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Olive Parker celebrates her 100th Birthday

Milton Day Centre's oldest member Olive Parker celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends on the 28th October. At the special event held at Barnabas Court, Olive cut a cake made by Day Centre cook, Lorna Sheen and Jane Coston presented her with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of Milton Parish Council.

Olive Parker with members of her family
Back row left to right: Olive Abbs, Joan Gourley, Victor Minter, May Dumbelton, Victor Minter, Tony Minter

Sky Smiles over Milton



"Smile in the Sky!" - rare meteorological event in Milton, September 2008

This photo was taken here in Milton at 08:32 on 3 September 2008. It is a picture of a rare phenomenon known as a Circumzenithal Arc, but it looks like a bright, upside-down rainbow smile high in the sky and is a wonderful, uplifting thing to look up and see on a bright crisp morning whilst walking the dog! Readers may have seen a photo taken by a local astronomer of a similar event printed in the Cambridge Evening News and National Newspapers, but this sighting was 12 days prior to that!

It would be interesting to hear from other villagers of any rare events that they have witnessed in Milton over the years. I've seen the Northern Lights twice, ball-lightning, and we've had blonde hedgehogs visiting our garden...

Lynette Levitt

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child



Children loading 311 shoe boxes, that the pupils of Milton C of E Primary School had filled with gifts, onto the van for the next stage of their journey to Belarus.

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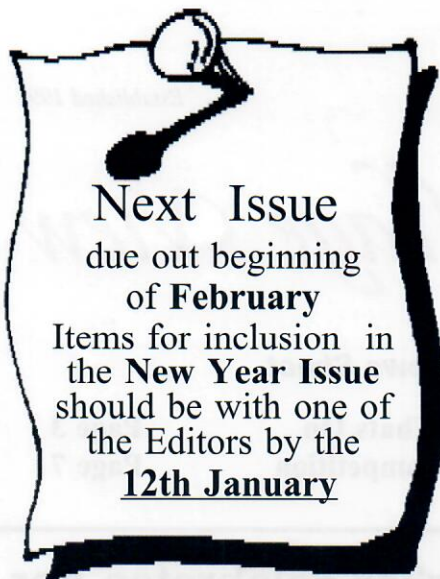
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Next Issue

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of February

Items for inclusion in
the **New Year Issue**
should be with one of
the Editors by the
12th January

Milton Day Centre

A thank you to everyone who supported our 'Biggest Coffee Morning in the World' fund raising event, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief, held on 25th September 2008 at Barnabas Court. With your generous help we raised £168.15p for a very worthwhile cause.

Pauline Waters

Thank you to all the Lovely People of Milton



Brenda & Ray hand over a fluffy dog to
Milton Hospice

Every year Ray and Brenda Cawthorne sell Jelly Babies in aid of Children in Need. This year they raised £85.

Ray also donated a fluffy dog to Milton Hospice.

Brenda has also been organising the bottle top collection at the Post Office and would like to thank everyone for their support. "The response was amazing", said Brenda. "At first we were reaching a target of 8 different coloured tops to use as counters for 1,000 children in The Gambia. Now with the response we have had - each child can be given 10 counters."

She thanks the lovely people of Milton and the Post Office for their support.

Milton Children's Hospice Carol Service

East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) would like to invite you to a Carol service at Great St Mary's Church on Friday 19th December.

Everyone is welcome to come along to the carol service, which will be taken by Reverend David Chamberlin, the Rector of Milton. The service starts at 7.30pm, and there will be a retiring collection in aid of EACH.

Milton Country Park

**carries on despite vandalism and
break in**

Staff at Milton Country Park are determined to carry on despite a recent break-in and vandalism at the popular visitor attraction which threatens to hold back future development. The park which has been run and managed by Cambridge Sport Lakes since April this year is planning a series of events for the next few months as well as already making plans for later in 2009.

Malcolm Busby the senior ranger said "Coming up we have opportunities for families to plant trees, come on a new year's day walk and join in a wassail in our community orchard. We are also putting together our programme for 2009 which will involve a number of plays performed outdoors". On the recent trouble at the park he said, "we cannot allow the senseless actions of a few people detract from the enjoyment the majority of visitors to the park get. We will continue to involve the local community in the management of the park and hope that more people come on board to help us. The more folk who offer to help us through volunteering and taking part in events the better the park will become for all our visitors. Offers of support from organisations would be very welcome to help us improve the existing facilities".

The park already offers groups and organisations the chance to hire the visitor centre for training events and meetings, runs a regular health walk and has a number of volunteers who help with practical management. It is inviting individuals and organisers to get in touch on 01223 420060 if they have an idea for an event or are looking for somewhere to hold an event. Keely Squires the ranger said, "We ran a dog show as part of our celebration of summer in August 2008, it was very successful and we plan to repeat it in 2009. Our health walk is popular and a good way for people to take exercise and meet new friends. We are thinking of a photographic competition and a look back in pictures at the park from before its opening to the present day, it would be very interesting to hear people's memories and see their pictures taken over the years about what it means to them".

Supper & Ceilidh

Thank you to All Saints Church for organising this super community event on Saturday 18th October which was enjoyed by all.

Jane Coston

February Issue - due out beginning of February

Closing date for articles - 12th January

April Issue - due out beginning of April

Closing date for articles - 12th March

June Issue - due out beginning of June

Closing date for articles - 12th May

October Issue - due out beginning of October

Closing date for articles - 12th September

December Issue - due out beginning of December

Closing date for articles - 12th November

Send us your news

Please help us keep the village informed by sending us your photographs and news. We are looking for articles that are about 50 to 100 words with a maximum of 200 words. For articles longer than 200 words please contact one of the editors.

The best way to contact us is via email: vv@miltonvillage.org.uk otherwise send your articles to Jane Coston, 67 Coles Road, Milton CB24 6BL Tel. 01223 563539 or contact one of the editors.

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at

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Saturday 21st February 2009

Milton Community Centre

Masquerade Ball

Tickets: Only £25 each

Tables for up to 10 can be reserved - please advise when booking.

To book your tickets please contact:

Sarah Brooke - Tel 01223 862867 / em@il.sarah.brooke@ntlworld.com

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More details including ticket information
to follow early in the New Year

**Milton Summer Fayre
Saturday 11th July 2009**

**Milton Cricket Club will be holding
their Annual General Meeting at
The Sycamores Recreation Ground
on Friday 9 January, 7.30pm start.
All welcome.**

Milton Environmental Group

Christmas Tree Shredding

by Acacia Tree Surgery

from 8am - 3pm

Saturday 3rd January

Bring your trees to
Coles Road (Post Office end)
8-10:30am

Froment Way/
Humphries Way corner 11-12:30

The Rowans, Edmund Green
(corner by Edmund House) 1-3pm

No artificial trees or decorations, please!
Shreddings will be used on the
Milton allotment paths

Milton Country Park

Leave a legacy plant a family tree

If the park is special to you, you might like to leave a lasting legacy within it by planting a tree for your family. We will be planting a mixture of native trees and shrubs in recently coppiced areas on the 7th December from 11 am to 4 pm.

Why not call us on 01223 420060 to book a time that day for you to come along and plant your family tree.

Can't make it that day? Call us we may be able to arrange another day.

Minimum donation £5.00 per tree.

Malcolm's Milton Meander 2009

New Year's Day Thursday 1st January 09

Join Malcolm the Senior Ranger for a brisk walk around the park taking in the sights and sounds and learning a thing or two as you go around. Just turn up at the Visitor Centre at 11am.

£3.00 per person.

Community Orchard - getting bigger

Saturday 3rd January 2009

We are increasing the size of the community orchard again this winter and you can help us.

For £50 you can sponsor a local variety fruit tree in the community orchard. If you wish on the 3rd January from 11 am until 2.30 pm you can also come along and plant it. We already have some of the trees sponsored and you can join them, as an individual, a family, a club or company. Please call the Rangers on 01223 420060 to talk about sponsoring a tree.

Here We Come A-wassailing...

Saturday 3rd January 2009

Come and help us celebrate 2009 which we hope will be another good year for the park by joining us for a traditional blessing of the park and the Community Orchard.

To help the Wassailing along bring with you: things to make lots of noise with (bells, pots and pans, musical instruments), your own Mug for a taste of our traditional toasting drink, a Torch and don't forget to wear brightly coloured warm clothing.

Meet at the Visitor Centre at 3.30pm.

This is a free event but donations to help us maintain the park would be most welcome.

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Milton Parish Council



Parish Councillors on a recent visit to see the archaeologists at work on land behind Milton Hall in preparation for the redevelopment of the site by Urban Renaissance Villages.

would be worked out by the district valuer. Brochures about compensation would be available at the exhibitions. The present foot/cycle bridge would not be affected.

Hotel

Turnstone Estates Ltd has applied to South Cambs for permission to erect a 120 bed hotel and restaurant together with associated parking and infrastructure on land adjacent to the A14 opposite Tesco.

We have strongly objected to this application as the proposed building would have a severe detrimental effect on our village. The area is in Green Belt, is an inappropriate building in our village and is likely to increase traffic problems and congestion in the area.

Jane Coston

Chairman, Milton Parish Council

Proposed Retirement Development Ely Road

The planning application submitted by Urban Renaissance Villages for the redevelopment of the former EDF Energy Depot and Training Centre on Ely Road is still under consideration by South Cambs District Council. The developer has been asked to make slight revisions to the proposals around North Lodge, provide supplementary traffic and highway information as well as clarify the works concerning restoration of the lake which forms part of the Repton landscape. This work has now been completed and the application is expected to be recommended for approval by Officers to be determined at Planning Committee on 14th January. Urban Renaissance Villages anticipate demolition of the site in the spring and commencement of the development itself in the summer.

A14

Representatives from Highways Agency attended the November meeting and explained the proposed improvements to the A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton, including the time scale. More details would be available at the public exhibitions being held in November and December. The HA intended to provide two lanes in each direction during construction. The provision of noise barriers would be investigated. Constraints of space would make the provision of cycle lanes difficult. The amount of compensation to households affected by noise and light pollution, if agreed,

New Milton Park & Ride is now Open



Milton Parish Councillor, Roger Day parks his bike at the new park & ride. The new site can be accessed from Milton via the A10 footbridge at the north west end of Butt Lane, Milton.

Policing in Milton



Our new PCSO Claire Whiteman

There have been a number of Shed/Garage burglaries in Milton throughout October and November. They have taken place in Hall End, Fen Road and Milton allotments.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you to make sure your sheds/garages are securely locked during the night.

If you have seen anything or know of any information relating to these thefts then please contact police on 0845 456 4564

PCSO Claire Whiteman

Christmas waste and recycling collections in South Cambridgeshire

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday collection rounds will continue as normal over the Christmas period.

Waste collection calendar

Householders can check the waste collection calendar in the autumn or winter South Cambs magazine, by calling 08450 450 063 or by downloading the calendar from www.scambs.gov.uk

Assistant Parish Clerk vacancy

Milton Parish Council

Starting Salary: £9.81 per hour Scale SCP 21 (£18,882 per annum full time).

Milton is a village of approximately 4,500 situated close to Cambridge with a thriving social and business community.

The Parish Council of 15 Councillors is friendly, dynamic and forward thinking. There is a Parish Council Office in the village and the council has achieved Quality Status.

We are looking for someone who is friendly and enjoys working with the public. Previous local government experience would be an advantage and a knowledge of local government accounting is desirable. The post holder will require a high level of IT competence, be organised, efficient and flexible.

Hours will normally be 10 - 15 per week and this will include initially working Monday and Friday mornings, Wednesday afternoons and some evenings.

Full details and an information pack are available from:

Jim Daniels, Parish Clerk

The Parish Office, Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6BL

Tel: 01223 861447 or email: clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 22nd December 2008

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Hazel Smith	Tel: 860752
Richard Summerfield	Tel: 860715
Bob Waters	Tel: 860620

Milton Youth Club update



The last half term has gone really well at MYC with more and more young people joining up and attending the weekly sessions.

The Christmas half term has now started and we have lots of exciting activities planned for the coming weeks. We'll be covering topics such as Healthy Eating, Anti Bullying week and World Aids Day and finishing off with some Christmas themed activities and games. If your child is interested in joining please see times.

Junior Club open to Year 7-9
Tuesdays 7.15 pm – 8.45 pm

Senior Club open to Year 10-11
Wednesday 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

For further information or queries please contact your local youth worker Sophie Lucas on 07771673556.

Milton School, 1836 - July 1958.

Almost up until the time the school closed there had always been three classes of thirty children. The small room was for the infants and the larger room for the junior class and older children. In the late 1950's there were just two classes. The small room had a fire in it but the large room was heated by a pipe which went all round the bottom of the wall and this was heated by a boiler in the stoke hole which was situated in the back playground.

I can still picture everything in my mind's eye, but some of the classes we had escape me. How we filled the days remains a mystery. The day started with assembly followed by arithmetic, tables, spelling, writing, reading and dictation. This and playtime and another lesson would take us up to dinner time. Going back after dinner it was perhaps geography or history. It is difficult to remember what other lessons we did have. There were never any lessons to do with cooking, woodwork, science or the like. Of course there were no school dinners. Dinner ladies were never heard of. I seem to remember that some children had something like Bovril or Virol which later led to free school milk.

We didn't have the help of such things as calculators or T.V. What we learnt was what the teachers taught us. I often wonder what sort of citizens we would have grown into had we had all this help. On the other hand, learning the hard way probably did us good.

The first headmaster in my memory was Mr Ballard who was nicknamed "Eggy" Ballard, the middle teacher was Miss Havill from Landbeach, nicknamed "Toffee" Havill and the infant teacher was Miss Wallis from Waterbeach, no nickname. Mr Faulkner was headmaster when my schooldays ended. Miss Lilian Sutcliffe was head teacher when the school closed. She lived at 23A Cambridge Road and her car number was DUB 8. School trips, or the one trip of the year, consisted of 3 or 4 of the more senior pupils going to Flatford Mill in this car with Miss Sutcliffe driving. That, of course, was long before seat belts were compulsory.

There is nothing left of the old school except the wall which still stands. The small playground at the back looked out onto what is now Old School Lane. The toilets left a lot to be desired with corrugated tin roofs, no flush toilets or any place to wash hands. Hardly a pleasant place to ask "Please Miss, may I leave the room?" to escape from a lesson you didn't like. On looking back, it makes us realise that life in those conditions was a real challenge and that is what my life has been like ever since, i.e. A CHALLENGE!

One story in my school days was that I was never teacher's favourite. One history exam we had I felt I knew enough about it to get full marks (unusual for me). I told the girl next to me, so she asked if she could copy me. This was a feather in my cap. (I was quite pleased about this) She said she would alter a few words so he wouldn't know she had copied. She perhaps changed only 2 or 3 words. Anyway Mr Faulkner was not fooled by this; we both had to stand in front of the class while he asked "WHO copied WHO?" Well we were struck dumb, neither of us would say so, instead of me getting 80 out of 100, I had to share with her 40 each. I held that against her for the rest of my school days and after. Now there is nothing left, only the wall and memories. There are still a few of us left from those days from 1926 onwards. Some have moved away but keep in touch. Some have the Milton Village View posted on to them.

One of the survivors - A Miltonian - Mary Burling (that was)

PS. A MILTONIAN. What is a Miltonian?

According to Harold Easy, who lived all his life in the house he was born in, you either have to be born here or to have lived here for forty years to qualify. So I am sure that the late Mr Harry Capitain qualified having lived here for 48 years.

Milton School

Taken from the parish minutes

6 January 1915 - It was proposed that the Parish Council should consider it desirable that practical subjects be taught in the Day School. When put to a vote the proposal was lost.

25 March 1953 - The Rev J N Plumley reported that the school will now be maintained by the Local Education Committee and would be known as Milton Parochial Church of England Voluntary Controlled School.

28 July 1953 - Mr W Orbell, Deputy County Planning Director, outlined proposals for the development of Milton as a 'necklace' village with a population of 1600 people ultimately. The first phase, which it was thought might start within 5 years, consisted of a development along a line from Teversham Close on the Cambridge Road to opposite the Jolly Brewers.

23 March 1954 - Proposals for a new school have been under consideration by the Education Committee for some time, and bearing in mind the inadequacy of the existing buildings, the Committee will be asked to treat the matter more expeditiously.

17 October 1955 - Chesterton Rural District Council submitted a plan showing 4 different layouts for the new school.

6 December 1955 - The Clerk will write to the County Planning Officer pointing out that a Public Meeting had been held to consider 4 different layouts for the proposed new school on a site behind the Council houses in Cambridge Road. Information was now forthcoming that negotiations were taking place for the purchase of a site in Butt Lane and it is regretted that this drastic alteration in plans should be made by the County Council.

22 March 1968 - It was reported that the number of pupils attending school was now 164. 140 stay to mid day meal; there were now 3 junior and 3 infant classrooms, 6 full-time staff and 1 part time.

Milton Primary School, Butt Lane is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Pilates

Mondays

Milton Community Centre

9.30 am - 10.30 am Mat - improvers
10.30 am - 11.30 am Mat - beginners

Tuesdays

Milton Primary School

6.40 pm - 7.40 pm Ball - mixed ability
7.50 pm - 8.50 pm Mat - mixed ability

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please call the church office on 441007
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All Saints Church Building is situated on
Church Lane past the Jolly Brewers pub
and next door to the children's hospice.

Progress with the Milton Parish Plan

The Action Plan based on the data from the
parish survey was approved by the Parish
Council on Monday 10th November. The
next stage of the process is very much
about discussing specific issues and making
recommendations to the Parish Council or
getting involved in specific tasks.

The plan calls for the setting up of 5 new
working groups -

Communications group - to help improve
the communications of activities and events
and community news throughout the
village.

Environment Group - discussion and action
on Environment issues - this group is
already meeting under the guidance of
Hazel Smith.

Police Liaison Group - look at a range of
issues linked to police and community law
& order - including Neighbourhood watch
scheme.

Village Appearance Group - to make
recommendations on specific areas in the
village.

Travel group - to make recommendations re
road junctions, public transport issues,
other travel issues for all road users
(drivers, cyclists, pedestrians).

So - THEY NEED YOU TO GET
INVOLVED.

STOP PRESS - There are plans for a Pre-
launch Party for the Village Report and
Plan. Why not come along and celebrate
the village and have a break from
Christmas preparations. Interested? - then
please get in touch.

These groups will only make a difference if
a good range of people get involved. If you
have any interest or just want to know more
please get in touch with Phil Badley on
710086 or phil.badley@ntlworld.com or
leave a note at the Parish Office if you want
information about a particular group.



Calvary Chapel

CAMBRIDGE

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come!" Does this mean anything to you? Or are you without
joy this season? Calvary Chapel Cambridge would like to invite you this Christmas to
share in our joy as we serve you a FREE Lunch Buffet on Dec. 21. All are welcome to join
us for our first Christmas Service beginning at 10:30 am at the Milton Country Park
Visitor's Centre where the buffet and the celebration of the Christmas season will follow.
For more information, please call Joey at 07766540241 or visit us at:
www.calvarychapelcambridge.com

Environmental Group

We've been looking at Cutting our Carbon
through big and small schemes such as
insulating some residents' houses,
arranging a Christmas tree shredding
service or even generating power at Bait's
Bite Lock. Grants are available including
through the national "CutyourCarbon"
competition that aims to stimulate
community action to reduce CO₂
emissions.

Projects that won in Round 1 of the
competition had got everyone involved -
refurbishing and insulating a community
Tithe Barn, installing solar panels and a
new biomass boiler at a village hall, giving
energy monitors to everyone taking part in
a 'watt watchers' scheme and installing
solar powered street lights.

The first step is for everyone who is
interested to have a go at the
CutyourCarbon questionnaire at
<http://www.cutyourcarbon.org.uk/> during
December using Milton Eco Group as your
group. Our next meeting - at which
everyone is invited to share ideas - will be
on 3rd December at 7:30 in the Bowls
Pavilion.

We will also be visiting Donarbon (in
Waterbeach) on January 28th 2-4pm to
look at the new facilities to compost waste
in a fast, contained process. Interested?
Contact hazel.smith@miltonvillage.org.uk
or tel: 860752 **Anna Bradnam**

Attention older residents!

If you are over 70 and you have less than 2
inches of insulation in your loft then you
can get a further 11 inches of insulation
free! If you have under 6 inches of
insulation already, it will cost about £150.

If you have a cavity wall they will put in
insulation there, too.

Contact the Milton Environmental Group -
we'll have a look in your loft for you, and
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Puzzle Corner

There were 5 different correct answers sent in for changing ARMY into NAVY in 9 moves as featured in the October issue.

One answer is ARMY – ARMS – AIMS – RIMS – DIMS – DIME – DAME – NAME – NAVE – NAVY.

First correct entry out of the hat was from Mary Daniels of Bene't Close and the second was from Paul Mutimer of Fen Road. Congratulations to our two prize-winners.

WIN A TURKEY

The puzzle for this month is to solve some anagrams. Here are 10 things associated with Christmas.

All you have to do is to unscramble them!

1. TRY UKE
2. EGO SO
3. SERPENTS
4. NO CIDER OAST
5. ALAS SUN CAT (2 words)
6. SILENT
7. SIP ME NICE (2 words)
8. CRASH DIMS CARTS (2 words)
9. SNOG STICK
10. LO CARS

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There will also be 3 runners-up prizes.

Scrabble

We played our final game for the year on November 14th which was also the charity evening. Michael Spooner was the year's winner with an average score of 380 points. Runner up was Michael English with a score of 368 points. The charity winner was Sheila Badcock of Shelford with a score of 827 points for 2 games. Her chosen charity was the Childrens Hospice. There were 18 players, a very pleasant evening with refreshments and a few prizes. Anagram this time, same woman with a difference!!

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Milton W.I.

On September 16 our speaker for the evening was Marilyn Moyse telling us about 'SOS Childrens Villages' of which she is an organiser.

'SOS Childrens Villages' was formed 40 years ago in Austria and helps orphaned children all around the world.

There are 473 of these villages around the world each having 20 family homes. The children are brought up in these normal family homes and are looked after in these homes until they are capable of fending for themselves in the big wide world. Most of these children keep in contact with the 'parents' who have brought them up just as if they were their real parents.

This organisation tries to place siblings together in the same home.

Any donations they get go directly to the running of the villages.

They do not make any sort of collections in any way from homes or street collections. The collection bags, which sometimes are put through doors with a similar name, are not in any way connected to this organisation.

This was an eye opening talk on just how many children are in need of this help around the world. There are three of these villages in the U.S.A. Makes you think.

October saw us being transported back in our minds to our childhood when David Lincoln told us of his experiences as an evacuee during World War 2.

He was one of the luckier ones being taken in by a kindly farmer and his wife. They treated him just as if he was their own son. Also his Father was doing war work near by so they were able to see each other fairly frequently. For other children in those dark days it was not always as happy as that.

David also described what it was like being in one of the shelters when there were air raids going on and of course not knowing whether your home would still be there when you returned.

He also had lots of photos of those days and the ration books and identity cards that we all had to have with our registration number.

It brought back a lot of memories to some of the members and for those not old enough to remember gave them an insight as to what it was like in this country in those days.

December 9 we are having our Christmas party with Paula Dolan reading some amusing poems.

January 20 Mr and Mrs Christopher South will entertain us with 'Pictures without a camera'.

February 17 Barry Kaufmann-Wright will be telling us about 'The Role of a Wildlife Crime Officer'.

Anyone is welcome to our meetings; just come along you might even want to join us permanently then.

Our President is Peggy Cowell whose telephone number is 01223 860830.

We would love to see you there.

Jan Chessum

CALLING ALL "OLD" MILTON NETBALLERS....

Milton Netball Club was formed 27 years ago by a group of young villagers and we thought it was about time we had a reunion. We are arranging a drink and a bit to eat at one of the local pubs - somewhere we can look at any old photos and talk about the old days.

Anyone interested or anyone who knows of anyone in or outside the village that would like to join us please ring/text Julie on 07812695247 so we can arrange an evening in December/January.

Vacancy

There is still a vacancy for the post of clerk to Milton Parochial Charities, as the previous clerk stepped down in March after five years service.

Have you got a few hours to spare each month to help a worthwhile local Charity within the village? The Charity helps individuals and groups that fall into the Charity's wide ranging criteria. It would be a great advantage to be computer literate and have an internet connection as the administration system has been updated to meet the needs of the modern electronic age for ease of use and quickness of reply. An ability to liaise with people of all ages is a must, but especially senior citizens who are supplied with lifeline alarms from the Charity.

If you feel you are this sort of person please contact Mrs Beryl Waterson (Chair of Trustees) on 423124 in the first instance. Ample training will be given by the outgoing clerk for what is an interesting and important job.

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Remembrance



Milton Parish Council organised 2 minutes silence at the War Memorial on Tuesday November 11th at 11am. Children from Milton Primary School attended the event.

All Saints Church held a ceremony at the memorial on Sunday 9th November at 11am which Royal Engineers attended

Useful Contact Numbers

All Saints Church	441007
Cambridge City Council	457000
Cambridgeshire County Council	0845 045 5200
Impington Village College	200400
Milton Community Centre	862763
Milton Primary School	508783
Milton Parish Council	861447
Milton Village View	563539
Police (non urgent)	0845 456 4564
South Cambs. District Council	08450 450 500



Village Benefits Advice Service

Every year millions of pounds worth of social security benefits go unclaimed because people do not know what they are entitled to, or how to claim. Older people and people with disabilities living in rural communities face particular difficulties. The Village Benefits Advice Service helps people living in rural areas of Cambridgeshire to claim their share of these benefits, by offering advice and assistance. After we helped one couple living in East Cambridgeshire, they gained over £185.00 per week in extra income.

We offer

Free confidential advice on all social security benefits.

Home Visits.

Support in getting the benefits you are entitled to - for example filling in claim forms, writing to the Department for Work and Pensions and helping with appeals. We also go to clubs and groups such as lunch clubs and over 60's clubs all around the county to give talks and offer benefits advice.

You can telephone us: 01353 666990

or write to us at: Village Benefits Advice Service, PO BOX 257, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 9EA

Festival of Dance

This year Impington Village College have been supporting a local campaign called Plug into Dance which is all about getting more people of all ages and abilities dancing for health reasons as well as because it's creative, social and fun. The campaign is to culminate in a festival of dance across the Cottenham and Impington area, which includes Milton, in February 2009. The key aim is to offer something for all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

They are planning a residency project at IVC with a world-class dance company, and there are other activities planned in the area including a Tea Dance and a Salsa Dance Party. As part of the festival programme they would like to see more community led activities. So if you are part of a local club or organisation would you like to host a dance event in February as part of the festival or are you already running dance activities that they could promote in the festival programme?

If so contact Amy Wormald, Arts Development Manager, on 01954 288748.

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