



# Milton Village View

Issue No 150 - December 2021

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**1st November**

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## Hello from the Editors!

Welcome to our third issue! Just to let you know that from next year, we are making some changes. The main change is that we are reducing from five issues a year to four. The revised article deadlines can be seen in the blue area to the left.

In the last issue, we asked you to please get in touch with the team if you had any suggestions of content you might like to see in the *MVV*. We have not received any ideas as of yet, so please do email us with any ideas!

Please note that if you have an event which is slightly too early for the *MVV* to cover, you can send it to *Milton News* for their website and biweekly email newsletters: [news@milton.org.uk](mailto:news@milton.org.uk).

Putting together one issue of *MVV* can take a month, sometimes longer. While printing is external, the editing, distribution and delivery are all done by a team of volunteers.

If you are able to help the team at all (such as with proofreading, distribution, delivery, advertisements), do please get in touch. We're always delighted to add more people to our wonderful team of volunteers, whether for a one-off occasion when we need back-up or to take on something more permanent.

Wishing you all a fabulous Christmas and Happy New Year for 2022!

*Sue and Andrew Bolt*  
*Matthew and Amanda Towler*  
*Milton Village View Editors*



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## November 2021

**Saturday 27th** **Winter Open Studios, 10am–4pm, 6 Cambridge Road, Milton, (p.7)**  
**Phoenix Christmas Fair, 10.30–3.30, Phoenix Trust Site (p.17)**  
**Christmas Wine Tasting and Gourmet Dinner, Lion and Lamb, (p.19)**

## December 2021

**Wednesday 15th** **Carols by Candlelight with the Wren Choir, 7pm, All Saints Milton (p.6)**  
**Friday 17th** **'So 80s' Christmas Party, 8pm, Waggon and Horses, (p.18)**  
**EACH Carol Concert, 7pm, All Saints Milton (p.10)**  
**Sunday 19th** **United Village Carol Service, 6.30pm, Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church, (p.4)**  
**Friday 24th** **Crib Service, 3pm, All Saints Milton (p.6)**  
**Midnight Holy Communion, 11.30pm, All Saints Milton (p.6)**  
**Saturday 25th** **Christmas Day Holy Communion, 8am, All Saints Milton (p.6)**  
**Christmas Day Celebration with Holy Communion, 10.30am, All Saints Milton, (p.6)**  
**Christmas Morning Service, 10.30am, Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church, (p.4)**  
**Friday 31st** **'Dress to Impress' New Year's Eve Party, 8pm, Waggon and Horses (p.18)**



## January 2022

**Thursday 6th** **Closing date for Bus Stop Art Competition, (p.13)**  
**Sunday 9th** **Epiphany Carols with the Wren Choir, 3pm, All Saints Milton (p.6)**  
**Saturday 29th** **Ekisa Online Quiz, details tbc, (p.14)**

Regular events, [www.milton.org.uk/clubs-societies](http://www.milton.org.uk/clubs-societies)

## The Library Presents

Welcome! The Library Presents is a programme of arts activities taking place in libraries around Cambridgeshire and online. Events often include; music, theatre, art, dance, storytelling, comedy, puppetry and digital arts.

*The Library Presents* has put together a fantastic selection of performances and workshops (in person and online) for you to enjoy in December. Check out the activities on offer now; tickets are available to book through the Babylon ARTS website.

Events: <https://www.library.live/the-library-presents-events>

Tickets: [https://uk.patronbase.com/\\_BabylonArts/Productions?category=TLF](https://uk.patronbase.com/_BabylonArts/Productions?category=TLF)



## Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship each week at 10.30am.

Ongoing activities into December:

Tuesdays: Exercise Class	2.30pm.
Line-dancing	6.15pm.
Wednesdays: Craft Club	2pm.

United Village Carol Service	Sunday December 19th at 6.30pm.
Christmas Morning Service	10.30am.

NB. No Service on Sunday December 26th [Boxing Day].

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The 'Cambridge Eastern Access' consultation asks for views on proposals for cycling and walking improvements on Newmarket Road, while the 'Making Connections' consultation is part of the GCP's City Access project and asks for views on proposals to transform public transport, cycling and walking as well as reducing pollution and congestion in the area.

Here are the details of an online event which you might like to attend, where you will be able to find out about the consultation from the project teams and ask questions:

**Making Connections: North Area Community Forum**

Brief update on GCP schemes including Waterbeach to Cambridge, Milton Road, Histon Road and Greenways (online event)

Tuesday, 14 December 6.00 – 8.00pm

To attend this event, please register via:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_eDQ1GoKmSZKFB07pAdlw1w](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eDQ1GoKmSZKFB07pAdlw1w)

The event will be recorded, and recordings will be available to watch on their [YouTube Channel](#).

More information on the Greater Cambridge Partnership and their projects can be found at:

[www.greatercambridge.org.uk](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk).

If you have any questions on these events or need help with registration, please contact them via [contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk](mailto:contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk).



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# All Saints MILTON

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Here are the All Saints events for December 2021 and January 2022:

Wednesday 15 December 2021

7pm

Carols by Candlelight with the Wren Choir

Friday 24 December 2021

3pm

Crib Service

11.30pm

Midnight Holy Communion

Saturday 25 December 2021

8am

Christmas Day Holy Communion

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Christmas Day Celebration with Holy Communion

Sunday 9 January 2022

3pm

Epiphany Carols with the Wren Choir



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## Winter Open Studios

After deciding not to open last year, we are pleased to announce that the Winter Open Studios are back this November. You can visit 'The Garden Studio', 6 Cambridge Road, Milton on Saturday 27th November from 10am–4pm.

Jewellers Cheryl Bird and Linda Bartlett will be joined by printmaker Alison Hullyer, as well as special guest Faraway Finds. In the studio will be wonderful items such as necklaces, bracelets and cufflinks, plus sparkling crystal snowflake decorations. Alison will have screen printed tea towels, coasters and a selection of original prints, Christmas and Advent cards. Milton-based Faraway Finds will have unique fair-trade metal bird sculptures made by African artisans from recycled oil drums and make an eye-catching feature in any garden.



Look out for the white flag outside the studio on the main road through the village. Parking will be available on the driveway beside the house.

Do come and support your local independent businesses, without even leaving the village, to find original high-quality gifts. They are looking forward to welcoming you with mince pies and mulled cider. For more information, please see Alison's website: [www.hullyer.co.uk](http://www.hullyer.co.uk).

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## Parish Council Chairman's Report

Milton Parish Council has been busy into the Autumn with some exciting projects in-hand.

We now have our own Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/miltonvillage.org.uk>, where we will post items of general interest from our meetings.

You will see the poster for our art competition on p.13. We are planning to improve the look of all the bus stops in the village, and we're starting with the curved green shelters. We hope for some exciting designs to come from village residents or groups to liven up those shelters.

We resited the bus stop at Landbeach Road so that passengers could step (or roll) from the tarmac into the front door of the bus, and placed the shelter further along the road. This was requested by a disabled passenger.

At the end of Humphries Way, I recently planted a new cherry tree given to us by South Cambs Council. In November, we will have more trees to plant at the new orchard on Ely Road, adding to those we planted in the spring.

Our "Safer Streets/20 mph" group is working with the Waterbeach developers who are proposing a much improved cycle path through the village. If these issues interest you, why not become a Parish Councillor? The Parish Council now has 3 vacancies, and we are actively seeking new members: if you are interested in being co-opted please contact the Clerk on 861447.



And finally some thanks: in late August, our previous Chairman Don Wildman resigned and I would like to thank him for his dedicated service to the village over many years.

Hazel Smith  
Chairman, Milton Parish Council

**Parish Office core hours: 10am–3pm, Mon–Thurs**  
**Telephone: 861447**  
**Website: [www.miltonvillage.org.uk](http://www.miltonvillage.org.uk)**



## Tithe Barn Trust

### Free carols service at 2:30pm on Saturday 11th December

Carols at the Tithe Barn is the perfect way to kick off this year's festive season. Join in the singing and enjoy mulled wine or fruit juice and mince pies. Make sure you wrap up well for this uplifting event in the atmospheric environs of this lovely timber-framed building.

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### Join our friendly family of helpers!

Make new friends, work in an amazing space and know that you're helping a great cause – three fabulous reasons to get volunteering. We are looking for people to help out on open days and/or to contribute as Event Volunteer or Learning Volunteer. Whether you can make a regular commitment or just spare the odd few hours, we have opportunities for you to contribute to the future of this remarkable barn. Email [tithebarntrust@gmail.com](mailto:tithebarntrust@gmail.com) or see our volunteering page to find out more about the opportunities <https://doit.life/organisation/tithe-barn-trust>.

### 'Spend a Penny' campaign

We've done it! A year after its launch the 'Spend a Penny' campaign has reached its £30,000 target. A wonderful £17,819 grant from the Postcode Places Trust has capped a successful fundraising campaign that included a very generous £10,000 anonymous donation and many donations from the general public via our TotalGiving page. We'd like to thank the Postcode Places Trust and all 66 donors who supported the campaign; we couldn't have done it without you. If all goes well we hope the loos (plus new cycle racks) will be installed by next summer.



### ALCOHOL PROBLEM? MAYBE WE CAN HELP

Is your drinking costing you more than money? Tried to give up but can't? Want to stop but don't know how?

We may be able to help.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

**New 'Free to Talk' meeting starting every  
Wednesday from 16th June 7pm-8pm Milton  
Community Centre, upstairs.**

This is a closed meeting: Closed meetings are limited to those who have a drinking problem (or think they may have).

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### Save the date for the EACH Carol Concert

Get ready for a festive feast of music and singing when the East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) Carol Concert takes place at All Saints Milton on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Parking is available at Milton Hall, in Ely Road (CB24 6WZ). Everyone is welcome to the family service, which gets underway at 7pm.

Refreshments will be available and there will also be a tombola and prize draw. A retiring collection will be taken to raise funds for EACH. Please save the date and bring your singing voices. We look forward to seeing you all there for some festive fun.



### A little bit of your time can make a big difference

Could you give a few hours to help support EACH continue our vital care services for children and young people with life-threatening conditions? Our valued volunteers make a real difference to the service we provide – put simply, we couldn't do what we do without them!



We have a range of roles available, at times to suit—helping at events, with bucket collections or in our shops to name a few. Not only will you be supporting a local worthwhile cause but our volunteers tell us regularly how much they get out of it: hands-on experience, learning new skills, meeting new people, increased confidence and, most importantly, having fun!

If you'd like to help by giving your time, even a couple of hours a month, or have any further questions; please don't hesitate to get in touch with the EACH Volunteer Services team on 205183 or email [volunteerservices@each.org.uk](mailto:volunteerservices@each.org.uk).

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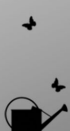
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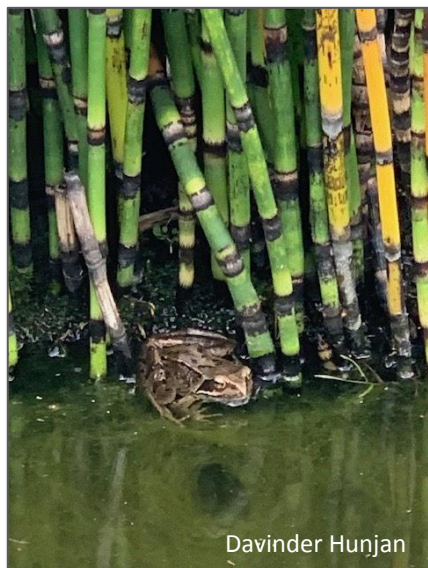


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**COMPETITION**

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## Organisations

### Christmas and Ekisa

Readers of *Milton Village View* will know that Ekisa UK is a charity that raises money locally to support Ekisa Children's Home in Uganda, which helps lots of children with disabilities.

This Christmas, we are presenting some special Christmas gifts for you to choose so that you can both support Ekisa and fill your stockings! We have a range of fun "Footprint" Christmas cards, all based on footprints of the children in Uganda. The cards come in packs of 5s: £4 per pack (A6 card). We are selling the same designs on Ekisa mugs at £7.50 each.

We are also selling a beautiful children's book from Ekisa called '*Walter's Flying Bus*', a hardback book for just £12.00 plus postage (with free delivery in Milton!) "What's your dream, Walter?" a young boy living in an orphanage, was asked this question by an art therapist. He painted a colourful bus full of his friends, dreaming of being a bus driver someday. This wonderful story opens up many different topics including disability, not having a family to call your own, a different culture, African animals and plants but most of all HOPE. We have had great reviews!

Please remember us in your Christmas purchases. More details are on the Ekisa UK Website: <https://www.ekisa.org.uk> or email us at [info@ekisa.org.uk](mailto:info@ekisa.org.uk)  
We will also be selling through the Milton Post Office.

**Plus a date for your diary: Ekisa Online Quiz on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Please join us again! Details on the website soon.

Thank you for all your continued support.

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## Local Interest

# From The Archives

**25 Years Ago: Dec '96**

Winter Issue - December 1996



Beryl Waterson with the children from Milton Primary School

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**Mrs Beryl Waterson Retires  
after 23 Years**

### 'Village View' Has Knuckles Rapped Over Misuse of the Apostrophe

The 'Village View' team has been hauled over the coals for their misuse of the apostrophe 's'. May we offer our most sincere apologies to the anonymous reader who pointed it out.

**10 Years Ago: Dec '11**

## Successful Cake Sale For A Great Cause

On Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 at Milton Primary School a baking competition and sale, organised by a group of school Mums was held. This event was to raise money for expensive treatment in the USA for a brave 6 year old girl



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Please visit our website [www.cambridgeppf.org](http://www.cambridgeppf.org) for more details.

### Forest of Imagination Exhibition

Sat 27 Nov, 10.30–3pm. Free entry.

Outdoor exhibition of artwork at Wandlebury Country Park.

### Winter Wreath Making at Wandlebury Country Park

All day Sun 5 Dec. 90 minute sessions for £18 per family.

Create your own wreath with the whole family.



### Winter Trees at Wandlebury Country Park

Wed 8 Dec, 10am–12pm. Free entry with donations welcome.

Gentle guided walk to learn how to identify tree species in winter.

### A Christmas Carol (Charles Dickens) at the Leper Chapel

Fri 10 & Sat 11 Dec, 7.30pm. Adults £14/under 18s £10

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### Winter Wreath Making at Wandlebury Country Park

All day Sat 11 Dec. 90 minute sessions for £18 per family.

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### Winter Trees at Wandlebury Country Park

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Hello from Phoenix! This year, we will again be selling Christmas trees and other festive products, such as, wreaths, cards, Christmas Eve crates, decorations and gifts.



Trees will be on site from the last week of November until 23rd December, and our opening times are Tuesday to Friday, 8.30am to 3.30pm. If you wish to reserve a tree, simply email or call us (details above).



So, lovely Miltonians, do beat a path to our door again this year, to not only buy a superb quality, premier field-cut Nordmann fir, but to start your Christmas shopping, or for the scarily organised amongst you, complete it! But, rest assured, whatever you buy, you will be supporting a very local charity, and Milton's first social enterprise. Thank you!




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As well as standard beers and ciders, we have a rotating menu of guest ales, including some from Milton Brewery. We have a large garden with a fenced-off play area so your supervised children can play safely. Our heated marquee is available for sitting outdoors in the dry. We are dog-friendly, though please keep them on a lead. We have a large car park at the side.

We have a full menu Mondays to Saturdays 12.00pm–2.30pm, 5.30pm–8.30pm, and on Sundays 12.00pm–7.00pm. Booking is advisable during busy periods. Treat yourself to breakfast from 10.30am, coffee and cakes from 10.00am.

We have karaoke sessions at 9.00pm first Friday in every month, a free-to-play Quiz on Thursdays at 9.00pm and a pool table.

Our Christmas menu is available on our Facebook page and we are now taking bookings. Be aware that our kitchen will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day so that our staff can make the most of Christmas with their families. The bar only will be open on Christmas Day from 12.00pm–2.30pm.

## Waggon and Horses

01223 570 471

[www.waggonandhorsesmilton.co.uk](http://www.waggonandhorsesmilton.co.uk)

Can you believe that it is nearly the end of the year? What a year it has been! From sporting events to live music! The year is not over yet!

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 'So 80's' will be BACK for a Christmas Party Night from 8pm. Our Christmas menu is available from 15<sup>th</sup> November until 25<sup>th</sup> December. As always we will be open Christmas Day from midday – 2pm.

Even after Christmas, we still have lots going on. We are excited to announce our New Year's Eve Party, 'Dress to Impress' starting from 8pm!

As always, for more information and to keep up to date with what is going on with us here at The Waggon and Horses, make sure to follow us on our social medias.

We look forward to seeing you around the pub for the remainder of the year and in 2022!

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## Lion and Lamb

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Season's greetings! The Lion & Lamb is looking so festive—we can't wait for Carols around the Christmas Tree this year! Throughout December, our Christmas menu will be available alongside our regular menu. Please see our website above.

Treat yourself to a tasty meal or pop in for a drink—relax in comfort in a cosy armchair by the real log fire or dine in our oh-so-pretty candlelit dining area. If you haven't been in since we refurbished, you don't know what you're missing! Our kitchen will be open on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve evenings too, please do book.

We have wonderful outside spaces—the Pirates' Lagoon Play Area remains open, Secret Garden Marquee (with new heaters), real fire Chimenea and cosy fleeces to help keep you warm!

For events, dates and further details please see our website and social media!

Merry Christmas from Lawrence & Sally

## Brewers Inn

01223 861 349

[www.thebrewersinncambridge.co.uk](http://www.thebrewersinncambridge.co.uk)

Since reopening on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 under new ownership, we are offering freshly cooked food with high quality ingredients, 7 days a week and we are open all day. We are taking bookings online and you can also call.

As the autumn and winter approach, chef Mauli is excited about using local pheasants, venison and foraged mushrooms on the coming menu. Our Sunday roasts are getting popular which we serve all day on Sundays until 6pm.

We will be running a Christmas festive menu in December, for which bookings are already coming in quickly, and supper clubs over the next few months, so please keep an eye on our social media platforms.

The Brewers Inn is run by Chef Mauli and his wife Bhumika, who bring a modern take on British pub classics with a warm and welcoming Indian hospitality experience. The rooms are perfect for a staycation or weekend getaway.



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Imagine meeting a couple when sharing a table on your only visit to the Black Sea. The venue is a crowded restaurant in 'Vama Veche', a resort in eastern Romania. You have warm conversations together and exchange email addresses, exchange a few messages when you return home to Cambridgeshire but these peter out within a year.

Then yesterday you receive an email out of the blue, headed 'Greetings from England' which includes that the couple are now married and a message that says "I think I saw you passing my house yesterday. I remembered you and our brief encounter and that you mentioned you lived in Milton, so do we, now having moved to England in 2014, and we bought a house in Milton in March."

Incredibly, the house where my wife and I live in Milton is no more than 100 yards, from that of the couple we met on holiday. You couldn't make it up but it's all true! Sometimes, real life is stranger and more miraculous than fiction.

*David R. Bradshaw*

## Care Home Experiences

Do you, a loved one, family member or friend live in a Cambridgeshire or Peterborough care home?

Health and social care champion Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is calling out to local families to share their experiences of care homes over the last 12–18 months.

From communications and visiting restrictions to Covid testing and end of life care – they want to hear what it's been like for you. What you tell Healthwatch will help local health and care services prepare better for the future.

If you're not online, get in touch and they can send you a paper questionnaire and a pre-paid envelope. Call 0330 355 1285.

Share your views at:

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## Wildlife Notes

It always feels sad when the clocks go back—it's nearly dark and not yet 5pm as I write this. However, let's try to stay positive and look out for the wildlife sights that are special to Autumn and Winter. I had a walk in the Country Park a couple of weeks back and I'd never seen so few water birds on the lakes. Yesterday, things were looking up and winter visitors were clearly starting to arrive. There wasn't much going on on Todd's Pit, but on Dickerson's there were many more gadwall and tufted ducks than my previous visit. Also, I think I saw two little grebes, a very distant pochard, and my highlight was a teal, possibly accompanied by two females, although I couldn't see their green wing patches. If I've only an hour or so free for a walk, a perambulation around the park with my binoculars will be a worthwhile activity.

Slightly further afield, a walk I discovered last Spring was over to the west of the Mere Way. There are some County Council-owned tenant farms over there. One of the tenants is doing sterling work for wildlife. There are permissive paths, presumably part of a higher level stewardship scheme, and three woods have been planted; all named Landbeach Woods. Clearly the woods are on the worst land for farming as by last March they were under several inches of water. They've been dry so far this Autumn and the colours are very pretty. There are also fields that have margins that are clearly planted to be food for wildlife and hedgerows full of berries. The light wasn't kind, nor the distance, so identification of large numbers of small birds flitting around was tricky; I'd say "mixed flocks of tits and finches" would be a fair estimation. Actually, the sound and presence of so many birds was what pleased me, not identifying species. In so many places, you can do a country walk and only see wood pigeons and crows and feel the whole area is dead, so the abundant life that was present in these fields made it really special. Maybe next time I do this walk, some redwings and fieldfares will have arrived? Hopefully the farmer is being recognised for the good land and wildlife stewardship being undertaken.

Heather Coleman



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## Milton Women's Institute

## CWA Languages On The Road

Our last two Zoom meetings have been very entertaining. In September, our speaker talked about "Knickers — A History of Underwear". We were shown lots of examples of articles that have been worn by ladies over previous decades. What a difference! We are all very pleased we do not have to wear them now!

The talk at our last meeting was all about "Dad's Army"—the actors, the different characters and how it all came about. Lots of laughs had by all.

Members have been getting together for walks, afternoon tea at a garden centre and darts.

We are so looking forward to returning to the church hall for our monthly meetings and hope it will be very soon.

If you would like to know more about the WI, you are very welcome to phone our president Gill Offley (01223 293231) or committee member Sue Nowak (01223 420676).

The College of West Anglia (CWA) has begun a brand-new initiative, the first of its kind in the Fenland area, delivering free English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) lessons to employees to help them improve their English language skills. It has been funded through CWA's partnership with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA).

If you're an employer or employee within the Fenland area, and you're interested in taking part in the initiative, please contact [esol@cwa.ac.uk](mailto:esol@cwa.ac.uk) for further information.



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## Milton Tennis Club

The Nick Lock Cup tennis tournament was played on a beautiful day on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Sue Griffin won the ladies cup, ending Rosie Eggo's run of winning the previous two tournaments this year. Sue was doubly pleased to win as it was her last year as Secretary of MTC, after 32 years in the role. We are delighted that Dave Webster has now taken over as Secretary but he doesn't think he will break that record! The end-of-season dinner took place at the Lion and Lamb at the beginning of October. A really good meal and evening was enjoyed by all and Sue was presented with a bouquet and John Lewis voucher.

Tennis will continue throughout the winter months if the weather is reasonable. Nets and posts may have to be replaced if courts have been used for netball and we ask that posts are lifted into position to prevent damage to posts and court surfaces.



A reduced number of LTA matches took place this summer with MTC entering mens, ladies and mixed teams. The men's team did exceptionally well, winning all but one of their matches. We hope that next year all LTA matches will be back to normal. If you are a tennis player and would like to join us in matches, friendlies, our in-house tournaments or just socially, please do get in contact by emailing [miltontennisinfo@gmail.com](mailto:miltontennisinfo@gmail.com). We were very pleased to have some new faces playing in our in-house tournaments this year and also in our LTA teams.

*Sue Griffin, MTC Secretary*  
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## Milton Cycling Campaign

Milton Cycling Campaign have been hard at work in recent months! Thanks to the South Cambridgeshire District Council Zero Carbon Communities fund, we have already delivered:

- Ten new cycle parking spaces at All Saints Church Milton.
- Ten new cycle parking spaces for local business Midsummer Energy.
- Forty new cycle parking spaces at Milton Country Park.
- More cycle parking coming soon at Impington Village College,
- Milton Community Centre, The Sycamores Recreation Ground and Walking Way.



We have also recently achieved campaign success by having five Sheffield Stands re-installed at Waterbeach Train Station, after they were removed without any notice by the train company.

Finally, we are working with our local councillors, council officers and developers on the plans to improve the A10 cycle way between Milton and Waterbeach, the new Mere Way cycleway and improved cycle routes in Milton. We also took part in the sessions the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership set up as part of their information gathering towards their recently published Climate Change Report, and early in October we also participated in the Active Travel Forum by Cambridgeshire County Council. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/miltoncycling>.

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