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Village View

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#### Volunteers needed to run Milton village magazine

Village View organiser Jane Coston has decided to retire from running the village magazine, Milton Village View, after almost 20 years. Jane would like to thank all the team of editors Kate Marshall, Paul Capitain and Michael Spooner as well as the 35 other volunteers who have been delivering the magazine to every home in the village. Jane is keen to hear from anyone who would like to run the magazine in the future - see page 2.

Tang Soo Do Karate



The photo shows Jane flanked by (L-R) Masters Alex Campbell and Warren Langford, Nathan Sellen (receiving his 1st Dan certificate) and Chief Instructor Master Geoff Keerie

On 14th July 2010 Jane Daniels reached the rank of 4th Dan Master at a presentation ceremony held at the Community Centre. She has trained in the martial arts style of Tang Soo Do under instructor Geoff Keerie for 21 years and becomes the only practising lady Master in England. Congratulations Jane and very well done indeed!

Paul Capitain

#### **Reunion of Netballers**

Past members of the Milton Netball Club, formed in 1980 met appropriately at the Milton Summer Fayre -back where they first played netball on the old tennis courts - now the doctor's surgery and long before the four present courts were thought of!

Seventeen past members, including a few current players, met and brought old photos and newspaper cuttings. It proved a very



enjoyable evening - listening to the band on such a lovely evening and it is now hoped that someone will organise a Christmas meal and perhaps this will become an annual event. As this was planned at the last minute it wasn't possible to get in contact personally with everyone, although it was advertised in the June Village View so if there is anyone that wants to be involved in any future events please get in touch.

Julie Gray

#### 20th Anniversary of Milton Outdoor Bowls

Milton Outdoor Bowls Club recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with a fun match between original members and newcomers which was enjoyed by all. This was followed by an informal buffet where guests were welcomed by the present President Trevor Crow. Guests included members of the Parish Council which was instrumental in forming the club and still give support.

The club has a membership of over 50 and enjoys a strong social side as well as having teams in 5 bowls leagues.

New members are always welcome and if anyone would like further details please contact Mr Godfrey Sheen (Club Secretary) on 01223 861765.

Members past and present enjoying buffet tea

Len Sandford Mem

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#### A message from Jane

I have lots of lovely memories of running the magazine and met many interesting people. Kate and Michael have helped me since 1991 and Paul joined the team when his father Harry could no longer help - so we are still very much the old team. In addition we have 35 delivery people, many of whom have been delivering for the past 20 years.

It is interesting to look through all the magazines and remember producing each issue. Over the years I have had many disasters which almost led to the magazine not being produced. The first was when I tried to print a copy of the first issue for the printers. I did not own a printer so had to try to use someone elses. No one could get a copy of the magazine to print off so in the end I enlisted the help of the whole IT department where I worked and eventually they managed to print off a very poor copy which had to go to the printers - otherwise the magazine would have failed in its first issue. By the time the second issue was due we had use of a company printer and printed off a copy for editors to proof read first - which was a BIG improvement.

Home computers in 1991 were fairly new, expensive and very temperamental. All the text received for the magazine was typed into the computer and saved on large floppy disks that were about the size of a CD and these would sometimes not save properly. The computer was also very slow and would sometimes 'die' on me for no apparent reason losing all the work. With copy dates looming I often found myself working very late into the night and on one occasion one of my sons got up for his paper round and found me working and said - "you're up early" - I had not been to bed!

I also remember receiving on one particular occasion a poem from a well known and well respected local lady - we looked at it as editors and all laughed but our readers never saw it because it was a bit rude really.

#### Can you run the magazine?

Over the years I have tried to reproduce the text I had been given by contributors with very little or no changes as I felt it added to the character of the magazine - and who was I to say what was the right and the wrong way something should be written! I also never allowed any politician to use the magazine to report on their activities as politicians as they had their own newsletters for this. I was keenly aware that I was not able to verify any of their claims and saw no reason for the magazine to be used in this way. I had seen a problem in another village where a politician claimed the work of someone else in the local magazine even though their involvement was minor or possibly non existent. If this happens then the mess is very difficult and almost impossible to untangle so hence the rule.

The magazine has been totally independent. Whist being independent the editors and I strived to treat all contributors fairly and tried to print every article we received. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has sent in articles and photos over the years.

The editors and I have also been grateful to others who have helped in various ways over the years; Diana Jones was the first person to help me type up articles and later Kim Human helped and often stayed here many nights until 1 o'clock in the morning. We are also extremely grateful to Hazel Smith who has helped by being an additional proof reader and Paul Oldham for his IT advice. May we also thank everyone else who has helped in some way over the years.

#### Local History

I am currently working with other local residents trying to record village history. In particular I hope to spend some time now putting together a pictorial history / village memories book and make this available free to any villager who would like one. This will take me some time to do but if you are interested in a copy please fill in the form and return it to me so I have an idea of how many I will need to have printed. If you have any old photos or anything else for inclusion I would be pleased to hear from you. I have never felt it necessary to write an editorial so this is the first and last time and I hope you do not mind.

#### Jane Coston

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#### Village Magazine

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Milton Village View was set up in 1991 by Jane Coston. Jane wanted to provide a way for people to feel part of the community. She felt the best way was to produce a news letter that would be delivered free to every home in the village - keeping people up to date with local news and events to help create sense of village and belonging. The village had expanded and a new community centre had been built so many more local activities were on offer.

The work of producing a magazine was entirely voluntary but Jane, with no prior training, bought a computer and learned to use it and within a matter of weeks produced the first Village View. With the support of the Cambridge Evening News who agreed to print the magazine at a special rate the first Village View rolled off the press. Many of the advertisers that advertised in the first magazine are still advertising today and without their support there would have been no money to print the magazine.

In the first few years all the photographs that were taken were on film but later on these became digital as digital cameras became more popular. The magazine also supported some local initiatives such as the Tsunami appeal and in the year 2000 funded the photographs that eventually were to be used in the Millennium book.

Some of the major events the magazine reported on was the possibility of the A14 being re-routed to the north of the village, the possible closure of Milton Country Park, the rowing lake and the retirement village plans.

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If you're interested, please contact Nat & Mary-Ann Johnson by email on mary-ann@cantab.net, or by phone on 441438.

#### Autumn Fayre at Barnabas Court Milton

#### November 6th, 11am-3pm

Please come along and support us, money raised helps towards garden plants, entertainment and trips out.

If you would like to hire a table top to sell goods/crafts etc. the cost is £7.50.

Please contact Debbie Driver for further details on 01223 578632

Please note parking is very limited.

#### **Whist Drives**

Community Centre
7.30pm - 10pm.
Admission is £1.50 which includes 24 games, travelling prizes, refreshments, raffle prizes and your money back if you score all the tricks.

Very good value.

We play on every fourth Tuesday except December. In December we meet on the third Tuesday

#### Milton Hospice Open Day

Here at East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) in Milton we will be hosting an open day on Thurs October 21 and would like to invite Milton residents to attend.

We would very much like to welcome you, show you round and chat to you about what we do over a cup of tea or coffee. You will have the opportunity to see our facilities and understand more about the work of the hospice by meeting EACH staff including nurses, play specialists and music therapists.

Many people worry that they would find visiting a hospice upsetting, but we'd like to reassure you that our hospices are very much 'Places for Living'.

No children will be in residence between these times, so it will be an ideal opportunity to see just what bright, fun and vibrant places our hospices are, without disturbing any children or families.

We would be pleased to see you and any family members, friends or colleagues you would like to bring along. Due to the nature of some of the work of the children's hospice, open days are not appropriate for under 14's to attend.

For more information and to book a place contact Saskia Marsden on: 01223 205180 or e-mail saskia.marsden@each.org.uk alternatively visit our fundraising office: EACH House, 42 High Street, Milton,

Cambridge CB24 6DF.

#### The Milton Chronicle

The Milton Chronicle contains news items related to Milton for the period 1777 to 1901 and provides the reader with a fascinating glimpse of everyday life in the village. Anyone interested in the history of Milton village will find this book a very interesting read. The book costs just £10 from the Post Office and Milton Farm Shop or contact Bob Tonks. Tel 861020 email robert.tonks@gmail.com

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We have had a very busy and most enjoyable summer.

At our meetings as usual we have had good speakers. In May we had Bev Briggs who advised us on what style and colour of clothes we should be buying. Bev claims to reduce the size of your wardrobe but making sure that you have an outfit for any occasion. In June our speaker enlightened us on the harsh conditions of the workhouse in the 19th century. You had a roof over your head but the conditions were very severe. Rosemary Wheeler spoke to us in July and proved that schooling was not really necessary to be successful in life (now we find out). She hated school and played truant on a very regular basis but finished up running her own successful business.



Our darts team on the evening they won the tournament

Our darts team 'the Mayb's' have been very successful. Entering in the WI Tournament for the first time they actually won it. You should have heard us when the final double was achieved. So all the practising at the Waggon and Horses paid off, thank you to the pub for letting us use their facilities. The practise evenings are still continuing and are still fun.

We had a very enjoyable outing on the River Lee and shopping at Van Hages, the weather was kind to us and there was lots of fun and laughter.

We also provided tea and cakes at the village Fayre, hard work but we laugh our way through it.

The 'Milton Munchers' are still enjoying lunches once a month and the 'Milton Strollers' are keeping fit with their monthly walks. Just come along and join us.

At one of our lunches we thought we had gained an honorary member in the guise of Duncan who kept some of our members in fits of laughter.

We also have a craft group who meet once a month and help one another as well as chat a lot

We are having a 'Christmas Craft Demonstration' at our November meeting where members will be able to participate. December we will celebrate Christmas with a party, and at our January meeting we will have a talk on 'Wildlife in the garden'.

Events being put on by County include 'Panto tour and lunch at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds', visit to the 'Scott Polar Museum', 'Dragon Hall and Christmas Shopping in Norwich', 'Latin American Evening' and a 'Fashion Show'.

And that only takes us to the end of December; we are a very active organisation. Some of these events are open to non-members and to find out more about them

please ring Jan Chessum on 01223 560813.

We meet in the Church Hall, on the 3rd Tuesday in the month at 7.30p.m. (except December when it is the 2nd Tuesday).

You are very welcome to come and join us.

Jan Chessum

#### Have you ever thought about joining Milton WI?

2010 has, so far, been a very interesting time for us!

We have walked, lunched (quite a few times!) been swimming and have visited various places of interest and still have lots to look forward to.

Our valiant cake bakers and tea makers provided refreshments at Milton Summer Fayre in July, we cruised along the River Lee on a long boat...and lunched on board and "shopped until we dropped" before returning home.

If you are young at heart (and were born within any age decade) why not come along as a guest to one of our Monthly Meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday of each month at All Saints Church Hall, Milton at 7.30.

For further details, on local activities and wider opportunities with the WI, take a look at: http://thewimilton.blogspot.com/

Contacts: Veronica Hinchliffe - 441464 Bridget Crow - 441755 Carol Jones - 860230

Carol Jones

#### Neighbours for 60 Years



Mary Daniels and Edna Wenham recently celebrated 60 years as neighbours. They moved into their homes in Benet Close in July 1950 and were the original occupants.

#### **Milton Day Centre**



Some members by the river

On the 30th June Day Centre members and volunteers went on an outing for lunch at the Dolphin Hotel, St Ives. A cavalcade, consisting of the Community mini-bus and several cars drove in convoy through the villages avoiding the A14 to St Ives where we all enjoyed lunch. Weather wise it was a beautiful day so after the meal some of the party took advantage of the sunshine outside on the terrace by the river watching the boats passing by.

Pauline Waters

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Scouting started in Milton around 1921 and over the following 40 or so years ceased and reformed on numerous occasions. The present Group, formally known as the 50th Cambridge (Milton & Landbeach), was registered in May 1964 and has continued to go from strength to strength. It is one of the strongest Groups in the Cambridge area offering a wide range of activities to over 100 young people from six to seventeen years of age. We currently have a waiting list in most sections, particularly Beavers, so unfortunately we are unable to offer Scouting to all those who want to join.

Why, you may ask, do you have a waiting list? The answer is quite simple if we had more adult help we could accept more young people. However as things stand we really do not have sufficient adults at times to support the present numbers!



Some Milton Scouts and Explorer Scouts with the trophies they won at a recent County Activity Weekend at Mepal Outdoor Centre

How can YOU help?

We URGENTLY need more uniformed Leaders and non-uniformed Helpers to assist with the weekly meetings and activities. Full training will be provided for these voluntary, but very rewarding roles. You do not have to have wide ranging experiences or skills - just plenty of enthusiasm and a desire to help young people. You can give as much or as little time as you choose

If you are interested or wish to know more then please contact me by telephone, e-mail or letter. Without additional help Scouting may no longer flourish in Milton.

To find out more about the many worthwhile and exciting opportunities to help Scouting in Milton, please contact the Group Scout Leader- Rob Farrington, 8 Pryor Close, Milton CB24 6BU Tel: 860160 Mob: 07778 788611 Email: gsl@50thcambridgescouts.org Please visit our web site: http://www.50thcambridgescouts.org/

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Beaver Scouts are the youngest section (6 – 8 years) and their motto is Fun and Friendship. They meet on Monday evenings from 6.15 to 7.30pm and activities are a combination of learning and having fun. Simple crafts which help develop their co-ordination, playing team games to give them an idea of

working together and occasional outings all form part of the weekly programme.



Cub Scouts (8 to 10.1/2 years) meet on Friday nights from 6.15 to 7.45pm. Their programme is based on joining in, challenge and activity badges. These are reflected in a wide range of indoor and outdoor pursuits including games, crafts, challenges, visits, outings and of course camping.

Scouts (10.½ to 14 years) also meet on Friday nights from 7.45 to 9.30pm.

Training activities are about ACTION and INVOLVEMENT and mean more than just camping. Hiking, rock climbing, sailing, pioneering, canoeing, abseiling, karting, putting

on shows, photography, electronics - the list is endless. Scouts are also given the chance to learn skills in survival, cooking and first aid. The highlights of the year are usually the Summer and Autumn camps when many of these activities and skills come together.



Explorer Scouts (14 – 17 years) currently meet with the scouts on a Friday night, but also have the opportunity to join a District Explorer Scout Unit in Cambridge. They take part in more challenging activities and also can be

trained as a Young Leader in the Beaver, Cub or Scout sections. If suitable adult help can be found we will officially start our own Explorer Scout Unit in Milton.

#### And finally.....

We aim to give Scouting a high profile in Milton and as such the Group is involved in many community activities. We thank residents for their support at our fund raising events all monies raised help to provide better Scouting for our young people.

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At the September meeting Milton Parish Council received the resignation of the Chairman of the council, Rob Chapman. The council agreed that the clerk write to Rob Chapman expressing Council's regret and that the minutes should reflect the enormous contribution that Rob had made to the village: The following is an extract from the minutes:

"It is very difficult to find good active parish councillors. It is voluntary work - and people sometimes forget this.

Members were reminded of some of the works that Rob Chapman had done on behalf of the village with no thought of personal gain or thanks and his valuable contribution that had saved the village thousands of pounds:

Removal of debris of burnt out youth building; removal of parts of dangerous skate park, youth shelter and wooden play houses; removal of rubbish from allotments; putting up and taking down of Christmas lights; bunds on verge by kebab van; monitoring the cemetery and various works including taking away rubbish from the bins; repairs of gates and fences and many other smaller projects; lights on recreation grounds for the Community Centre committee.

Council was extremely grateful for what he had done while at the same time working long hours 7 days a week running his own business.

His chairmanship of the Maintenance Committee ensured that a greater interest is now taken in the allotments, cemetery, grass cutting and all matters relating to maintenance and there is no doubt that there has been a considerable improvement in these areas.

He will be a great loss to this Council."

Richard Summerfield was elected Chairman

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#### Milton Surgery Flu clinics

Tuesday 5th October 2010 8 am - 12 noon and 2pm - 5pm Saturday 9th October 2010 8.45am - 12 noon

No need to book, drop in clinics. People entitled to the seasonal flu vaccination are

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#### Milton Car Sharing

The Environment Group has arranged a web site, part of Liftshare, for people from Milton who want to car-share.

It's easy to use: you type in the details of your regular journey, or a one-off trip, and it shows you people who are doing a similar journey.

You can both save money if you pay a reasonable share of the petrol costs, and insurers have recognised this - a quick call to your insurance company should be all you need to do.

The web site is at: www.spepshare.co.uk SPEP stands for Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership (a South Cambs initiative)

#### **Milton Trolley Bus**

Co-ordinator needed

Every other week on a Monday a minibus takes Milton residents to Tesco's in Milton. Anybody who has difficulty using public transport because of disability, infirmity or age can apply to use this free service.

Anyone willing to co-ordinate this scheme should contact Jane Coston tel 563539.

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#### **Puzzle Corner**

It seems a long time since the last puzzle corner way back in June. Those of you with good memories will remember that the puzzle was to solve some anagrams of Milton street names, despite a couple of glitches many of you solved the puzzle.

The answers were:

- 1. The Rowans
- 2. **High Street**
- 3. Wilson Way
- 4 Froment Way
- 5. Fen Road
- **Bulteel Close**
- **Butt Lane**
- 8. Coles Road
- 9. David Bull Way
- 10. Pembroke Court

The winners were David Jones of Shirley Close and Barry Moore of Froment Way.

After many years of compiling puzzles for the Village View I am sorry to say that this will be my final effort as I have moved to Cottenham. It is appropriate that the Village View is the responsibility of Miltonians so I leave with many regrets. My final puzzle is a selection of ten dingbats - familiar sayings but well disguised. For example Horobod is Robin Hood. See how many of these you can solve. There will be prizes for the winners. Send your entries marked 'Puzzle Corner' on the envelope to Jane Coston, 67 Coles Road, Milton CB24 6BL or email them to Jane at j.coston@ntlworld.com by 1st November. M Spooner

- 1. EVEREST **MISSOURI** REDFORD
- 8. HELL 2 HEAVEN 1

FRUIT COCKTAIL JELLY

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- 5. FAIRY WOLF DUCKLING
- 6. QUASIMODO

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#### creative public programme, Milton Country Park hosted 'Our Big Fat Gypsy Festival' over the weekend of June 12/13.

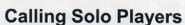
As part of their ongoing and

There were market stalls, demonstrations of traditional skills and crafts, wagonpainting, flower-making and fortune-telling - horses, classic wagons and trailers, live music, step dancing, photography and films.

This gathering was a new event for the celebration of Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month which follows

the centuries-old tradition of gypsy fairs and festivals held up and down the country. It was organised and run by the Gypsy Roma Traveller community.

**Our Big Fat Gypsy Festival** 



The long winter nights are fast approaching, is there anyone interested in playing Solo on an occasional evening. If you are please can you contact Ray Daniels, 863425

#### Buzzard over Milton

On 9 July my wife Judith and I were about to have our lunch in the garden when we heard the distinctive cat-like call of a common buzzard reminding us of holidays in Wales. The location of the call drew our eyes to the sky down Fen Road, the field opposite the entrance to the Country Park, when about 50 metres above the field, there was a common buzzard soaring majestically looking for prey; the bird circulated around the area for about 20 mins. We have lived in Milton for 45 years and this is the first time we have seen a common buzzard over the village. In recent years, the common buzzard previously mostly confined to the hilly areas of west and northern Britain, has been migrating eastwards and has now reached Cambridgeshire being seen over the chalk hills of the county notably along the Roman Road at Wandlebury; the red kite has also been seen here. If anyone else has seen the common buzzard over Milton, or indeed a red kite with its distinctive forked tail, perhaps they would like to report this through the Village View. By the way, the black squirrel is still occasionally seen in gardens off Fen Road. Has anyone seen this melanic form of the grey squirrel in other areas of the village? Derek Booth

#### Scrabble

Second Friday in the month in the Church Hall.

7.30 - 10pm

Nibbles at half time and a few small prizes Admission 50p

November is our charity month and the charity is chosen by the winner. Admission for the charity evening is £2. We hope to make a good profit for a worthwhile charity.

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Editors note - Thank you Mary Daniels for sending in all these sign-offs to your Scrabble adverts over the years - I have never fathomed what they mean but presumably Scrabble players have understood and enjoyed them.

Jane Coston

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If any one has any comments about this years Fayre or any ideas for next year then please get in touch via our

email address which is Miltonfayre@yahoo.co.uk or phoning Lynda on 01223 862093

Thank you

Lynda Molloy (chair), Jackie Tolliday, Vivian Hill, Rebecca Aldhouse, Diane Hodgson, Steve Aldhouse and Micky Hagger

Thank you on behalf of the village to Linda and all the team of volunteers for another fabulous Fayre - without their efforts there would be no Fayre. - *Jane Coston* 

#### Milton Village Fayre

The recreation ground came alive on Saturday 11th July to the sounds of music, laughter and shrills of delight as people of all ages enjoyed the annual Village Fayre. We just about managed to fill nearly every space available with food stands, local ales, stalls, rides, games and events in the arena. The evening was a great success too with music playing and people dancing until ten at night. (I also hear that the cider was enjoyed by a few people too!!).

The committee and I would like to say thank you to Jane Coston for her help in putting our programme together, Colin Nunn and Richard Twinn for helping us with the electrics, Andy Gray at the Community Centre, Barry Woodman for being P.A man again and of course all the stall holders, entertainers and every one who attended the event on the day.

We would also be pleased to hear from anyone who could help us set up a website ready for next year.



#### **Community Centre News**

The building work is now well under way and, fingers crossed, should be completed by the middle of November. The metal cladding to the low level at the front has been replaced by brickwork to match the adjoining Annexe, we have new toilets and changing rooms, the main doors are in the throes of being replaced, the entrance lobby and my office will shortly be refurbished and the heating, water and electrical services will be replaced.

The Community Centre has remained open during the refurbishment and all our groups have continued to function as normal. This term we have an additional Tumbletots class on a Saturday morning and Zumba classes on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings - apparently, Zumba is the new latin dance/fitness craze, so why not give it a go! Contact details for these and all our classes can be found on the village website - www.miltonvillage.org.uk

For further information about hiring the facilities, including the Annexe, Youth Building and the Courts, ring Andy on 862763 or email mcc@miltonvillage.org.uk

Andy Gray
Community Centre Manager

#### Youth activities!

Milton Action for Youth had an enthusiastic meeting at which 14 people keen to see good activities for young people in Milton put forward ideas about the future of youth work.

You may be aware that the County Council is no longer going to put much money into general youth clubs for everyone, and we are keen to continue youth work in Milton.

This could be a partnership between some churches, the County and the parish council.

We want to know what young people want: what night is best for a club night? where do you want to meet? what do you want to do?

Watch out for notices about a get-together in the Country Park in half term week, when Chris and other youth workers will be asking for YOUR ideas.

Hazel Smith

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