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Lake at the back of Milton Hall known by some locals as the New River but on an old map it is named "Clytemnestra"

Urban Renaissance Villages are planning to restore the lake at the back of Milton Hall as part of the retirement village development. The lake and gardens were designed by Repton. The new retirement village will be named Lakeside after this lake.

Fun in the snow



Pupils at Milton Primary enjoying the snow

Village to be consulted over recreation space

Milton Parish Council has negotiated terms for the construction and longterm lease of playing fields as well as a sports pavilion and car park on a section of the new retirement village. However, the residents of Milton have a one-time option to decide to take a cash sum instead, which would be used to provide recreation space elsewhere. - See see page 4 for full report from the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Pub Carols



Christmas carols and pubs: two things that have gone well together for a very long time and Milton has been no exception for the past few years! Once again, on a Friday before Christmas, an enthusiastic group of singers of all ages from across the village did a musical tour of our local hostelries, bringing festive cheer.

We started at the Waggon & Horses, where we gathered our numbers and set to on a selection of old favourites, ably led by Ruth on the violin. We rounded off with a few requests, including "God rest ye merry, gentlemen", which unfortunately wasn't on our word sheets, but a few people knew the verses, and everyone joined in loudly on "O tidings of comfort and joy!".

We then moved on to the Lion & Lamb, where we were also much appreciated, and "God rest ye" was requested again! Our final stop was the White Horse, where our efforts were rewarded with mince pies!

Many thanks to all involved, and may pubs and carols go together just as well for many years to come. Mary-Ann Johnson



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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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Beaver Gets Chief Scout Bronze Award

Seven year old Alex Scarborough is the first beaver scout from 50th Milton beavers to get this award. It is a big achievement as you have to earn all 6 challenge badges (each badge requires covering 4 different criteria). Beaver leader, Theresa Feetenby, said "I have been running beavers for almost 4 years and this is a first for the 50th so I'm very proud of him as I am of all my beavers."
There are also a few other boys who are close to achieving this award.

> Theresa 50th Milton beaver leader

Milton Summer Fayre

Saturday 10th July 2010 1.30-10.00

The Summer Fayre Committee are in the process of putting this year's Summer Fayre together, so if there is anyone with any new ideas of what they might like us to include at this year's event, please contact us by emailing:

miltonfayre@yahoo.co.uk or by phoning Lynda Molloy on 01223 862093.

Dog Fouling in Fen Rd

It has been reported that there is a lot of dog mess on pavements at present, especially in Fen Road. Not only is it an offence to allow your dog to foul the road, pavement it is very unpleasant for those who accidentally step in it.

Black Cat attack

A large (apparently vicious) black cat is roaming the Fen Road area. It is sleeping in a shed and has attacked and clawed the leg of a resident. If you think this may be your cat or you are feeding it it is important that you make contact through Jane Coston (village magazine editor) on 563539 as a local resident is thinking of calling the RSPCA to ask them to come and take it away.

Bus Service 9 Cuts

With effect from Sunday, 14th February Stagecoach is reducing the service 9 which goes through Milton on its way from Cambridge to Ely and Littleport and vice versa. The service was previously hourly but is now being reduced to two morning and one evening journey into Cambridge from Littleport and three evening journeys from Cambridge to Littleport.

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Exposed by the Trowel

In October 2006 and 2007 I had the opportunity to involve students from the Perse and Hills Road 6th forms in systematic fieldwalking for artefacts of archaeological significance at Long Meadow and Hill Close located off Fen Road, east and south of Milton Hall grounds respectively. The project was supervised by the County archaeologists now employed by Oxford Archaeology East at Bar Hill. At the same time metal detectorists surveyed the fields for metal artefacts.

Previous aerial photography by Roger Palmer (Cambridge University AP services), revealed crop marks suggestive of enclosures, and in Hill Close, the earlier moat of the supposed site of the 13th century manor house. A voluntary geophysics group Archaeology RheeSearch found features which

complemented the crop marks.

The fieldwalking resulted in a considerable amount of Roman pottery sherds being found including those of the large Horningsea storage jars, oyster shells and a concentration of low value Roman coins, fragments of Roman glass were also found. These finds were primarily associated with a corridor of enclosures at the west side of Long Meadow indicating the site of a Romano-British farmstead. At the south end of this field, the finding of further Roman pottery and quernstones indicated a possible workshop area. In Hill Close, Roman pottery sherds particularly the Horningsea type and low value Roman coins were concentrated at the NE corner of the field, again indicating a possible workshop site. At the west end of this field towards the moat, mid-late Saxon and later medieval pottery sherds dated to the time of the manor house were found together with oyster shells. Test pits dug in 2008 in both Long Meadow and Hill Close with the help of Active 8 Archaeology, a voluntary group from Cherry Hinton, provided pottery sherds in keeping with the fliedwalk results.

The finds support the concept of the development of Milton from the Roman period with dispersed farms, towards a centre with the old village established in Saxon times (Middletun) around a possible wooden church which was replaced by a stone building after the Norman Conquest.

Thanks are due to John Wilson representing the landowners and Bertram Pearson the farmer for permission and allowing access to the fields for the work. Full reports can be read at the Cambridge Collection (City Library) and at the Historic Environment Records office, Shire Hall.

> Derek Booth Parish Archaeological Warden



Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

Friday March 5th

at the Bowls Pavilion Coles Road 7 for a 7:30 start All Welcome

Refreshments will be available

East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH)

Milton Hospice Gala day Milton Hall on May 8

Milton Cricket Club

Preparation for the new season has begun! Indoor adult nets have started

at Hills Road Sports Centre, Cambridge
Wednesday evenings 7 to 9 pm
Players of all levels, new and old, are welcome.
For any further information please ring
Ian Coston 01223 232271.

Milton Colts Cricket Club Indoor Nets

Milton Colts are having indoor nets at Impington Sports Centre

Dates are as follows:

Feb 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th, Mar 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
The net sessions are from 12pm to 1pm
For more information call
Stephen Dye 01223 240928 or
Andrew Drain 01223 720147

Dates for your Diary

Milton Summer Fayre - Saturday 10th July 2010

Milton W.I.

We have again had two very good speakers for our November and December meetings.

In November Joy Childs gave a most enlightening talk and powerpoint presentation on Rwanda, Land of a Thousand Hills, and the 'Survivors Fund' 'SURF' which she and her husband raise money for and go out there to help at their own expense. This all started when their son went out there to work with the Diane Fossey organisation helping to save the gorillas.

They went out to visit him and travelled around the country and saw for themselves the devastation brought about by the terrible genocide which occurred in just three months in 1994. What had been a beautiful country was just a wasteland.

They raise money by various means, at home in England, and then go out to Rwanda with whatever supplies are required and work helping where they can while they are there.

Rwanda is now getting back once again to being the lovely country that it used to be and the Rwandan people are now more at peace with one another. They are no longer divided into two different sects of Tutsies and Hutus according to how well off they are, they are now just 'Rwandans'.

Unfortunately HIV/AIDS is still rife and lots of medical help is needed. Most of the hospitals are run by charities.

Rwanda lies just south of the Equator and has some beautiful mountains, forests and tea plantations, also the Nyungi National Park. The gorillas live in the north of the country.

One very interesting fact is that the proportion of women M.P.'s is higher than in any other country.

As usual at our December meeting the committee provided a very seasonal buffet and our speaker talked to us about 'Sheets and Sausages' in other words running a B & B.

The speaker had certainly had a very varied and interesting life from working for 'Spirella' the corset makers to running a successful B & B to now practising alternative health remedies. She certainly kept us amused with the varied happenings at the B & B.

Speakers for future meetings are, Rodney Tibbs on 'Patio Gardening' in February, March is our AGM and a talk entitled 'The Flying Picnic' and in April we have Andrew Jackson on 'Surprising Suffolk'.

Events being put on by County W.I include a 'Boutis quilting'day school, Spring Lunch, a 'Nosh & Natter', an outing called 'All the King's Horses', an embroidery dayschool and an outing to Bressingham gardens. Some of these are open to non-members and to find out more please ring Jan Chessum on 01223 560813.

As from January 2010 we will meet in the Church Hall.

You are very welcome to come and join us.

Our President is Veronica Hinchliffe on 01223 441464

Jan Chessun

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday in the month (except December when it is the 2nd Tuesday). So give us a thought and come along as a visitor to see if you think you would like to join us.

If you are interested in going on any of the County events (some are open to non-members) then ring Jan Chessum on 01223 560813.

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From the Desk of the Parish Council Chairman

Proposed Retirement Village on Ely Rd.

We are nearing a critical phase in the development of a proposed retirement village on the former EDF site on Ely Road. As I mentioned in the last issue of this magazine, your parish council has negotiated terms for the construction and long-term lease of playing fields as well as a sports pavilion and car park on a section of the new retirement village. The developer (Urban Renaissance Villages) is obliged to provide these facilities as one of the conditions for gaining planning consent. However, the residents of Milton have a one-time option to decide to take a cash sum instead, which would be used to provide recreation space elsewhere. That is, we as a village can ask the developer to pay us a lump sum (£200,000 is the agreedupon figure) in lieu of providing the playing fields, pavilion and car park.

Obviously, there are a number of considerations to be taken into account. First, some general information to keep in mind: it will be a 125 year lease; the playing fields can be used for a large variety of sports (excluding rugby) from dawn to dusk, while the pavilion and car park can be used from dawn to 10pm; the sports pavilion will be a purpose-built 200 square metre building with car park and cycle bays; and a management committee (made up of representatives from the developer, the parish council and Milton Community Centre) will be formed to oversee the facilities.

Pros & Cons for accepting the land/lease option

The reasons FOR accepting the land/lease option are:

- Provides much needed recreation space for the village. At the moment, many teams, like Milton Colts Football, are struggling for space and the proposed playing fields will be constructed to Football Association standards.
- Pound for pound, it might be seen to be good value for money, as we would be getting playing fields, a sports pavilion and a car park for £200,000.
- · Only peppercorn (i.e. very minimal) rent.
- Provides a pavilion and services (e.g. water, electricity) closer than would be available in any of the other fields near Milton.
- Management company 'on-site' will help with security.

The reasons AGAINST accepting the land/lease option:

- We as a village will not own the land; it will revert back to the developer in 125 years.
- The village ideally needs a larger recreation area; it is unclear how large the proposed playing fields will actually be as there is an issue about tree roots.
- Facilities will only be provided after the completion of 80 (out of a total of 101) dwellings. That is, the retirement village will have to be more than three-quarters completed before the parish sees any benefit.
- According to the terms of the lease, the parish is responsible for maintenance of the playing fields. The parish will also have to contribute to the upkeep of the road in the retirement village. Exactly how much is unknown; it will involve a sharing formula which will take into account how much the road is used by villagers going to the playing fields.
- The parish will be responsible for maintaining the pavilion, car park, cycle shed, etc.
- Yet another committee will be required to run the facilities.

Pros & Cons for accepting the cash alternative

Reasons FOR accepting the cash alternative:

- The parish could purchase or lease land for recreation space elsewhere in the village. The parish council's Land Group is actively looking into a number of alternative sites which would possibly provide a larger area of land, be more suitable and open up opportunities for gaining additional funding from outside sources (e.g. the Football Foundation).
- The parish could purchase land now elsewhere by taking out a loan and be reimbursed with the lump sum from the developer.

Reasons AGAINST accepting the cash alternative:

- The parish will have to wait to receive the money. Half (£100,000) will be provided at the completion of the 65th dwelling and half at the completion of the 80th dwelling.
- The money would have to be spent within 10 years or it will be returned to the developer.

• The money can only be used for the purpose of providing recreation facilities for use by the villagers of Milton.

(Please note: The considerations above are not meant to be an exhaustive list.)

In the coming weeks, the parish council will be consulting with Milton Community Centre and various clubs in the village to ascertain their views. This issue will also be on the Agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting in April. All residents are welcome and encouraged to join in the discussion. You may do so by attending the Annual Parish Meeting or by sending us your written comments by e-mail (to clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk) or by dropping off a note at the parish office. We'd like to hear from you! And if you would like to take a look at the updated plans for the proposed retirement village, please stop by the parish office.

Hotel Appeal Dismissed

The appeal of the decision against the building of a hotel on the field between the A14 and Tesco has been dismissed. The Inspector highlighted the need that this area of Green Belt land be maintained as the last natural boundary separating Milton from the city of Cambridge. Thanks to your parish and district councillors who attended and spoke at the appeal!

A14 Widening Scheme

As part of the proposed scheme to widen the A14, the Highways Agency will provide funding for offsite planting of trees and shrubs. Certain areas have been highlighted along the Milton stretch of the road, including the Country Park, and your parish council is facilitating negotiations with the Highways Agency to make this happen. Not only would such planting mitigate the visual impact of the road but, in time, it would provide a natural sound barrier as well. Artificial sound barriers will not be in place here because they would be ineffective beyond 200-300 m.

Thank You

Finally, I would like to thank CBS, who have graciously agreed to rent the parish office a photocopy machine at a greatly reduced rate. I would also like to thank Colin Nunn for helping me put up the Christmas lights. And thanks as well to parish councillor Jane Coston, who flew to Ireland before Christmas to pick up many historical photographs of the village which she is in the process of copying. These are an important part of Milton's history and we look forward to sharing them with you in the future.

Rob Chapman

Chairman Milton Parish Council

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William Wilson of Milton 1697 - 1793

Extract from the Milton Chronicle 30th March 1793

On Monday died, in the 96th year of his age, Mr Wilson, father of Mr George Wilson, cook of King's College.

6th April 1793

Mr William Wilson, whose death was mentioned last week, was born at Milton, near Cambridge, and by trade a carpenter. The first 40 years of his life he had a bad state of health, but from that time to the end of his days he scarcely knew pain. He was a man beloved and respected, and just in all his dealings. About 20 years ago, in repairing Mr Knight's house at Milton, he fell from a scaffold 14 feet high, upon a stone floor, and was deprived of his senses by the fall for some time, but had no bones broke, nor ever after (from his own account) felt any inconvenience. He was a little man, always inclined to be light and thin, otherwise, by the above fall, he must in all probability have been killed. He married 4 wives, the last of whom has been dead 8 or 9 years; and Mr W. himself died the 25th March, 1793, in the 96th year of his age.

Ten years on from the Millennium Book

It is ten years since we started photographing the village for the Millennium Year. Now a small group is considering putting together a collection of updates of the photos - so we will keep you informed. For example it may be nice to bring together some of the groups such as the Millennium Babies for a photo 10 years on. We are also hoping to interview local residents on video to be kept as a record. If you have any old photos or video/film

do contact Jane on 563539. Millennium Book

There are still copies of this book available at the Parish Office. The book is a daily record with a photo taken somewhere in Milton on every day during the year and is a fascinating snapshot of people and places in Milton during the year 2000.

footage we could borrow to copy - please

Milton Parish Council

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or e-mail: clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk

Pilates

Mondays Milton Community Centre Mon 9.30 am Mixed Ability Mat Mon 10.30 am Mixed Ability Mat

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Contact: Liz Dolman (01353) 749611 or (07768) 155278 for further details

Mountjoy, the Pedestrian Extract from the Milton Chronicle

23rd May 1840

Mountjoy, the Pedestrian. - On Tuesday evening last, this individual undertook to perform the following feats on the Cambridge and Milton road for a wager of 50s.



Run a mile Walk a mile

Walk backwards a mile Wheel a barrow half a mile Run backwards 200 yards Trundle a hoop half a mile

Pick up 50 eggs a yard apart with his mouth and leap over 20 hurdles, placed a yard apart

all of which he was to perform within the hour, which he did with several minutes to spare.

170 Years on Re-enactment on Sunday 23rd May 2010?

Would you like to help organise or sponsor a re-enactment of this event? Would you be interested in taking part? We could also arrange a smaller course for children. If so please contact Jane Coston on 563539 email - j.coston@ntlworld.com

These extracts from the Milton Chronicle are by kind permission of Bob Tonks. The book contains news items related to Milton for the period 1777 to 1901 and includes some original pictures of the village together with early maps. To order a copy of this book please contact Bob Tonks. Tel. 861020 or email robert.tonks@gmail.com

Footballers of Milton



This is one of the photos from the Harold Easy Collection by kind permission of Spencer Attle (Grandson). If you are able to help with identifying the individuals in the photo we would be pleased to hear from you.

Contact Jane Coston, 67 Coles Road, Milton Tel. 563539 or email j.coston@ntlworld.com The photo may have been taken in the area of Milton Hall where Milton Football Club once played, and interestingly, where the village may gain playing fields again with the new retirement development. The gate on the left of the photo appears to be the Repton Gate, which is now in storage. The text on the ball looks like MJFC 1920-21. We will be publishing more photos over the coming months.

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Messy Praise! The Story of Moses: Part 2

Sunday 28th February 3.30 - 5.30pm

For young children and their families at All Saints' Church, Church Lane, Milton

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Sundays 7-8.30pm

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- Patients who are pregnant

We have several clinics on offer please ring and make your appointment, after 10 am preferably as the surgery can be very busy before then, ring us on 420511. If you are unsure about this vaccination we have leaflets for you to collect from Reception.

If you are entitled to the seasonal flu vaccination - (Patients within an 'at risk' group and over the age of 65) and have not had it yet, this is still available; please ring to make your appointment. If you are entitled to both vaccinations then they can be given at the same time, please make the receptionist aware when ringing for your appointment.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices

East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) had great fund-raising success last year, and we are looking forward to an even more successful year in 2010.

There are many events already planned for 2010 including 'Head Back to School' on February 12, where head teachers from local schools dress up in school uniform and become pupils for the day to raise funds for EACH.

We also have open days taking place on April 29 and Oct 7, where you can get the chance to see who we are and what we do.

The annual Milton hospice gala day will take place at Milton Hall on May 8, while sponsored teams will take to the River Cam on September 11 to battle it out to be crowned champions of the Cambridge Dragon Boat Festival.

As well as promoting our forthcoming events, EACH would also like to thank the residents of Milton for making the Christmas Carol Service such a success.

2009 was the first time the hospice carol service had been held in Milton, rather than Cambridge, and it was a roaring success, raising more than £1,500 for the charity.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at our events in the coming months. For more information about EACH visit www.each.org.uk or call 01223 205180.

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Keeping warm?

In the recent cold weather, most of us have been turning up the heating - and dreading the next energy bill! But how much are you spending on heating the street outside? Better insulation could save each household £265 per year (Energy Saving Trust figures).

Milton Environmental Group (MEG) has arranged to borrow a thermal imaging camera. This shows where the heat is leaking out of a house. We will photograph different house types in Milton, to help us advise people who want to improve their

If you'd like your house to be one of those photographed, or to find out more about MEG, telephone Hazel on 860752 or email hazel.smith@miltonvillage.org.uk

You can get free insulation estimates from the Eastern Carbon Reduction

Initiative: go to www.easterneri.org or phone them on 0800 2321677.

Milton Chiropractic Clinic

Since February 2009, Milton Chiropractic Clinic, located at 2 Ely Road, is under new management. Jasper and Becky Hulscher, the new owners, fell in love with the clinic, its location and the surroundings as soon as they saw it and have not had any regrets since!

Both Jasper and Becky graduated from Bournemouth with a BSc. and MSc. in Chiropractic. In addition, Jasper graduated from the International academy of Physiotherapy in his native country Holland.

Chiropractic literally means "done by hand", which describes best how in general problems of patients are treated. Chiropractors use their hands to manipulate, massage, mobilize, adjust, stimulate, apply traction to, or otherwise influence the spine and related tissues, as well as other joints, muscles and tendons in the rest of the body. In addition, physical fitness/exercises are promoted, ergonomic and postural advice is given and nutritional and dietary recommendations are made.

Chiropractic can treat numerous conditions, ranging from back pain, sciatica, slipped disc, neck pain, headaches, Repetitive Strain Injuries (e.g. tennis elbow) and many more.

More information regarding the clinic, conditions we treat or the chiropractors can

be found on our website:

www.miltonchiropractic.co.uk. You will also find some video footage regarding the clinic, explaining our patient procedure.

Landbeach and Milton **Baptist Church**

Sunday Services

10.30 am 6.30 pm

Family Service 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.

Puzzle Corner

We had a bumper crop of entries for the Christmas puzzle and the winner of the turkey, kindly supplied by Rectory Farm was Pamela Cotton of Cherry Close. The runners up prizes went to Mrs Dean of Goding Way, Louise Shane of The Rowans and Janette Skinner of Bulteel Close.

Our congratulations go to the winners and commiserations go to everyone who sent in entries but missed out on the prizes - why not try for one of the prizes we award for the competition which appears in every issue.

We start off the New Year with a puzzle which involves some local geography.

Here are the names of 9 Cambridgeshire places. All you have to do is put them into the grid provided. Correctly entered, the name of another Cambridgeshire place can be read downwards in the column outlined. It is the name of this place which is the answer to the puzzle.

LINTON UPWARE HADDENHAM WISBECH GUYHIRN TEVERSHAM RAMPTON BURWELL ELLINGTON Send your entry to Michael Spooner 43a Old School Lane MILTON Cambridge CB24 6BS. If you prefer to use e-mail,

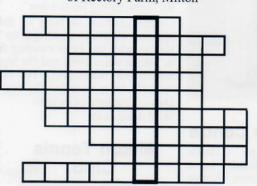
The closing date is Saturday 6 March with prizes for the first two names drawn out of the hat.

transferred to the little Baptist chapel!

then send to mismilton@tesco.net



Michael Spooner presenting Pamela Cotton with her prize of a turkey on behalf of Rectory Farm, Milton



Old Age

When old age creeps upon you your aches and pains begin Your eyes become more dreary and your mind begins to dim But sometimes the days that you remember The parties and the dances and all the places that you have seen Then suddenly you realise it is only just a dream

Dickie Bird

Scrabble

Due to bad weather reports and possibility of accidents it was decided to cancel scrabble for January.

Whist Drive

The Christmas Whist Drive was well worth all the effort put into it. We twisted one persons arm to come which gave us 7 tables. There were two tables of prizes and we also had refreshments of mince pies and sausage rolls and at the end of the evening the tables were empty and everyone left with prizes. The atmosphere was good, lowest score of the evening was John Coston with 132. *Mary Daniels*

Note - John won the January Whist Drive with a score of 171!

Christopher Herbert Smith 1911 - 2009 - Milton Resident

Chris was born two days before Christmas 1911 in Cherry Hinton, on the outskirts of Cambridge. He was the fourth child born to John and Elizabeth Smith. May, Fred and Beat were his older siblings. By the time Chris was 2 years old they had moved twice and settled in the village of Milton where he was to live for the next 93 years. Another brother and sister, Walter and Grace completed the family of 8. The family was poor but happy and everyone had to help with the chores. Chris was often missing from school because he had to stay at home to turn the mangle handle for his Mum who took in laundry from the Cambridge colleges. He was sent home from the village church one day because his boots weren't good enough for Sunday worship. May and Fred continued to go to church but Beat and Chris

His father worked with horses and from an early age Chris would help him. By the time he was 12 he was looking after the horses for a Mr Cox before and after school. When he left school aged 14 he joined his brother Fred working on Mr Pearson's farms. He became a milkman, first making deliveries by bike then progressing to driving a van. He did this for over 20 years. The Cambridge farm was sold and Chris became cowman on the farm in Milton. He worked very long hours milking morning and afternoon with very little time off. He worked for the Pearson family for nearly 35 years until all the men were made redundant. Fred had changed jobs years earlier and again Chris followed him, this time to the Sewage Farm on the edge of the village. He had to learn completely new skills but by the time he retired at 65 he had a lot of responsibility for both Milton and other pumping stations in Cambridge.

In his 20s his friends introduced him to Nellie, a domestic servant working in Cambridge. He only ever wrote one letter in his life and that was to Nellie when she went with her employers to stay on the East Coast. They were married at Milton Church in October 1939 just a month after the outbreak of the war and moved to their first home in Fen Road. Chris was in The Home Guard and Nellie had to work at Chivers jam factory. Their happiness was short lived due to the arrival of a young evacuee who definitely didn't want to be there, she made their life quite unpleasant. Maureen was born in 1943 and was destined to be an only child even though she was told to expect a brother or sister, but the GP had got his diagnosis wrong!

In 1951 the family moved to a brand new council house in Bene't Close with all mod cons, it was wonderful but they only stayed there 5 years. Chris's Dad had died and his Mum spent a lot of nights staying with the family. Her landlord offered Chris the chance to buy her home, so the family moved to 25 Butt Lane, the house where Chris had grown up. There was no electricity, 2 black-leaded stoves and it would be 12 years before they had an indoor toilet or a bathroom. There was antagonism between the two older generations so overall it hadn't been a good move.

To be continued in the April issue

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Dragon Black Belt Academy International



Jane, Geoff and Ollie

News from the Community Centre

This term we have 2 new children's groups - Helen O'Grady Drama Academy takes place upstairs on a Thursday evening at 6.30pm and Helene Jones Theatre Dance is in the Annexe from 10.00am on Saturdays. This is in addition to the normal Thursday afternoon Theatre Dance session.

Other activities for children include Tumbletots, Jo Jingles, Cygnets Pre-School, Kids R Us out of School Club, Lane Academy dance, Kumon Maths, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

We have a large range of adult activities, including Line Dancing, Pilates, Indoor Bowls, Badminton, Flower Arranging, Tai Ji, Latin Dancing, Slimming World, Self Defence, Whist, Aerobics, Watercolours, French, Over 60's, Weight Watchers, Radio Controlled Cars and Yoga. For further details, please call in and pick up a 'What's On' guide or go to www.miltonvillage.org.uk

The Community Centre, Annexe, Youth Club Building, 5-a-side Court and Netball Courts are all available to hire. For all enquiries please ring Andy on 862763 or email mcc@miltonvillage.org.uk

Andy Gray

Community Centre Manager

Two outstanding achievements were recognised at a recent awards ceremony. Ollie Moran aged 20 was given his certificate for reaching Black Belt 2nd Dan which he gained after a 3 and a half hour gruelling grading session. The grading is just the culmination of years of dedicated training. Ollie has been training with the Milton club since he was 12 years old.

Master Geoff Keerie was delighted also to present Jane Daniels (she's the small one and she admits to being a little over 20 years old) with her Black Belt 4th Dan. Jane has been training for 20 years and was presented with a "Certificate for Outstanding Dedication".

Congratulations to both of them. A special mention must go to Master Keerie who has been running the class in Milton since 1986 and the high ideals which he maintains. He has also recently been awarded the rank of 6th Dan in recognition of this.

Well done to all.

Milton Tennis Club

www.miltontennisclub.co.uk

Our tennis season starts officially on 1st April 2010 with the first club night being on Wednesday 7th April. Membership should be renewed from 1st April and application forms, newsletter and coaching information will be available to download from our webpage by April.

Everyone is welcome to attend our AGM on Wednesday 3rd March, 7.30pm at Milton Community Centre, Coles Road.

Sue Griffin Secretary

All Saints' Landbeach book

This book is a comprehensive photographic record of All Saints' Church Landbeach, complemented by the informative and well researched supporting text.

The historic parish church of All Saints' in the village of Landbeach stands out from the flat fen-edge landscape of Cambridgeshire and has been a place of worship and community life for some 900 years.

This is a small village, but the Rectors were for long the Masters or Fellows of Corpus Christi College in Cambridge, the Patrons since 1359. Thus the story of this medieval church is surprisingly well documented, enriching the story of the church over the centuries reflected in many photographs of the furnishings and fittings still evident and those which have been removed elsewhere. To order your copy contact Dr Ray Gambell

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