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PARISH OF MILTON

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 24th April at 7.30pm

In the Bowls Pavilion
Coles Road, Milton
This will be preceded by the
official opening of the
Parish Office
at 7.15pm

Do come along and have a look around any time after 4pm on the day and help celebrate the opening

Youth Building Burns Down



Photo: Barry Jefferson

The sorry looking remains of the portacabin at the Sycamores

On the evening of Thursday 22nd February fire destroyed the portacabin which was used by the youth club.

Balfour Beatty, the contractors working on the A14/A10 improvements helped to keep people off the site by kindly erecting a fence around it until it could be demolished.

Local farmer, Rob Chapman also helped by clearing the site.

New youth building to rise from the ashes

Milton will soon benefit from a brand new youth building following the heartbreak when a fire completely destroyed the old building. The new purpose built building will be on the site of the old building and it is hoped that work will start in June. In the mean time, until the new building is complete there will be outreach youth workers working in the village.

Parish Chairman, Jane Coston said "It has been a wonderful effort made by the Parish Council Youth Committee to get this project off the ground and especially the fundraising efforts of one of our parish councillors Hazel Smith who has managed to raise over £80,000 from various funding sources to cover the cost of the new building.

In the meantime, if anyone is at a loose end we have some wonderful resources that can be used in the village. We have a Community Centre with a packed timetable with over 40 groups using the facilities, multisport pitches, tennis courts, badminton courts. We also have an area for basket ball and a general-use hard surfaced area. We have a thriving scouting group and a fantastic football group that caters for over 200 children. We have colts cricket and a whole range of other activities run by volunteers in the village. Milton is probably one of the most resourced villages in the area with activities available for all ages."

Parish and District Councillor Hazel Smith said, "I am really pleased that all our efforts have been worthwhile and we are looking forward to getting the building up and running as soon as possible. We have to thank South Cambs District Council, Waste Recycling Group Ltd (Landfill Tax Credit Scheme money distributed by WREN), Evolve EB and Donarbon Ltd, Cambridgeshire County Council, Trinity College and Garfield Weston Foundation for generous grants as well as local businesses that supported our fund-raising."

In addition All Saints Church Milton has just appointed a full-time Children's and Youth Worker, to oversee and develop the church's work with children and young people aged 0-16. The worker, who will take up the post in September, will also be active in the community, building on the already excellent links with the Primary School, the village youth work, and the pre-school. Rev David Chamberlin, Rector of Milton, sees this as a key appointment for the Church and the village, "I am delighted to be in a position to make this appointment. Through the generous giving of the members of All Saints, we are able to provide a valuable resource for both the church and the village community. We already have a large number of children and young people attending the church's weekly activities, and also getting involved in regular events to bless the community, for example the ditch clearing that took place last year. I am very hopeful that the appointment of a full-time worker will extend the range of activities that we are able to provide, and involve an even greater number of our village's children and young people."



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Minibus Driver/s Needed

Milton Day Centre for the elderly meet every Friday during term time and are looking to top up their team of volunteer drivers to take the members to Barnabas Court in the morning and home again in the afternoon. This involves about 1 - 1½ hours (10.00am -11.30am) in the morning and about 1 hour in the afternoon (2.30pm - 3.30pm). We have a rota of volunteers so you would not be involved every week and it would only be a morning or afternoon shift. New term starts 28th April.

Anyone interested please contact Chairman, Margaret Nunn 860829 or Secretary, Pauline Waters 860620

Milton's New Citi Bus Service

After years of bringing our inadequate bus service to Cambridge (unchanged for decades) to the attention of local authorities and Stagecoach, our efforts have now been rewarded with the Citi 2 bus service for Milton. This is long overdue considering other 'necklace' villages such as Girton, Oakington, Histon, Cottenham and Fulbourn, some further from the City centre and less populated than Milton, have had a Citi service for a while. The Citi 2 service should reduce our need to drive to the Park & Ride, therefore removing more cars from our congested roads. Furthermore, the new bus service together with the existing 19 service, will enable people from outside the village to travel to and from Milton with greater ease, leaving their cars at home, to benefit from the amenities Milton has to offer i.e. commercial, educational and recreational centres. There will be problems keeping to the timetable during peak travel times and due to the current work on the A14/A10 interchange, but the high frequency of the buses should reduce delays to some extent. However, we must use this service, or the worst case might be we lose it.

Derek Booth

Bird Flu

Until further notice dead wild birds should be reported to the Defra Helpline on 08459 33 55 77 (calls after 5.00pm and at weekends are being dealt with by the State Veterinary Service. For Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire this will be the Bury St Edmunds office on 01284 778150).

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Senior Citizens Outings

The Milton Senior Citizens outings we had in 2005 were once again a huge success. Our first trip was to Clacton in June which has proved so popular in the past, and we were able to share again a lovely sunny day together, which we seem fortunate to get.

For our second trip we took to the water once more for a boat trip in August, on the Thames to Kew Gardens from Westminster, a very hot day which everybody enjoyed and it was lovely to be on the water.

Our third trip in November was to Thursford to see their ever popular Xmas Show which we all enjoyed and would like to go again.

Marie and I would like to thank the Gallagher Trust on behalf of the Milton senior citizens for the funds that are made available to enable us to arrange these outings.

We are hoping that we will be able to continue and enjoy these trips in 2006. Please watch out for the posters displayed in the Post Office and the Community Centre.

The Milton Senior Citizen 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

Marie and Daphne

Milton Trolley Bus

Milton Trolley Bus is organised to help those who need help to get to Tesco. The minibus runs fortnightly on a Monday morning and makes two runs to and from Tescos.

If you are frail/elderly/retired or know anyone who needs help to get to and from the local store please contact one of the following for more details:-

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A collection at Tesco Stores Milton will take place on Friday 21st July and Saturday 22nd July on behalf of the Wings Appeal.

The Beating of Retreat and Sunset Ceremony

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> commencing at 17.00 hrs includes

The Band of the Army Air Corps 104 (City of Cambridge) A.T.C. Squadron 2500 (St Neots) A.T.C. Squadron Cambridge Army Cadet Force Boys of Drums

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The Royal Air Force Association **Milton Branch**

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Friday 19th May 2006 Commencing at 7.30pm

Tickets in advance including programme £10, on the night £12. For tickets - contact H. Bird, tel. 01223 721369

32 Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge or Cheques to R.A.F. Association Milton Branch

MILTON OUTDOOR **BOWLS CLUB**

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2.00pm - 4.00pm **BOWLS GREEN, COLES ROAD**

An invitation to anyone interested in trying their hand at this friendly. enjoyable game.

No obligation to join the club but new members are always welcome.

Bowls will be supplied. All you need is a pair of flat shoes (no heels) trainers are OK.

For further information please ring Colin Nunn or just turn up on the day. Tel: 01223 860829

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Date for your diary:- Summer Fayre Family Disco Saturday 8 July Summer Fayre Sunday 9th July 2006 12 noon - 5pm

Milton Country Park

Sunday 16th, Easter Treasure Hunt Yes its back again, find the answers and

claim a reward. Meet at the Visitor Centre at 2.00 pm. There will be a charge of £1.50 for each person seeking a reward.

Saturday 22nd, Bird Watching for **Beginners**

An event for families led by local author and bird enthusiast David Chandler. To book contact David on (01223) 524013 or by email at chandlers@ntlworld.com. The event will run from 10am to 12.00 noon and charges are as follows; adult £7, child £4, family £18.

Sunday 30th, Family Evening Walk

An evening walk in the park for families listening to the birds. 7.00 pm start for 1 ½ hours. There will be a charge of £1.50 per person. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

For more information contact the Country Park tel. 420060

Watch the birdie at Milton Country Park

If you want to be able to tell apart sparrows from swallows, the new bird watching for beginners workshop at Milton Country Park is for you.

Local author and bird enthusiast David Chandler will lead four two-hour sessions, two for adults and two for families. Adult workshops will run on Thursday 30 March at 10am and Thursday 8 June at 7pm. Family workshops will run on Saturday 22 April at 10am and Friday 2 June at 10am.

Each workshop is a two-hour introduction to bird watching, covering advice on equipment and basic bird identification. Most of the time will be spent outside in the park, discovering and enjoying wild

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Steaming Through

About a dozen people gathered around the level crossing on Wednesday 21st Dec 2005 to see "The Sherwood Forester" pass through.

Paul Oldham took these photographs - more can be seen on his web page at:-

http://home.the-hug.net/photos/index





4th Feb Union of South Africa crossing Fen Road

SUMMER FAYRE 2006 AT COLES ROAD RECREATION GROUND SUNDAY 9th JULY 12 noon - 5 p.m.

Help is needed on the day. Please contact Julie on 01223 862763

Please return this booking form to Milton Community Centre, Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge CB4 6BL. Cheques payable to Milton Village Fayre.

No. of pitches required @ £6 - 4m frontage each stall
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Summer Fayre Disco

The Milton Netball Club are running this year's Summer Fayre Family Disco on Saturday 8 July. There will be a bar and barbecue at this event and there will be a charge for adults - children free. More information in next View or from Milton Community Centre on 01223 862763 (mornings).

Parties at the Community Centre

Milton Community Centre is available to hire for Disco's, Weddings, fund-raising and other occasions at a reduced rate for villagers. The Annexe is also available for small childrens' parties at reduced rates.

For further information please contact the Community Centre on 01223 862763 (mornings only)

Keeping it covered

Matt and Nina Summerfield of The Rowans are an enterprising pair. After purchasing the refrigerated trailer they hired for their own self-catered wedding in 2004, they set up business hiring out different sized marquees, patio heaters and items to make garden parties more comfortable and enjoyable. For further information Matt & Nina can be contacted by telephone on 01223 479099, 07799 065547 or via e-mail on enquiry@santacruzhire.co.uk

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Milestone Society

The Milestone society was founded in May 2001, the Society aims to identify, record, research and interpret for the public benefit the milestones and other waymarkers of the British Isles.

Representatives of the parish council have been in touch with the Milestone Society and will be working on maintaining the local milestones in the next few weeks.

If you would like to read more about the Milestone Society there is more information on their web site at:

http://www.milestone-society.co.uk/

Picture left: Roger Day with one of Milton's milestones

MILTON 2000 - MINUS A YEAR OR TWO By Harry Missing

Come 1st September 1939, the village had prepared itself to receive evacuees from London. The Men's Institute (Village Hall) was to be the Reception Centre and on that Friday afternoon, along with others, I found myself waiting for the first coach load to arrive, so that their names could be recorded and their dispersal into the village registered. As it turned out, I did none of this as their arrival was preceded by the appearance in the Hall of Mr Lander, the ex-Police Sergeant, who told me he had just heard on the Radio that all Reserve and Territorial Units were to report to their Headquarters. The following Monday, I found myself sitting in the rear of one of Peaks Furniture Removal vehicles, as a member of an Advance Party travelling to our first camp in the grounds of Kimbolton Castle, where I remained until January 1940 after which my new address ended with the letters B.E.F. If only old Hitler could have seen us, he would surely have realised the enormity of his task and given in, there and then! Those Furniture Vans were formidable looking things. Corporal Jones's Butchers Van was unavailable, it being in for a service at the time!

From now on my association with Milton would be limited for the next six or seven years to short periods of Leave. On one occasion in 1942, however, I got an unexpected extension of Leave and because of the labour shortage at the time, went to work for Mr Green in the Gravel Digging I mentioned earlier. The site is now the Milton Country Park, so I take some pride in my small association with its early development.

Milton was a somewhat different place after the war to that we had known and grew up in until 1939. Part of the land belonging to Trinity Farm had become a US Army Camp and was being used at the time for embalming the bodies of US Servicemen before returning their bodies to America. War damage by enemy action was, as far as I know, limited to the bombing of the Rectory Farmhouse and buildings, hence the relatively new farmhouse of today, and the strafing by a lone enemy plane of the High Street somewhere near the junction with Butt Lane, the result of which appeared to have been minimal.

The emphasis on reconstruction and the demand for housing was such that the digging of gravel in the village continued at a high pace. I am reminded by an article 'Exposed by the Trowel', written by Derek Booth, in Milton Village View of the unearthing of a mammoth tooth on the site of the gravel workings, just after the war. Father brought it home and I took it to the University Museum in Downing Street where it was well received and documented with Mr Green's name and place of find. A number of human skeletons were also brought to light on the site nearest to the flood plain. It was also in this vicinity that deep vein of gravel, free of gault and clay, was discovered, going down some seventy feet in a seemingly bottomless supply. Over the years, Milton gave up a lot of itself to the Construction Industry and can be seen in the Housing sector in the form of concrete and of Breeze Blocks, the latter manufactured on a site to the rear of the Spar Shop (now One Stop) and at a point level with Coles Road. Its contribution during the War in the construction of concrete Pillboxes and Airfield Runways goes without saying.

to be continued

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1939 - 1945 War

To many the 1939 - 1945 war has long been forgotten, to those who took part in that conflict there are still memories of fallen comrades who lie in a foreign land, many in an unmarked grave. For those who served in the Royal Air Force especially as a member of the ground crew there was the wait for the sound of an aircraft returning and, after it had landed there was a sigh of relief, however if it had failed to return there was always a sadness because you were part of it.

There were the airman who flew the Hurricanes and Spitfires who will never be forgotten, for their sacrifice we were given a reprieve. There were those airmen who flew these machines in other theatres of the war who also gave their lives; some have never been found to this day.

There were those airmen who made up the crews, night after night they flew on missions to take the fight to the enemy who had previously bombed villages, towns and cities causing death and destruction leaving many without families or homes. Many of those airmen gave their lives, those lucky enough to escape were captured and remained prisoners of war and in some cases shot for trying to escape.

The total number of airmen either killed or missing was 74,017 of these Fighter Command lost 6,275 and there were 312 missing. Bomber Command 55,573, Coastal Command 10,875, Transport Command unknown and finally Ground Crew 912 killed 70 missing. These figures are based on the latest information obtained from the Air Historical Branch.

Today most of those who did survive are members of the Royal Air Forces Association and, apart from the occasional social evening or annual dinner most of them work very hard to raise funds to assist those in the prime of their lives require help and support which the Association tries to provide. They are also there to assist wherever possible the widows and their families.

We also provide through one of our homes convalescence for those recovering after a long illness or an operation. There are those who require permanent care which we can also provide.

None of this would be possible without the generous support from time to time of the general public. In 2005 the Wings Appeal held in September to mark the Battle of Britain raised £2 million. This way we hope that we shall never forget.

H. Bird

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Park & Ride Relocation

The overall aims of the project are to relocate the Park & Ride to a site north of the A14 to relieve congestion on Milton Road and improve the facilities currently available.

A feasibility study into ten locations in the Milton area has already been carried out, as part of the original bid for the money from Central Government. The study concluded that only two of these ten options would be suitable for consideration. These sites are to the west of Milton village - one to the north and the other to the south of Butt Lane. Both of these sites are within the Green Belt, as are the other four Park & Ride sites.

The proposed new site will initially provide 750 car parking spaces, with room for expansion to 1,000 spaces at a later date. A waiting room and toilet facilities will be provided at the site, together with cycle parking. Construction is expected to start July 2007 opening March 2008.

The County Council will be organising an evening in the village, so people can let them know what they think. Watch for details of this event.

Sports Lake Plans

Over 100 people attended the two events organised by the parish council for people to look at the planning application from the Cambridge Sports Lake Trust.

Following these events Milton Parish Council met on two occasions and after many hours of discussion sent to the planning authority a two page document of comments and questions under the following headings:

Traffic - (both on the A10/Car Dyke Road and Fen Road. Improvements for pedestrian access. Suggested some free parking on site.)

Fen Road Milton (including requesting details about the new bridge and access to fields/house and reiterating that no construction traffic should enter the site using Fen Road)

Construction (including construction times, access, noise during and after construction and archaeology)

Drainage (including questions about natural drainage in the area and flooding issues) Planning policies (including trees and conservation issues)

When the Site Opens (including clarification on public access)

JC

Local Police Report

I have had reports of cars being broken into and items taken in the Sycamores and

Just a reminder - not to leave valuables in view.

Pc Phil Shulver

Advice from the Police: How to stop property being stolen from your vehicle

The cost of vehicle crime affects all owners because the more claims the insurance companies deal with - the more the premiums go up for everyone.

But you can stop your vehicle being next on the criminal's list by taking some very simple measures that are free or cost only a few pounds.

Remember your vehicle is like a shop window for thieves. If you can see any property left in your vehicle so can the

Most thefts are committed by opportunists. Think carefully where you leave your keys, if the thief can steal your keys then they can steal your car, so keep them out of sight and in a safe place.

If you have expensive wheels it is worth fitting locking wheel nuts.

ECops

There is now a new service for Milton residents. The police now send out regular emails with information about local incidents etc. to anyone who has registered with ecops. If you would like to register then visit the web site below.

https://www.cambs-police.co.uk/camcom/ecops/

Celebrate Easter at All Saints' Church

Maundy Thursday (13th April)

Holy Communion 8pm

Good Friday (14th April)

An hour at the cross 2 - 3pm (A quiet, meditative service)

Good Friday Worship (for all ages) 7pm

Easter Day (Sunday 16th April)

Traditional Holy Communion 8am

Morning Worship with Holy Communion 10.30am

Evening Prayer 5.30pm

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Puzzle Corner

I can tell from the number of entries I had for the February competition that mathematical problems are not the most popular - despite the fact that the puzzle was the perhaps the easiest I have compiled.

The answer to the puzzle was 124 and the the first two names out of the hat were Mary Daniels of Bene't Close and Martin Mann of Old School Lane.

Congratulations to our two prizewinners.

The competition this month is a word puzzle.

Change the first letter of each pair of words so as to make two new everyday words and place the new letter in the blank space. The new letter is different for each pair of words.

When you have entered the new letter in all 6 blank spaces you will have a 6 letter word reading down.

This 6 letter word is the answer to the puzzle.

PASI	KAIN
ACED	ENQUIRE
DEAD	MAID
BURN	DEAL
EVEN	EVER
FAME	RUDE

DAGE

Send your answer to Michael Spooner 43a Old School Lane MILTON CB4 6BS by 7 May. If you prefer email then send to mjsmilton@tesco.net

There will be a prize for the winner and runner up kindly donated by R P Kent Painters and Decorators.

Scrabble

Do you play scrabble? Well yes, but only with the family. Do you play scrabble? No I can't spell, these are the answers I get plus other reasons. It is a challenge to play with different people sometimes, especially with an experienced player, which I am not. Our scores vary from 200 points per game to 300 plus per game, it all depends on the letters you pick up. It is a challenge to make up a seven letter word to get an extra 50 points. The evening costs less than a cup of tea, and look what you get for 50 pence, two games, a cuppa and posh biscuits, the chance of a raffle prize and pleasant company, come and find out.

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Milton Colts Selected for International Duty



Milton Colts were chosen to supply the Ball Boys for the recent England versus Italy Non League International at the Abbey Stadium. The Club were represented by their Under 14 squad. It was an enjoyable night for all the boys involved and they all received an England Goodie bag and had their photograph taken with Sir Trevor Brooking. The Club itself received a Commemorative Pennant to mark the occasion. This can be seen in the Sycamores Pavilion.

Tesco Sport for School and Club Vouchers

The Club have now received their order from this scheme. We ordered 39 footballs of various sizes and 2 new Mini League goals. Many thanks to everybody who donated vouchers to Milton Colts.

Chris Drummond

Nominate the best front Garden

This spring we are asking people to nominate a garden in Milton for a prize.

Send in your entries to 67 Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge CB4 6BL. or email vv@miltonvillage.org.uk Entries must be received by 12th May 2006

Milton on the Web

Dear Editor

I had a look at your recommended site in the village view, www.local.google.co.uk and thought you may like google earth more. I found it easier to navigate and the image quality is the same.

Just download and install the free version from this site http://earth.google.com/ and the images will stream to you computer as you navigate the globe. Only for broadband users really. *Tristan Davis*

Old aerial photo of Milton

This time we are suggesting anyone interested in old aerial photos of the village may like to look at:

www.miltonvillage.org.uk/ww2/ there you will find an old photo of the village from the air taken during the time of World War 2. At this time there was a large rail depot and a barracks on the land now occupied by the Science Park, A14, travellers site and the land fill. The A10 at that time came through the centre of the village and the A14 and Milton by-pass did not exist!

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Bowling Pair win again

Spencer Maltby and Jim Daniels played in the Cambridgeshire Carpet Bowls Pairs on Sunday 12th March and won again. This will be the third time in four years this pair have won.

Whist Drives

In the past I have had various phone calls asking for particulars about whist drives, when, where, what time etc.etc. they sound interested and say 'we will be there', well they don't turn up.

Before television came into our lives, everybody made their own entertainment. When we were children my Dad used to play Ludo, Kan-u-go (a word game) and all sorts of card games with us. Our other pleasures were a wind up gramaphone and musical box. In the 1940's and 50's there were three whist drives per week; one on a Wednesday in the Granary at Willow Farm (now Ambassadors Lodge), one on a Friday in the British Legion Hall and one on a Saturday in the Mens Institute opposite the Waggon & Horses. They were all well attended, now we have one a month in the Community Centre, this was requested by Harold Easy and has been enjoyed since 1980. It is good value, £1.50 entrance fee for 24 games, refreshments, four travelling prizes, six raffle prizes and two for those with the least score. If you can play whist, come and give it a try.

Mary Daniels

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Sports massage for team player

Milton Football Club

The players of Milton Football Club 1st Team had a special treat at their home Kershaw League Match played on Saturday 11th February. Kerry Dodson, local Sports Massage Therapist spent the afternoon with the team providing Pre and Post Event Massage. It certainly seemed to help as Milton beat old rivals

Castle Camps Football Club 3 - 0. At the end of February the team was in mid-table and with 8 of the last 10 matches at home are hopeful of a top five

Fraser Confrey

Village Schoolboy signs for **Ipswich Town Football Club**

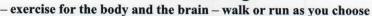
Village schoolboy Will Conlon, 12, has signed for Ipswich Town FC and will train at the famous academy that has produced England players Kieron Dyer, Darren Bent, Richard Wright as well as Premiership stars Darren Ambrose and Titus Bramble of Newcastle United.

The Impington Village College pupil, who plays as a striker or attacking midfielder, started playing football on Saturday mornings at the primary school fields with Milton Colts and represented the village until he was scouted by Cambridge United as an under-10.

When the Cambridge youth development system was closed late last year to save money Will had offers from Norwich City and Southend United before deciding to trial with Ipswich.

Will said he would like to thank all the people in football who have helped him so far.

Orienteering





Orienteering, originating from Scandinavia, is primarily a running sport, but with an extra twist: rather than just covering the distance on roads or footpaths as you would in a road or cross-country run, orienteering allows you to navigate your own way according to a course marked on a map. The course is marked out by circles on a special large-scale map, with the circled locations being marked by red and white control flags in the forest. The nice thing is that you can navigate round the course at your own pace, without anyone knowing how well or badly you are doing, because starts are staggered and you do not start at the same time as others on your course.

Another great thing about orienteering is that it's a chance for everyone in the family to have a go - it's not just an adventure for the kids, but also a chance for mum, dad, and the grandparents to get some exercise at the same time! This is because courses of different technical and physical ability are offered at each event, and everyone chooses the course that best suits them. In this way it is only one of the very few sports that allows everyone - from the elite runners to the recreational participants, from the really young ones right through to the more senior runners - to take part in and enjoy the same event.

West Anglian Orienteering Club (WAOC), your local orienteering club, puts on events throughout the year, but in addition there are also introductory SMILE's (Summer Morning Introductory Low-key Events)

throughout the April to June/July period.

One of these SMILE's is coming up in Milton: it is on 18th June (Sunday) 2006 in Milton Country Park (parking in the main CP car park). The entry fee is a modest £1 per person/group, and WAOC members would really love to see you there to come and have a go! If you need any more details please contact the organisers Pete Heybrock and Rakesh Chandraker (Milton residents) they will be

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