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Changes at Milton Community Centre



Julie with the flowers and gifts presented to her by Richard Summerfield and Wendy Stanley on behalf of Milton Community Centre

After 11 years, Julie Gray has retired from her position as Manager of Milton Community Centre. The Management Committee, staff and all the customers take this opportunity of thanking Julie for all the hard work she has put in and wish her well in her retirement – she certainly deserves it.

Village resident Andy Gray (no relation) has taken over the reigns and is looking forward to the challenge ahead. "I have been amazed at the number of groups which regularly use the facilities" says Andy "which is a testament to the way that Julie used to organise everything. The only quiet periods are Thursday and Friday mornings, it would be great to get a regular booking in at these times and I'm sure that people would be surprised at how reasonable the fees are."

The Community Centre is also available to hire for Birthday Parties, Weddings, Social/Fund Raising events etc, and for all enquiries including hiring the Annexe or the Youth Building, please contact Andy at the Community Centre on 862763 (Monday to Friday, 9.00 to 5.00) or by email, mcc@miltonvillage.org.uk



Andy Gray - New Manager at Milton Community Centre

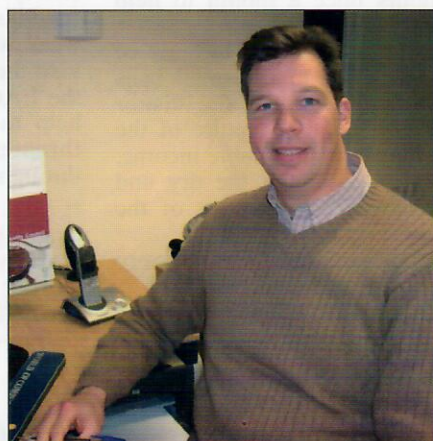
The courts will be open as normal during the School Holidays for free 5-a-side football and tennis (unsupervised) – just call in to the office to obtain a key.

Andy Gray

May Richardson Celebrates 100th Birthday

May Richardson celebrated her 100th birthday with friends at Barnabas Court on December 3rd. She was presented with a congratulatory bouquet of flowers by Jane Coston on behalf of Milton Parish Council. She also received a gift from the Barnabas Court residents, and many cards including one from The Queen.

A family get-together was held the weekend before her birthday.



David Geasor - Assistant Parish Clerk

Parish Council welcomes New Member of Staff

David Geasor has joined the staff employed by the Parish Council to work alongside Jim Daniels as Assistant Clerk.

Retirement Village Approved

At South Cambs Planning Committee on 14th January, outline planning permission was granted for the proposed retirement village on the former EDF Training & Depot site on Ely Road. This was unanimously approved by 13 votes to nil. Planning permission is now subject to referral of the application to the Government Office for the East of England and completion of the S106 legal agreement.

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Lilian Patricia Fletcher



**24th September
1929 - 1st
December 2008**

Many people will remember Mrs Pat Fletcher with great affection and gratitude as for nearly forty years she was very actively involved in the life of Milton.

She and her husband, Cecil, together with their sons Derek and Colin, moved to Willow Crescent in 1965 and for the next twenty five years she was a popular and well-respected teacher at the village school. During this time the family moved to Hall End and when she retired in 1989 it was just the beginning of another very active phase in her life.

Pat was a committed member of the parish church and whether delivering 'meals on wheels' (on her bicycle!) or helping run the Thursday Lunch Club, stewarding at Anglesey Abbey, driving people to hospital appointments or helping with other activities, Pat was always fully involved with village life - and always willing to help in any way she could.

In September 2000 Pat and Cecil moved to a bungalow nearer their family and here she again established herself as a willing helper and loyal friend to all who came into contact with her. She will be fondly remembered as a dear friend and good neighbour.

Ruth Henderson

Bird food bags

Time on your hands? Could you spare a couple of hours once a month to help Milton Country Park?

You would be helping the Friends of Milton Country Park to fill small bags with bird food for sale in the visitor centre. This is a popular feature of the Park, and brings in a reasonable income. The work is easy, and in the dry and warm all the time, unlike most of the work around the Park!

Contact friends@miltoncountrypark.org or 420060 if you could help.

Stephen Bennet

Retirement Village

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It is expected that confirmation from the Government Office not to 'call-in' the application for their determination will be given in early February. It will then be a case of agreeing the contents of the S106 with the District and Parish Council, discussions which are already at an advanced stage. Urban Renaissance Villages is hopeful that all outstanding matters will be resolved at the earliest opportunity and that planning permission can be formally issued in March.

In the meantime, the developer will shortly be appointing a demolition contractor to rid the site of asbestos and remove all of the pylons and poles from across the farmland part of the site.

The next step will be to prepare a detailed planning application, which the developer will be commencing work on imminently. Urban Renaissance Villages is hopeful that it will have all its planning permissions in place by the end of the summer. It will then be in a position to commence work on the site.

Urban Renaissance Villages will continue to involve and update the Parish Council throughout the planning and development process.

Take on a challenge for Milton Children's Hospice

The London Triathlon takes place on 1st & 2nd August 2009. It is the largest triathlon in the world with around 13,000 participants. The event consists of three parts - a swim, a bike ride and a run, of various distances. It's also possible to take part as a team and split the three parts amongst three team members. And you don't have to be a pro - each year around 50% of those taking part have never done a Triathlon before!

East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH), the charity which runs the Milton Hospice, has just 10 guaranteed places available. If you choose to compete for EACH, the charity will be there every step of the way (except on the day itself!), with advice on fundraising, training tips, a T-shirt for you to wear when training and an opportunity to visit the hospice and meet other members of the EACH team. The money you raise will help to provide care and support for life-threatened children and their families throughout the region.

If you would like to take on this fantastic challenge and raise money for an extremely worthwhile cause, please contact Beccy Turner on 01223 205198 or email beccy.turner@each.org.uk

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Closing date for articles - 12th September

December Issue - due out beginning of Dec
Closing date for articles - 12th November

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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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An **All Saints MILTON** event for the Community of Milton

Come and meet XS Latin

On Wednesday 11th February

the British National Latin Formation Champions

invite you to come and have a go!

From 8.20 - 9.20pm

at Milton Community Centre

there will be a taster workshop in Latin formation for all ages (no experience necessary).

If you would prefer to watch then come along to the Community Centre between 9.20 - 10.20pm, and see the champions in training.

This event is free to attend and open to all.

Cygnets, Milton Pre-School's

Easter Fayre

2pm - 4pm

Saturday 28th March

Milton Community Centre

Fun for all the family
Games, refreshments, stalls, Crafts

Admission 50p per adult,
under 16's free.

PCSO 'drop in' surgery

PCSO Claire Whiteman is holding a
'drop in' surgery
at Milton Community Centre
on Friday 27th February at 11.00am

Villagers are invited to come along and talk to Claire about any policing issues or concerns that they may have or any suggestions that they may want to make



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

Jumble Sale

Saturday 7th March 2009

Milton Community Centre
Coles Road, Milton

Doors Open 2:30 pm
Admission 30p

Masquerade Ball

has been postponed until
September/October
- date is to be confirmed

Dates for your diaries

**Milton Football Club
'Player of the Year' Presentation
Evening/Dance**

Saturday 9th May 2009
at Cambridge Rugby Club 7.30pm-late
Special Guest: Mr Gareth Baldwin
(Histon FC Chairman)

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

Harvest Supper and Ceilidh
Saturday, 10th October 2009
Organised by All Saints

Milton Summer Fayre

Saturday 11th July 2009

1.30pm to 6pm

stalls and entertainment, including
"Reptiles and mini beasts" from
Shepreth Wildlife Park, jeeps for
ages 4-8 years, and bees and bees
wax products

6pm to 10pm

live music from rock/ indie band
Stingray.

More details and a stalls booking
form to follow in the next edition
of the village view.

Milton Country Park

Events Diary 2009

For more information on any of the
events listed below, tickets and
booking, please call the Visitor
Centre on 01223 420060 or email
miltoncountrypark@cambridgesportlakes.org.uk

Sunday 14th June

The Environment Event

Inspiration, help & advice on
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Revelry in Milton

An enthusiastic group of carol singers from Milton Parish Church and Calvary Church gathered together at Milton hospice to share the joyful message of Christmas and bring cheer with a few of the children and staff followed by a chilly trek to Barnabas Court to a warm welcome from the residents and one dog, followed by mince pies!

Members of the same group were joined by villagers to go caroling around all the pubs in Milton the following Saturday. Great fun was had by adults and children alike. Thank you to Alma and Alan from the White Horse for their hospitality which was sung for when the lyrics of "We wish you a merry Christmas" were changed from "figgy pudding" to "mince pies". The session was finished with some rousing singing by all in the pub and greatly enjoyed. Come and join in the fun with us next year!

Angela Steele



Carol Singers visit the White Horse



Members of All Saints Lunch Club enjoying a Christmas meal

All Saints Lunch Club Christmas Meal

Members of the All Saints Lunch Club enjoyed a free, thoroughly excellent three-course Christmas lunch on 18th December 2008. An exciting tombola was provided by Mary Daniels and each member received a small gift from the staff, and the afternoon finished with Christmas carols led by Christophe on the keyboard, and the staff.

All Saints Lunch Club is open to senior single widows /widowers.

For further information contact the Church Office Tel. 441007

Email: office@allsaintsmilton.org.uk /

Parish Plan Working Parties make a start!

At a lively and well attended meeting on 15th January Alan Hampton from Cambridge ACRE congratulated our village on the progress already made with the report and the action plan. He emphasised the importance of the information for local government planning and that it could also be used by local groups to support applications for funding!

The meeting then split and made a start on the issues relevant to each group. It was good to see the start of the process. Any Milton resident who still wants to be involved is welcome to join.

•'Communications Group' has set up a series of mailing lists to discuss different topics - Just go to <http://the-hug.net/lists/milton-comms> where there's a form to fill in.

•Police Liaison, Travel and Village Appearance groups can be contacted through myself or Jim Daniels.

•The 'Environment Group' is holding meetings about every 2 months - co-ordinated by Hazel Smith.

The report on the survey and action plan, called 'A plan for Milton', will be printed and distributed in the near future.

Phil Badley

Un- "Locking" Power

Milton Environmental Group has been looking into the possibility of generating electricity at Bait's Bite Lock. We are being encouraged to see what type of designs might be available for this sort of site in a Conservation Area.

We have seen a proposal for one at Jesus Lock in Cambridge, which was quite small above the ground, with the water channelled into a turbine chamber underground at the side of the river. Something like this would certainly be enough to power the houses and offices by the lock and also feed electricity into the Grid. If the grant-making authorities decide it is worth doing then for a community group like the Parish Council much of the cost would be paid for by grants. Some similar projects have become charitable companies and sold shares in the scheme to local people, in order to raise money for the project.

We hope the feasibility study will be paid for by a grant from the Lottery, with the remainder from South Cambs District Council's Community Chest.

Hazel Smith

Traffic Tribulations

Here in Milton we have an unenviable combination of traffic which is slow-crawling at peak times and speeding at others.

The Milton Parish Plan Steering Group has been looking at ways of dealing with traffic issues, and as part of our attempt to find solutions, the police have offered us a loan of speed measuring equipment and high visibility jackets for a week at a time to enable us to monitor the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. The police will provide us with training in how to use of the equipment, and we'll record all relevant information. All we need now is for villagers to volunteer to be involved! We are not alone in our quest to make Milton a safer place to live - similar activity is taking place all over the country. More information can be found on:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/carjourneys/communityspeedwatch>

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Milton W.I.

Our November meeting was in two completely different halves. The first half of the meeting (after the minimum amount of business) we were treated to a wonderful demonstration of how to make our own jewellery. Sue Dunk brought along jewellery she had made which was for sale and had some of our members making some. Members were not quite as deft as Sue, but given time and practice, no doubt they could achieve wonders! Quite a few Christmas presents were probably purchased that night.

Then Jan Chessum showed the DVD of Mary Daniels visiting Buckingham Palace as a guest of the Queen at one of those famous garden parties. Mary was filmed talking to the Queen and I am sure gave her some 'good advice'. Mary has been a W.I. member for 64 years now and still enjoys it.

I think some of us were wondering exactly what the poems would be like at our December meeting but I can assure you we all went home with our sides aching from the laughter we had. Our speaker Paula Dolan has written poetry about events that have happened in her life, events which most of us would not be capable of making so funny as I am sure they are just the everyday things which most of us come across.

Paula has this ability to make the most sober happening funny in a very nice way. She is a brilliant poet. She told us about how her husband and herself went through a wedding blessing ceremony in an elephant sanctuary in Goa when on holiday there. It was quite hilarious!

We ended the evening with seasonal cats and drinks and the exchanging of Christmas cards.

On 17 February Barry Kaufmann-Wright will be telling us about 'The role of a Police Wildlife Crime Officer'

Our March meeting is our AGM with a presentation by Jan Chessum on the W.I. college at Denman,

In April Peter Jackson from Scotsdales will give us a talk on gardening and plants and their care.

On 19 May Andrew Morton will be telling us of his experiences crossing America on the famous 'Route 66'.

The County Federation also organises lots of outings, day-schools, lunches etc. For example in January there is a Machine embroidery day school, an outing to the V. & A. museum and an evening called 'Every picture tells a story'.

In February there is an Elizabethan dance workshop, a Spring lunch with a speaker and a Machine Quilting day school. These activities are open to all members, and quite a few accept non-members. You can always contact Jan Chessum for further information.

Anyone is welcome to our meetings, just come along. You might even want to join us permanently then. We would love to see you there.

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

Jan Chessum

Cygnets News

Milton's Cygnets have boundless energy - just look what we've been up to!

Jackie Gray Manager Cygnets

Dressing Up Day



On 26th November the staff and children of Cygnets Milton Pre-School held a dressing-up day. Everyone involved was invited to bring a donation to Leukaemia Research in memory of the late Mark Autherson whose daughter attends Cygnets. The staff and committee of the pre-school would like to thank everyone involved, as we managed to raise £88.

Christmas Concert

We held our 2008 concert in the pre-school building. The theme was Christmas Around The World, incorporating all the different nationalities of families that come to our setting. After inviting our parents to participate, we were treated to a wonderful German carol, and we heard all about a traditional Christmas in Trinidad, including a 'fantastic' rendition of Jingle Bells played on a steel drum and bongoes! The staff ended the concert by acting out the story of the nativity, which was great fun!



Santa visits

Is it a bird?..... is it a plane?.....

No it's Santa arriving at Cygnets for their Christmas Party on his bicycle!!!"



Christmas Whist Drive

The Christmas whist drive was a most enjoyable evening with seven tables in play. Everybody won something and the evening was so pleasant it made all the hard work worthwhile. The ladies booby prize was won by Jane Coston and the gents booby prize was won by Mary Daniels! There were 14 main prizes and two tables of raffle prizes.

Thank you to everybody who helped. **Mary Daniels**

Local Police Bulletin

Here are some of the issues we've been addressing recently.

Speed checks During January I carried out speed checks in Cambridge Road, Milton and Way Lane, Waterbeach. Unfortunately no offenders were caught during these checks. We will now be carrying out speed checks on a regular basis, if you have any speeding problems in your street we would like to hear from you.

Graffiti As you may be aware, there has been an ongoing problem with graffiti, mainly in The Rowans. If you have seen anything, or have heard of anything relevant, please contact us on 0845 456 456 4.

PCSO Claire Whiteman

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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To receive a weekly email with details of everything happening through All Saints' Church simply email mailings@allsaintsmilton.org.uk with SUBSCRIBE in the subject box.

Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church

Sunday Services

10.30 am Family Service

6.30 pm Evening worship

Midweek Home groups

Landbeach every Tuesday 7.30pm and Wednesday Morning 10.00am

All are welcome to our small but friendly fellowship.

Further details may be obtained from Maureen Clark, Tel 01223 863229.

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Parish Council Website:

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Useful Contact Numbers

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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
Street Lighting	0800 253529
South Cambs. District Council	08450 450 500

Street Lights Out?

Most street lights in Cambridgeshire are owned and maintained by the County Council, but some remain the direct responsibility of Parish and District Councils.

Regardless of ownership, all reports can be made to one freephone number 0800 253529 (You will need to quote the identification number on the column).

Milton Parish Council

Assistant Clerk

We are pleased to welcome David Geasor as Assistant Clerk working part time to help cover the work of the council. In particular we hope that this will enable us to open Parish Office at set regular times.

Recreation Land

We are actively seeking funds, legacies and grants towards purchasing land in the area for recreation purposes. If you feel you can help please contact us.

Application for Hotel turned down

Recently a planning application was made to build a hotel on the land next to Tesco. The application was lodged with both the City Council and South Cambs District Council as the site falls in both district councils' areas of responsibility. The application has now been rejected by both authorities.

Country Park - Sport Lakes Trust

The Trust have applied for planning permission to extend the Visitors Centre. They also reported that the Trust were hoping to start work on the Rowing Lake in approximately 12 months assuming funding was forthcoming. Donations are being sought from private, charitable and sporting organisations.

Bridge & Transport Issues

A representative of the County Council attended the January meeting to listen to a number of concerns the council had relating to the A14 and A10 bridges (lighting, CCTV, parapets, gritting and barriers), the Park & Ride site and other road and cycling issues.

Jane Coston

Chairman, Milton Parish Council

Dog Fouling - Fen Road Area

Pick it up - 'bag it and bin it' plea

Dog(s) are fouling pavements in the Fen Road area. This is an offence. If you witness an incident please report it to the Environmental Health Department at South Cambs District Council Tel. 08450 450 500.

Thank you to all the responsible dog owners who are seen clearing up after their dogs.

Michaela Overton Tel: 01223 863719

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For more information, please call Joey Rozek at 07766540241

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Trees and Shrubs

During the last thirty years many trees have been planted in Milton. Planning permission for many of the developments in the 1980s and 90s included a programme of landscaping. Open spaces including The Sycamores were planted with shrubs and trees. As new residents moved in, many also planted shrubs and trees.

As you walk through the village now, it is very noticeable that many of these trees are maturing. In some cases the trees are so dominant that front gardens are in permanent shade.

In response to requests from residents the Council has agreed to embark on a scheme to reduce the height of some of the trees we own.

Four tree companies were invited to assess the work to be done, and Council accepted the quotation from Town & Country Tree Surgery (T&C). It is hoped that T&C will complete the task during February. This includes working at The Sycamores Recreation Ground (boundary trees) -

- cutting back severely the whole of the inside boundary;
- cutting down and killing all of the trees adjacent to the Tesco wall;
- cutting back the trees along the path from Tesco walkway to The Sycamores.

Near 44 The Sycamores - raising / lowering crowns of two maples.

The Elms triangle with street light - removing trees and shrubs.

Willow Crescent - reducing height of poplars by 50 per cent.

The sycamore tree near 37 Old School Lane - raising the crown and reducing the branches overhanging the road.

Ely Road - pollarding the two willows overhanging the road from the paddock.

The results of the Parish Plan Survey will be published soon. Some residents have expressed concern about shrubs and hedges overhanging pavements. If your garden hedge is adjacent to a pavement, please ensure that it does not encroach onto the path.

Jim Daniels, Clerk to the Parish Council

Scrabble Club

This is our 20th year and most of the original Milton players are still coming. Where would you get an evening out for 50p with a few nibbles and prizes?

Held on the second Friday in the month in the Church Hall at 7:30 pm. All Welcome!

AMY LANDS IRENE A GORGI

Goodness me whatever is a GORGI?

Mary Daniels

Puzzle Corner

There were lots of entries for the 'win a turkey' puzzle - more than 70 - and the first name to be drawn out of my hat was Stephanie Clarke of Ballard Close.

Runners-up prizes went to Mrs J Mendham of Willow Crescent, Mrs Easy of The Sycamores and Don Freeman of Old School Lane.

Congratulations to our prizewinners and for those of you who missed out, perhaps next year?.....

After an easy Christmas puzzle, it's time to exercise the little grey cells more! So to start the new year I thought we might try a few more Dingbats.

Dingbats are disguised sayings - for example:

CORPSE MY is Over my dead body

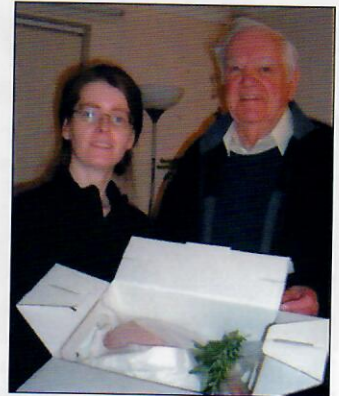
or REVILO is Oliver Twist

Here are 10 to try - Do as many as you can, the winner will be the one who gets most correct.

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| 1. ONCE
12.30 | 6. MONA LISA 123 |
| 2. CKYLU
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LUCKY | 7. YOU JUST ME |
| 3. SPRING
SUMMER
AUTUMN
WINTER | 8. TOFEE
TOFFE
TOPHY
TOFFIE |
| 4. O
RDINARY | 9. YPPAH YPPAY YPPAH
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YPPAH YPPAH YPPAH |
| 5. GROUND
LONDON | 10. RICHARD |

Please send your answers to me, Michael Spooner, 43a Old School Lane MILTON Cambridge CB24 6BS by 6 March please.

If you prefer to use email then send to mjsmilton@tesco.net. As usual there will be small prizes for the first 3 names drawn out of the hat.



Michael Spooner presenting Stephanie Clarke with the 1st prize of a Christmas turkey donated by Rectory Farm

Village View thanks Volunteers



Milton Village View, which is run entirely by volunteers, held a Christmas Party on the 19th December to thank all those who help deliver the magazine round the village and generally help in other ways.

Jim Daniels was the winner of the 'guess the year' quiz - various village magazine stories were posted round the room and the competition was to guess the year they appeared in the magazine.

Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to collect the magazine from the printers and count them into rounds. We are also looking for someone to deliver the bundles of counted magazines to our network of delivery people. If you think you may like to help please contact Jane Coston Tel. 563539 or email vv@miltonvillage.org.uk

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Hard Work Pays Off

Milton Tang Soo Do karate club honoured three of its members at a presentation evening in the Community Centre on Wednesday 17 December 2008.



The photo shows (left to right) Maz Adamczyk (presented with second Dan), Alex Campbell (presented with fourth Dan Master), Master Emma Fitch, club instructor Master Geoff Keerie and 12 year old Alex Fellows (presented with first Dan). Congratulations to all three who had trained very hard for many years to reach their new grades. *Paul Capitain*

Milton Cricket Club - Net Practice

Colts indoor nets will start on Saturday 24th Jan 12pm to 1pm at Impington Sports Centre Impington Village College. There will be a small fee of £2 to cover the cost of net hire. Please contact Stephen Dye (s.dye@ntlworld.com) for more details. New players 15 or under are very welcome.

Senior Winter nets start on Monday 2nd February at Hills Road Sports Centre - 9pm until 10.30pm. New players are especially welcome. Email Jonamphlett@hotmail.com or call 07917 597234 for more details. *Jon Amphlett*

Milton Tennis Club AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 4th March 2009 in the committee room at Milton Community Centre, Coles Road - everyone welcome. For information about the tennis club see www.milontenniscub.co.uk which will be updated for the 2009 season. *Sue Griffin, Secretary*

Karate King!

On Wednesday 17 December Alex Campbell was presented with his Masters certificate at the local Tang Soo Do Karate Club in the Community Centre. This is the first time a Masters belt has been awarded since the club opened in 1986 under the leadership of Master Geoff Keerie 5th Dan.

Alex began training over 15 years ago grading regularly and gaining Black Belt 1st Dan in 1998. He has attended competitions nationally and internationally, successfully winning a shelf full of trophies. To reach Master 4th Dan status he has had 4 years' training since his last grading, and had to show a high level of hyungs (patterns), weapons, self-defence, fighting and breaking techniques in a gruelling 4-hour testing exam. Well done Alex - not bad for a 50 year old grandfather! *Jane Daniels*



Alex Campbell

Jammy Footballers



Paul Isaacson, Chris Threadgold (manager), and members of the Ladies Team

Paul Isaacson, founder member of Girls Football in Milton (1999), has, over the last 5 years, raised money for both the Girls and Ladies teams. During the late summer months he spent many an hour picking, boiling, and bottling blackberry jam. He advertises jars at the bottom of his drive, 56 Fen Road, where they are available for a donation.

He has recently presented cheques for £100 to both the Girls Under 14's and Ladies teams.

Dig out your old mobile phones!

Milton FC has recently launched a new fund-raising campaign. We are collecting old mobile phones, which we can exchange for sports vouchers. Phones can be dropped off either at the Community Centre (weekdays) or The Sycamores Pavilion (weekends). Thank you for your support. *Fraser Confrey, Milton FC Club Secretary*

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