Young People in Milton on
the 17th and 18th Feb (Half term)

This will be open to all young people
aged 13+ and will be held at the Youth
Club building each day from 10am
until 4.30pm.

Over both days, they will learn how
to write lyrics, create backing tracks
and then have the opportunity to record
and produce their own CD.

For further information please
contact: Julian Ayres, Central South
Cambs Youth Service on 01954
288748 or email:

jayres@cambsyouthservice.org.uk

Country Park Events

Sunday 27th February

Wild Food Plant Walk

from 11:00 £1.00 per person, please book a
place by 20th February.

Saturday 5th March

Willow Workshop

10:00 - 16:00 £25 per person. Places will need
to be booked by 20th February.

13th March

Walk

from 11 am cost £1 please book by 6th March

Sunday 27th March

Easter Treasure Hunt

2.00 pm. There will be a charge of £1.50 for
each person seeking a reward.

Sunday 3rd April

Wild Food Plant Walk

11.00 am. There will be a charge of £1.00 per
person, please book a place by 3rd April

Tuesday 5th April

Children's Easter Holiday Activity Day

The day is aimed at children from 8 to 12 years
of age, and will run from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.
Children will need to bring a packed lunch with
them. Places need to be booked at least two
weeks in advance. There will be a charge of
£9.00 per child per day.

Friday 8th April

Cambridgeshire Bird Club

"Bird Illustrating in East Africa & Madagascar"
by John Gale. 8.00 to 10.00pm. £1.00 for non
members.

Healthy Walks

Every Tuesday from 2.00pm and 3.00pm, free.
The walks range from 30 minutes to an hour
and are led by rangers around the park at a pace
to suit everyone's ability. Refreshments are
available after the walk to replenish those
energy stores and to socialise with fellow
walkers. There is no need to book, just turn up
on the day. Participants will be required to
complete a medical questionnaire before the
start of the walk.

For further information on any of the above
events please contact Milton Country Park
on (01223) 420060

Milton W.I. 2005

Date

Competition

15th Feb Beatrix Potter by Mr Maskell of the Blue Cross

Cat Poem

15th March A.G.M.

19th April A walk round Anglia by Mr Burling

Postcard / photo of East Anglia

Blood Donors Session Friday 25 February 2005 Milton Community Centre

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MILTON RESIDENT

Local Matters

by Barry Jefferson

Plastics Again !!



Due to the huge demand for plastics disposal at Tesco, as reported in the last two issues of Milton Village View a bigger RORO, (roll off-roll on) container is in place now. The Parish Council had raised the problem with SCDC who reacted quickly to solve it. It is emptied twice a week at the moment. **Please remember to crush your bottles whenever possible to maximise the amount of space available.**

Milton High Street and Cambridge Road Resurfacing

This work is planned for April this year.

Reporting Crime

With another spate of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the village during the last few weeks it is important to notify the police if you see criminal activity of any kind. We are still hoping to get a PCSO back on regular duty in the village and the more incidents reported to the police the greater the chance will be.

Statistics are very important where this is concerned, but if few incidents are reported then it will be assumed everything is fine.

Please call 999, or if you think it does not warrant this, then call the police control room on 08454 564 564 **but please call**. Milton needs regular police patrols, backed up by our own PCSO.

Post Office Raid

For a third time in 5 years the Milton Post Office was raided. A man using an iron bar attempted to smash through the security glass, but failed in his attempt. Fortunately nobody was hurt on this occasion.

Hearing Problems?

Hearing help sessions are now being held at Coles Road Surgery on the first Thursday in each month from 2pm - 4pm. Cambridge Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness (CAMTAD) which is a registered charity, helps those with acquired deafness by informing them of available help, instruction, services and techniques which can reduce or solve their problem. All on a one to one basis.

At the hearing sessions National Health Service aids are maintained and batteries exchanged all free of charge. No appointments are necessary. This service enables clients to avoid travelling to (and parking at) Addenbrookes' for routine maintenance and battery changes.

If you require further information about this service please contact CAMTAD on 01223 416141.

Milton Charities supported CAMTAD by covering their set up costs at the Coles Road Surgery.

Is this a record?



Mella Ball seen above with her grand daughter Daisy pedalling across the footbridge. Daisy was just 3 years old when this photo was taken. Is this a record for the youngest A14 crossing?

Do You Have Family Problems?

The Cambridge and District Citizens Advice Bureau is there to help you.

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Trolley Bus - Update

Following the news item in the last issue various people queried what the service entailed. Milton Trolley Bus runs every other Monday and is a service that transports elderly and infirm residents of the village to and from Tesco in the village. It is of great benefit to those living alone who would find it difficult getting to Tesco and returning home with heavy bags of shopping. The service is organised by volunteers and Dial-a-Ride and is paid for by the Parish Council. At the moment there are NO vacancies.

Clear the Clutter

Cambridge SOFA is a local based charity providing affordable furniture and electrical items for those most in need.

If you have something you no longer need or are about to throw away please give SOFA a ring. SOFA needs working electrical appliances, household furniture, bedding, curtains and bric-a-brac.

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Dear Editor,
Milton Children's Hospice (East Anglia's Children's Hospices) would like to extend New Year wishes to all our supporters and send our warmest thanks to *everyone* who has either fundraised on our behalf or generously donated (or both!) in 2004.

EACH care for more than 300 terminally ill children and their families every year. We provide care 24 hours a day, every day, taking some of the pressure off family members and comforting them at the most difficult of times.

During 2005 it will cost around £4.5 million to run our 3 hospices and outreach teams and with around 90% of this total having to be raised through public donation, ***you can see why your past, present and future support is so valuable.***

Without those fine supporters who make donations, volunteer in our shops, arrange sales, fairs, quizzes and coffee mornings - the many that take part in sponsored events, recycle, climb mountains or even jump out of planes, we simply wouldn't be able to continue to care for the children and families in East Anglia who really need our help.

Thank you all once again for 2004 and of course your continued support in 2005.

Yours sincerely,

The EACH Funding Team

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EACH is a registered charity that exists to maximise the quality of life for life-limited children and their families. A life-limited child is one who is not expected to reach adulthood. EACH provides one-to-one nursing care for children from birth up to, perhaps, twenty-one years of age. There are three children's hospices in our region - at Milton, Quidenham in Norfolk and Ipswich, Suffolk.

Wanted - Volunteer

Do you have any spare time during the week? Do have experience and skills in general DIY? If the answer to these questions is **yes**, then East Anglia's Children's Hospices would love to hear from you!

The work involved would be repairs and routine checks in and around the hospice and its grounds at Milton. You would be working mainly alongside our Property Maintenance Officer. We need someone who is reasonably fit and has a fair or good understanding of DIY, any extra skills would be added bonus!

If you can spare a morning a week then please contact Janet Green on 01223 205183 or call in at EACH House, 42 High Street, Milton for more information.

All Saints Lunch Club the first 25 years

February 20th 1980 I am reliably informed was the original date it all began, by a lady who wrote in her diary "Lunch Club started Today?"; now here we are in 2005 and still going strong.

Rev'd Fred Kilner decided it was time we had a lunch club for people living on their own. The only place available for such a venture was the Old Rectory dining room, now of course the Children's Hospice. The food was cooked in the Aga cooker and the helpers were Audrey Eubank, Rhoda Waters and Natalie Waterson, tables were laid by John Eubank and John Hudson. There were 12 to 15 people at this first lunch.

It had been going for fifteen months, when the Rector had his eye on a member of the congregation, who was due for retirement, to help out. The person in question decided that wasn't what she had in mind for retirement, but he persuaded her to give it a try, and here she is twenty three years later still giving it a try, and has just about got the hang of it now!!!

The cost of the lunch then was 40 pence, which just about covered the cost, bearing in mind there were no overheads and it was non-profit making no wages to be paid. We managed this way for quite a time it was a challenge, but something that I thrive on.

In the meantime another challenge was looming on the horizon in the shape of a Church Hall. After many meetings, problems, prayers and lots of voluntary labour the building came into being and on October 18th 1984 the first lunch was held in the new Church Hall. We invited our MP Sir Francis Pym who was escorted by a detective, a necessity caused by the bombing at the Tory party conference at Brighton.

To be continued

Milton W.I.



Mary Daniels

On Tuesday 16th December 2004 Mary Daniels celebrated being a member of the W.I for 60 years.

When she walked into our December meeting we sang *There'll always be a Mary to the tune of There'll always be an England*. We all had a sherry and toasted Mary and crowned her Queen for the evening and we sat her in a special chair. She was then presented with a flower arrangement, a cake with her picture on it and helium balloon with best wishes on.

It was members night so the committee had a night off. We had a demonstration of Christmas crafts and a lovely evening was had by all.

Wendy Stanley

Milton 2000 minus a year or two - by Harry Missing (continued from Dec. issue)

Returning to Condor's Shop, now the Village Post Office, it was run by Mrs Condor and her daughter Annie. Annie was the Postmistress but supported her now ageing mother in the shop. The shop was very small and dark with a brick floor. Goods were often housed in the numerous small drawers that lined the back of the counter. With no electricity, a candle was used to see into those dark areas when need arose. Unfortunately the candle had this instinct when it was unlit, to wander and customers and the village generally became accustomed to hearing the phrase, "Annie, where's the Candle?" I opened my first Post Office Savings Book there in 1935 with the £6.00 my grandfather had left me - I'm told the F.T. Index rose sharply that day!

On our journey down the High Street we would have had to have passed the village pond. Not ideal as the water was static and I think part of the drainage system from the North-west of the village and then on its way underground along the Fen Road to the river. It was bounded on the main road side by a low brick wall, open at each end to allow horse and carts to enter to be cleaned. Being on the bend in the road, it was, of course, very receptive of any stranger travelling towards Ely, particularly on one of those exceptionally foggy nights we experienced before the war.

The Blacksmith's Shop stood opposite alongside the Village Pump and Jack Starling's Cycle Shop. It was here too that a number of the more senior gentlemen of the village would gather on a summers evening to discuss the happenings of the day and to put the world to rights. Not with a great deal of success, I might add, as they would be back again the next day to repeat the process. At least it can be said they did have 'time to stand and stare' in those less stressful days.

To be continued

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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The Staff and Committee of Landbeach Busytots & Playgroup would like to thank everyone for their concern and support over the last few weeks. We are pleased to announce that we are now looking at possible plans for the future, and are accepting applications for the year 2005-2006 and beyond.

In common with many Playgroups in this area and elsewhere, we have been affected by the low birthrate in 2001, but it would appear that if we were to close, by the year 2007 there would not be enough local pre-school places to accommodate the children in this area. It was felt that a Playgroup that has been going now for 36 years with a well-deserved reputation for qualified, friendly and caring staff would be a great loss to the surrounding communities.

We have therefore decided that, if at all possible, we will "weather the storm" and are in the process of drawing up a revised business plan. Amongst other things, we are considering opening for four days rather than five until numbers pick up. We are endeavouring to take into account the views of future committee members at this stage and would be very happy to hear from parents and carers who might consider becoming involved. We will have firm proposals in place by Easter 2005, and will keep everyone informed of our plans. In the meantime, we would like to express our gratitude for the kind comments and offers of help that we have received.

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Sunday Services

8am Holy Communion - A traditional style service.

10.30am All Age Worship & Junior Church - A service for everyone with crèche, children's groups and refreshments.

5.30pm Evening Prayer - A 30 minute quiet, reflective, spoken service.

7pm AS@7 Modern worship for all ages followed by a coffee bar.

NB On February 6th there will be just one service: Holy Communion at 10.30am with children's activities.

Starting Blocks

20 minute service followed by simple craft activities and refreshments

especially for pre-school children and their parents/carers.

Usually the last Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Please visit the website or contact the office for more information.

The Barnabas Fellowship

A new group for the over 50s meeting at Barnabas Court on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 2 - 3pm.
3rd Wednesday: Holy Communion Service
2nd & 4th Wednesdays: Discussion Group led by Don Humphries, Honorary Curate at All Saints'.

For more information on any of the above please call the church office on 441007 or email: office@allsaintsmilton.org.uk www.allsaintsmilton.org.uk

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you have a child born between 1st September 2000 and 31st August 2001, would you please register with Milton School as soon as possible if you wish to guarantee a place.

Thank you.

PUZZLE CORNER



Michael Spooner presenting Paul Mutimer with his prize

The word finder puzzle in the December issue attracted many entries and the winner was Paul Mutimer of Fen Road with 48 words. Runners up prizes went to Mr D.Wall of Old School Lane, Mary Daniels of Bene't Close, Debbie Harvey of Lander Close and Ian Bailey

of Cambridge Road. Congratulations to all winners and commiserations to all entrants who just missed out. Paul Mutimers' 47 winning words were:

Amir Armet Armpit Emir Imaret Impart Item Maire Maitre Mare Mart Mater Merit Meta Mire Mite Miter Mitre Meat Mate Perm Permit Pram Prim Prime Prima Primate Ramie Ramp Ream Remit Riem Rima Rime Tamper Team Temp Term Time Timer Tame Tamer Tamp Tram Tramp Trim.

Other permissible words include Matier Premia Rami Tempi - there may be others!

Again, we thank Pete's Meat of Arbury Road for generously donating the turkey this year.

It is some time since we puzzled over Dingbats - so here are a few for the puzzle this month.

Dingbats are a way of hiding a well known phrase or saying such as:

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which is "Curl up with a good book"

So try to solve these - some are difficult and the first prize will be awarded to the entry with the most correct answers. I will accept answers which are imaginative and inventive!

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| 1. RUM LIES OUR | 6. WEDGE |
| 2. NOVEL
R
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T | 7. GONE WITH THE WIN |
| 3. O

Ph.D
M.A.
B.A. | 8. OO1 |
| 4. DR.DO | 9. CARDINEL
PREIST
CANNON |
| 5. RASINGINGIN | 10. DRUNK DRUNK |
| | 11. EVEREST
MISSOURI
REDFORD |

Four correct answers would be good - so send your entries to me - Michael Spooner 43a Old School Lane, MILTON Cambridge CB4 6BS by 5 March. **Bettys Hair Design** has kindly donated a hairdressing voucher, there is also a prize of £5 donated by C H Lumb

Digging in Together



From the left: Mark Allen, Richard Newman - tutor, Barry Jefferson - trustee, Steve Collins, Kate Geeson - tutor and secretary to trustees, Ted James, Kelly Boutcher - manager, David Ball - Chairman of trustees, Chris Bagstaff

A registered charity which employs mentally and physically disabled people is celebrating the arrival of a new mixer. The Silver Fern Trust based on the Milton Industrial Estate, makes paving slabs, and many other concrete products for sale on site to the general public, as well as supplying commercial outlets. The mixer which has more than twice the capacity of the old unit was paid for by a grant. It arrived from Italy just before Christmas and went fully operational on the 18th January.

The manager Kelly Boutcher said, "As it is simple to operate it will allow the learners to gain more work related skills, and will significantly enhance our manufacturing capability. We have a greatly increased selection of new moulds, also paid for by grants and the range of products we can offer the public later this year will make us very competitive. We sell at factory prices which makes us the cheapest outlet hereabouts, but we rely on the general public for a lot of our sales. We would welcome as much local trade as possible. Once people know where we are, they return on a regular basis"

Just follow the signs for Paving Slabs

Whist Drive

Christmas Whist Drive was a very enjoyable occasion with eight tables in play. Due to circumstances beyond our control it had to take place in November. Instead of our usual poultry for first prizes the winners received vouchers so were able to have their choice near Christmas.

There were 70 prizes in all due to one or two people organising the tombola at the Village Fayre, many thanks to them. We are now back to meeting on the 4th Tuesday in the month at the Community Centre, 7.30pm.

Scrabble

Our numbers vary from twelve to twenty. We are a very friendly club, we do allow checking words before hand. Only 50p a session in the Church Hall, 2nd Friday in the month at 7.30pm
POSH biscuits and three little prizes.

RARE, SLIMY, AND AGEING! O

Answer to Web Quiz

In the December issue we asked why Paul and Beth's web site is called the hug and Paul has supplied us with the following answer. The collective noun for teddy bears is a "hug" and Beth has many, many teddy bears and other furry friends (up to and including me) - so we are collectively "The Hug".

Congratulations to the winner, Claire Darby of the Oaks.

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Photo: Angela Jervis

Joint League winners Milton Cricket Club Under 15s after the dramatic one wicket victory over NCI, July 12th, 2004

*Back Row : Robert Henderson (Coach), James Henderson, Sam Allen, Rob Jervis, Nick Seaman, Tom Fenner, Ali James
Front Row : Robbie Welton, Simon Coston, Ryan Carey (Capt.), Ciaran O'Kane, Adam Coles.*

target of 115 in 9 overs. Carey also scored 71 not out the next week in the second and crushing win over a weakened Wilbrahams. The final game against NCI produced the most astonishing finish of all. Needing 4 to win off the final over the last wicket pair of Robert Jervis and Rob Welton were gifted two wides before Jervis swung high and straight to the long leg fielder on the boundary, who could not quite cling on and spilled the ball over the boundary to give Milton a one wicket run and hence, a share of the league title. The Cup quarter final defeat at the hands of Wilbrahams followed big wins in the earlier rounds against Fordham and Burwell, the latter of which featured 51 not out by James Henderson.

The batting was a little variable but showed a considerable depth, which stood us in good stead several times. Sam Allen and Michael Franklin showed good technique and often helped to see off the better bowlers, Ryan Carey, James Henderson, Nick Seaman and Ciaran O'Kane could all hit the ball hard and all produced at least one score of 40 or more and there were useful contributions from Jack Franklin (who, with Michael and Sam Allen shared the wicket keeping duties), Jim Reynolds, Simon Coston (with two particularly valiant efforts in the league defeats), Adam Coles, Rob Jervis and Robbie Welton.

Fielding and running between the wickets both left something to be desired. Carey took some very fine catches at short cover, and Michael Franklin was an alert wicket-keeper; Jack Franklin and Sam Allen both deputised capably.

Rob Jervis was the leading wicket-taker with several good performances, notably against Thurlow at home and Wilbrahams away when he was almost unplayable in taking 4 for 7. Seaman was the most economical, and Simon Coston produced good variety with his spin. Ryan Carey, Adam Coles, James Henderson, Tom Fenner, Jack Franklin, John Underwood, Freddie Steele and Tom Linstead all contributed two wicket performances on at least one occasion. In general line bowled was rarely good enough, and there were a ridiculous number of wides at times. This reflected the age old tendency to try and bowl too fast.

Ryan Carey captained the side vociferously, and the team showed good support for each other especially in encouraging younger players making an occasional appearance.

Robert Henderson (Coach)

Milton Cricket Club Under 15 Section

Report on the 2004 Season

Played 11

Won 8 Lost 3

League position : 1st equal

The Milton Under 15 season produced an amazing series of close finishes with five of the eight league matches still in the balance as the last few balls began. It was a tribute to the team's ability to cope with the pressure that in four cases the match was decided in Milton's favour while, in the defeat against league winners Thurlow, the outcome was only decided in a most unlucky manner when, with four runs needed for victory, the last man was given out stumped under the impression the ball was dead. The result effectively cost Milton the league title outright although a shared championship was still achieved despite a poor performance and 5 wicket defeat against in the return match against Shelford.

The first league match against Wilbrahams was remarkable. Lacking 8 regular players and forced to call in four debutants from the under 13s, all of whom played their part well in the field, Milton won by 6 runs after amassing a season's best of 152. A brilliant 46 by Ciaran O'Kane was the highlight. The result presented an unexpected and baffling reversal of the crushing win by Wilbrahams in the Cup a fortnight earlier. There was also a phenomenal innings by Ryan Carey of 57 not out (well supported by Robbie Welton) to give as an unlikely victory in the first Shelford match – the pair took us from 57 for 8 to the required

Milton Cricket Club Indoor Nets

Milton Cricket Club senior indoor nets start in the sports centre at Hills Road Cambridge on the 1st of February 2005 for 6 weeks. The first 3 sessions last for 2 hours from 8pm to 10pm and the last 3 sessions are 1 hour from 9pm to 10pm. All current and new players are more than welcome to join us. For more information please contact Jack Nayar on email info@miltoncricket.org.uk

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