

## Milton Village View

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## The Big Lunch

The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours in a simple act of community, friendship and fun. Since starting in 2009, thousands of Big Lunches have taken place in all kinds of communities across the UK and the best part of a million people get involved each year.

Last year on Sunday 5th June the best part of two million people joined in. The Big Lunch 2012 falls on the same weekend as The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 3rd June and as announced by Buckingham Palace

The Big Jubilee Lunch will be a part of the main programme of events over the central weekend of the Diamond Jubilee. A record number of people are expected to take part. Why not be one of them!

A Big Lunch can be anything from a few neighbours getting together in

the garden or on the street, to a full blown street party with food, music and decoration that quite literally stops the traffic.

If you are considering holding a street party for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and you want to get your road formally closed for the event then Cambridgeshire County Council are again waiving the fee (as they did for last year's Royal Wedding). You can find advice, information and an online application form on the "Holding a street party" page on the Cambridgeshire County Council web site. For further advice on road closures contact the council's Traffic Manager's Service on 507176.

Nat Johnson









## Are you Wild About Plants in your parish?

The Wild Plant conservation charity Plantlife is interested in your wild plant memories, foraging tales and recipes to find out just how connected our lives still are to wild plants and whether they continue to be important to communities and individuals today. Parishioners can write in to the Wild About Plants team with their memories, poems and photographs which will be added to a plant anthology on the website, <a href="https://www.wildaboutplants.org.uk">www.wildaboutplants.org.uk</a>

If you have more time available, it would be great if you could complete a parish record form which, as well as asking about how local people use wild plants, also asks you to record whether certain wild plants grow in your parish. Please download the parish record form from the website above.

Plant enthusiasts can also subscribe to a lovely free quarterly newsletter called Pioneer which aims to inspire the amateur botanist and nature lover with useful tips, facts and plant ID help – readers are encouraged to provide content and feedback regularly making for a real hands on friendly and fun newsletter! Email: wildaboutplants@plantlife.org.uk to sign up.

Ellie Crane



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### May Bank Holiday **Arts and Crafts Fair**

Meet artists and makers, see craft demonstrations and hunt for art you'll love at Denny Abbey Farmland Museum on the May Bank Holiday Monday.

There's also a chance to view our new touring exhibition of 'In the Frame' and view and buy original paintings and prints at our second annual Farmland Artists' exhibition

#### **Happy 3rd Birthday**

On the 27th April to our gorgeous granddaughter Megan, lots of love from Nanny & Grandad, Uncle Steve & Auntie Nadine & family



Happy 3rd birthday on I the 27th April to our beautiful daughter Megan Rose Lots of love Mummy & Daddy

located in the temporary exhibition room. Shop and café open. Free car parking.

Normal admission and opening times apply. See www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk for more events and craft workshops.

## **Phoenix Trust Open Day**

The Phoenix Trust (Milton) Ltd will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 21st April 2012 from 10am – 4.00pm. The day will showcase our fantastic new range of wooden products, from bird feeders to picnic benches and bespoke furniture, alongside our existing range of excellent paving products of course.

There will be family activities to get involved in and refreshments and cakes on sale. We hope to see you there!

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## Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Training at CWA

Recently, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue services undertook a vital training exercise at the College of West Anglia Cambridge campus, Woodside Farm.

The crew arrived with three vehicles and used the college silos to simulate a rescue of someone trapped inside with tons of grain with the risk of suffocation. The activity took approximately half an hour.

Mike Cupar from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue said, "The simulation was extremely beneficial to the crews. We hope to return in the near future to simulate safe recovery of someone trapped within a piece of machinery. These are

common incidents that can arise all too often in an agricultural environment, if strict safety procedures are not enforced."





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## WHAT'S ON: March—June

March

Sat 31st Cygnets Easter Fayre, Community Centre, 3-5pm



**April** 

Weds 4th You Can Bike Too!, Country Park, 11am-3pm (See p.12 for details)

Fri 5th-Sun 8th Easter services, All Saints Milton (See below for details)

Weds 18th Care Network Community Transport Event, 5.30-8.30pm (See p.11 for details)

Sat 21st Phoenix Trust Open Day, 10am-4pm (See p.2 for details)

May

Mon 7th Arts & Craft Fair, Denny Abbey, 10.30am-5pm (See p.2 for details)

Sat 19th Milton Colts Presentation Event, Community Centre, 4-11.30pm (See p.12 for details)

Weds 23rd Forever Active, Milton Community Centre, 10am-3pm (See p.4 for details)

June

**Sun 5th** The Big Lunch (See p.1 for details)

13th-16th Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Iolanthe', Swaffham Bulbeck (See below for details)

See www.milton.org.uk/diary.html for more event details. See www.miltoncountrypark.org for more park events.



Saints

### Milton Colts FC - Car Boot Sale

Sunday 1st July at Milton Community Centre

7.30am - 1pm (gates open at 7am)

Pre-booked pitches £7, or turn up on the day pitches £10 To pre-book pitches please email: emma-tyrrell@o2.co.uk



## Easter 2012 at All Saints Milton

Maundy Thursday 5th April

8.00pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 6th April

10.00am Messy Praise

3.00pm Hour at the Cross

Easter Day 8th April

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

(for all ages, including the new anthen from the BBC People's Passion)

4.00pm Songs of Praise

# Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre presents Gilbert and Sullivan's IOLANTHE

Wednesday 13th June – Saturday 16th June performances at 7.30pm + Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm

Downing Farm, Station Road, Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridge CB25 0NB.

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### Pilates Classes 2012

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> Milton School - Tuesday Evening 6.25pm Ball & Mat Mixed Ability Class 9.18pm Mat Mixed Ability Class

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Contact Liz on 07768 155278 or email liz.dolman@lovepilates.co.uk www.lovepilates.co.uk

/isit: www.lovepilates.co.uk for full details and other classes held in the local area

#### **Velocix Moves to Milton**

Velocix is excited to be moving to its new state of the art facilities in Milton during April and will bring with them over a 100 employees, who will be making a lot of use of the village's shops and pubs. Velocix was founded in 2003 in Cambridge and has been based on the Science Park for a large number of years. Having grown substantially, the opportunity to move to their own building presented itself and so they are taking over the former Nokia offices in Milton.



So who are Velocix? - well, they are a local company who have moved from success to success since their founding. Velocix are focused on delivering content over broadband networks (that's things like watching the BBC iPlayer or downloading music from iTunes or Amazon), working with big companies like TalkTalk to ensure your downloads are as fast as possible. Velocix is now part of Alcatel-Lucent, one of the world's leading communication solution providers, and is at the heart of Alcatel-Lucent's video strategy.

#### Pi Shurlok Reborn As Pi Innovo

You may remember that last October Pi Shurlok, who were based in



Milton Hall and were one of the largest employers in Milton, went into administration. The good news is that the assets were acquired by the executive management of Pi Shurlok Ltd and Pi Shurlok LLC with external investor support and the company has been re-born as Pi Innovo and continues to base its UK operations at Milton Hall.

Paul Oldham

## **Forever Active Olympic Sports Day** for Adults

Inspired by the London 2012 Olympics, the Forever Active scheme will be holding a special Olympic celebration event at Milton Community Centre on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 10am to 3.00pm.

This event is aimed at our older residents that would like to come and take part in some new activities. There will be some structured chair-based and strength and balance classes plus short mat bowls and disc golf. For the more active, why not come a long and win yourself an Olympic souvenir by having a go at something new including hockey, netball and football penalty shoot-out. You could try various athletics events and take a guided walk round Milton country park and more... So come along and join in with the excitement of the Olympics.

This event is free to attend and includes a complimentary tea/coffee. You can turn up and register at any time throughout the day but if you would like to receive a full programme of activities and book classes in advance to save queuing, contact Helen Stepney on 03450 450500 or email Helen.Stepney@scambs.gov.uk

## **New Railway Station gets Green Light**

The long awaited "Cambridge Parkway" railway station, which has been promised on the sidings north of Chesterton for many years, has finally been given the go ahead, the transport minister Theresa Villiers has confirmed.

In a letter to Cambridgeshire County Council she said the £26m station would be included in the next rail franchises. Money to build the station will come from the County Council and it will recover its costs from ticket sales.

The new station will be called "Cambridge Science Park" and should be of great benefit to Milton, being easy walking or cycling distance from the village over the Jane Coston bridge.

Paul Oldham



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## Paralympic Flame to visit Milton Country Park

The Paralympic Flame is set to visit all parts of Cambridgeshire this August Bank Holiday. To mark six months to go before the start of the Paralympic Games, The London 2012 Organising Committee has announced the areas across the UK which will hold Flame Celebrations as part of the Paralympic Torch Relay.

A number of sites throughout Cambridgeshire are to receive parts of the flame in a new concept for the Paralympic Torch Relay, where Four Flames will be lit in London, Greater Belfast, Edinburgh and Cardiff and then shared throughout the nation.

These events over the August Bank Holiday weekend will include a special lakeside event in Milton Country Park where music and activities will entertain us as the flame arrives.

The four Flames will then be united at the Paralympic Flame Lighting Ceremony at Stoke Mandeville, the spiritual home of the Paralympic Movement to create the London 2012 Paralympic Flame. This flame will be carried on a 24 hour overnight relay to London and the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games.

## Olympics 2012: a great opportunity to celebrate and get involved

#### For the sporting....

As Olympic fever spreads across the country, many of us might feel inclined to get involved in some new sporting activities

Numerous events are going on nationally – the Big Dance Week in July, the 'Gold Challenge' where you can raise money for charity by trying 5, 10, 20 or 30 Olympic and Paralympic sports, 'Hopscotch to Victory' which is a world record attempt taking place in June, and for those who fancy something a little less strenuous, there is 'All the Bells' which calls on residents to ring any kind of bell they can between 8am and 8.03am on 27<sup>th</sup> July. More information about these activities and many more can be found on the Olympic and Paralympic website <a href="https://www.london2012.com">www.london2012.com</a> or by calling 0845 2672012.

There will also be many sporting events and activities taking place locally. These will be listed on <a href="https://www.livingsport.co.uk">www.livingsport.co.uk</a> or you can contact LIVING SPORT on 01487 841559. Events will also be added to the <a href="https://www.cambridgeshire.net">www.cambridgeshire.net</a> website as they are announced. If you have an event planned that you would like to publicise, it can be added to this website. If you have a disability, you can find out what activities you can get involved in locally by calling the Ability PLUS Group on 01487 849929, at <a href="https://www.abilityplusgroup.co.uk">www.abilityplusgroup.co.uk</a>, or by contacting your local District Council.

#### For the not so sporting....

The Olympics can bring people together and celebrate. Events will be taking place across the county along the Olympic Torch route as it passes through Peterborough on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Cambridge (as part of the Big Weekend) on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July and St Ives and Huntingdon on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

The 2012 Local Leaders initiative has been set up to help people organize their own celebrations. By signing up, you will receive information on a range of themed celebration ideas and be in the front row to receive free London 2012 event materials. You can find out more at <a href="https://www.london2012.com/get-involved">www.london2012.com/get-involved</a> or by calling 0845 2672012.

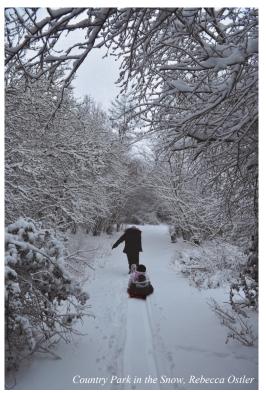
The County Council is keen to encourage events and has guidance to getting a street party road closure at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/trafficmanagement/events/ontheroad/street\_parties.htm or by calling 01223 507176.

Cultural events will also be taking place, including the UK's biggest ever cultural festival and the *Walk the World* campaign which encourages people to race to find connections to all 206 nations in the Olympics (<a href="www.walktheworld.org.uk">www.walktheworld.org.uk</a>). More on local events will also be available on <a href="www.cambridgeshire.net">www.cambridgeshire.net</a>.

If you have been inspired by the 70000 who have registered as Olympic and Paralympic volunteers, you can volunteer at local events at www.volunteeringcambsandpboro.org.uk.



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## **Milton Summer Fayre**

The plans for this year's summer fayre are now well underway and it is guaranteed to be a fun-filled day for all. We have a host of attractions and entertainment already booked, including a circus workshop, gokarts, a climbing wall, Rodeo Bull, Zorb balls and hydrosphere.

In the hall we have Ragged Rascals soft play for the under 5's and the reptiles and meerkats will be waiting for a visit in the upstairs room. We also have a football tournament, crazy golf and tractor & trailer rides for you to enjoy. In the arena there will be local dance groups, gymnastic display and kiddies races. The music will be provided by the Melody Beats, Caroline Langford and The Undercovers.

If you would like a stall at this year's fayre please fill in the booking form opposite or alternatively you can collect one from the office in the community centre.

Don't forget to put this date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

On another note, we are looking for somebody to help us put the village fayre programme together next year. If anybody thinks they could help, please give Lynda Molloy a call on 01223862093.

Lynda Molloy, Vivien, Rebecca, Jackie, Micky, Steve and Diane

## Gardens are starting to wake up - Foodshare needs you!

We're approaching a new growing season and your gardens and allotments will hopefully start yielding lots of fruit and vegetables. Next question is, what do you do with all the excess produce you have?

Answer: donate it to Foodshare, who in turn will give it to E.A.C.H. (The children's hospice) here in Milton.

Foodshare is a 100% volunteer funded charity whose aim it is to encourage growers to grow a bit extra and bring

them and charities that feed people together to help the charities reduce their food bills. Milton allotments, situated on the Ely Rd opposite the Golf club, was the first allotment to be part of Foodshare. There is a donation station (bin) there where allotment holders can put their excess produce in and every day, from the beginning of May, someone will check the station and take the contents directly to the hospice kitchen.

Hopefully you will like the sound of Foodshare and are wondering if you can help us. Well, you can! We need to start a rota of hopefully 7 people (1 for each day), to check the station at the allotment each day, preferably evening. If you are interested or would like to know more about us then please check out http://www.foodshare.org.uk or call 0845 0030718.



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Saturday 14th July 1.30pm – 6pm, then Live Music 'till 10.00pm

You are invited as a member of our community to participate in the village fayre.

You may wish to display your group or club by having a display stand, or you may like to take the opportunity of running a stall, organising a game or activity to raise funds. As it is Olympics year, it would be great if you could decorate your stall with this theme in mind. THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED STALL!

A standard pitch is 4 metres wide, and you are allocated one trestle table per pitch. If you require more than a standard pitch please state your requirements and we will try to accommodate you. The price for a pitch is as follows:

Local Charity Stalls £7

Village Non-Charitable Stalls £15

Commercial Vans £30

Should you wish to stay late with your stall please indicate below.

To assist us in clearing up after the Fayre please:

- Return any tables (Cleaned) to the side double doors of the Main Hall
- Tidy up your area please. A bin bag will be provided and please take any rubbish straight to the skip provided, situated by the garage.
- PLEASE NOTE, ALL STALLS TO BE SET UP BY 12.30pm AND FOR HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS, NO VEHICLES TO BE MOVED FROM THE ARENA BETWEEN 1.00pm and 6.00pm.

Any queries please contact 01223 862763 (Milton Community Centre) or alternatively you can Email Rebecca Aldhouse (Milton Summer Fayre Committee) at MiltonFayre@yahoo.co.uk

Please return this booking form no later than Friday 6th July 2012 to:
Milton Community Centre, Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB4 6BL. Cheques payable to MILTON VILLAGE FAYRE.

No. of pitches required

Type of stall/activity.

Do you require a trestle table? (one allocated per 4 metre pitch) Please provide your own chairs.

Signed...

Name of Group/or other in caps.

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During January and February our Members have been enjoying themselves at the films The Iron Lady and War Horse (some tears were shed with the last one). Lunches have been taken at various pubs and garden centres, then booking the next gym session to work off the surplus. Our bazaar and soup kitchen was a success but it would have been nice to have had more visitors.

Our speaker for *January* was Peter Cresswell. He started at Great Yarmouth in the Entertainment and Publicity Department of the Borough Council in the 60s. In 1973 he moved to Cambridge and then in 1975 he moved to Worthing and stayed there for 20 years, where he organised some Antiques shows with Arthur Negus and Hugh Scully. He retired in 2002 and moved back to Cambridge becoming the Chairman of the charity 'Clic Sargent'.

Our highly entertaining speaker for February, Gerald Dodd, trained at Westminster as a Chef and then progressed to training chefs but realised that the methods of teaching were not ideal, so he started to teach people how to teach. He has a great sense of humour and a lot of amusing stories to tell: there was a lot of laughter that evening.

In April there is going to be a theatre visit to see Bette and Joan. At our May meeting we shall have a gentleman coming to teach us some gentle Tai Chi. In June Mike Petty will be telling us all about the Pickwick Papers, and in July we are having the Federation Players. It is an excellent programme thanks to Judy Milner and her team.

There are also events by the County Federation which are open to nonmembers at an additional cost. At the end of April the Cambridge Federation holds its Annual Council Meeting where Adam Henson is our speaker. This is strictly for Members only, as is the National Federation AGM at the Albert Hall at the end of May: one of the speakers is Julian Fellowes. Not even all Members who want to go to this will be able to: it is very popular.

Ladies who would like to know more can come along to our meetings as a visitor or visit thewimilton.blogspot.com. where you can see pictures of our Members enjoying themselves and link through to the County and National

websites to find more about the W.I.,

the largest ladies organisation in the UK with 215,000 Members. We meet at the Church Hall on the

third Tuesday in the month at 7:30pm (except July and December when it is the second Tuesday).

Please contact our President Gill Offley on 01223 293231 or our Secretary Bridget Crow on 01223 441755.

Jan Chessum

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#### **Sunday Services**

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## Citi 2 Bus still serves Milton late-night revellers

Just a reminder that Monday to Saturday, the last Citi 2 bus, leaving the City Centre at 11:03, rather than terminate at the Science Park, comes all the way to Milton before returning to the depot.

This was a concession agreed by Andy Campbell of Stagecoach at the Public Meeting in Milton in May 2011, when the reductions to numerous bus services were presented to the village. True to his word, the proposed timetable was revised and formally includes this extension to Milton for the last bus.

It is encouraging to note that it is being well-used: on a late February return from Cambridge, a villager reported that 23 passengers got on the bus in Cambridge, many of whom alighted in Chesterton with no fewer than nine passengers returning to Milton that evening.

Whilst many of us wish we still had the Citi 2 service during the day as well, this indicates that the late night service is popular. I urge Milton residents to make use of it, because Stagecoach said they would keep this extension of the Citi 2 route under review. In other words, if not enough people use it, we might lose it.

The timetable can be found here:

http://www.stagecoachbus.com/ PdfUploads/Timetable\_10892\_% 20Cambridge%20%20citi%202.pdf

Anna Bradnam

#### Milton Wildlife Notes

Spring should have properly sprung by the time this article drops through your door. I'd already noticed that the blackthorn was coming into flower at the end of February both on the Haling Way and Cowley Road. Although it seemed to coincide with rather cold weather for the beginning of March, or what my Dad refers to as "a blackthorn winter". I first heard the yellowhammer singing on Milton Fen on a nice day in late February.

Now is really the time to be looking out for house martins, swallows, and, latterly, swifts, as well as keeping a close ear out, especially in the early morning, for the sound of the cuckoo. I can't think of a better thing to do than get up early enough to go out and quietly walk around the Country Park about an hour before sunrise, and enjoy the gradually building symphony of the dawn chorus as it unfolds. It seems to peak about half an hour after sunrise. It's worth doing once a year. You may even get hooked enough to do it again, especially if you hear the elusive cuckoo!

The house martins in the village should be coming back, so keep an eye out for them if you are lucky enough to have them in your neighbourhood. Perhaps they rely on your house for nesting? If so, feel privileged to be really part of nature, and, maybe, make sure you have a wet puddle of mud somewhere. They might use it to repair and rebuild their nests. You should be rewarded when you can see, later in the season, impatient youngsters sticking their heads out of the hole waiting for food. If you are unlucky enough to have to go to Addenbrooke's, the building opposite Outpatients (the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology) is a large nesting colony for house martins, so, especially if you are waiting at the guided bus stop outside Outpatients or walking up from the main bus station, keep your eyes skyward to see them soaring in search of insects and going back into their nests, which are visible at the top of the building, to feed their young, and maybe stop for a few minutes to marvel at these tiny birds which fly all the way from sub-Saharan Africa to breed here.

Remember at this time of year, you should be very careful about pruning hedges, shrubs and trees. Apparently even accidentally disturbing a nesting bird that you didn't know was there is an offence, as you are supposed to have carefully checked first. It might just be safer to leave such maintenance until the Autumn now. If there are sparrows or blue tits in your area, and you have a "plague" of caterpillars, you may not need to use insecticides, as the adult birds will hopefully take all the caterpillars to their growing young, thus helping another generation of young birds to survive, when many nests fail owing to lack of suitable wet juicy food. Although the adults can eat seeds, the young cannot get to drink water as the adults can, so need food which contains water, thus natural wild food like caterpillars is ideal.

Heather Coleman

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## From the Desk of the Parish Council Chairman: April 2012



First of all, on behalf of the parish council, I would like to thank Milton resident and World War II veteran Ron Driver for his participation in November's Armistice Day Ceremony. This has become a favourite village tradition for many years and is always well attended. It is good to see traditions like this continued.

At our February meeting, the parish council voted to co-opt Milton resident Gary Heaney as a Parish Councillor. Gary is a teacher with a special interest in working with youth in the village. We welcome him and hope he has a long stay. The council also confirmed the appointment of Milton resident Sue Humphreys as the new parish clerk starting in May. I would like to thank the members of the

interview panel, especially Parish Councillor Jane Coston, for all their work during the interview process. We welcome Sue on board and wish her all the best in her new appointment.

You will be glad to learn that, at the February meeting, your council voted to keep the village precept at the current level for 2012/13. We trust this will help residents and families in the current economic climate. Your council has also agreed to plant commemorative flowers on the verge opposite Tesco in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

At our February meeting, we had a comprehensive report from Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust director Mick Woolhouse on the status of Milton Country Park. The park is a terrific asset for the village and I would like to thank Mick and his team for all their hard work to make it a success



As I reported previously (in November 2011), the deal to purchase College of West Anglia land adjacent to Ely Road opposite the college campus has fallen through. Therefore, the parish council is once again looking for viable alternative recreation space in the village. If any landowner would be willing to offer a site for purchase, please contact the Clerk's Office (tel. 861447; email: <a href="clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk">clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk</a>). Of note, there will be a meeting of the parish council's Land Group on Thursday evening 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion to discuss potential options. All are welcome to attend; we would especially like to see representatives from any and all sports clubs as we will be discussing future sports facilities for the village and would like input from all those concerned.

Richard Summerfield, Chairman Milton Parish Council

## SCDC Cabinet propose Council Tax Freeze

At their meeting on February 9th, South Cambridgeshire District Council's cabinet backed a proposed budget which would see their element of the council tax frozen for the coming year but before you get too excited only about 8% of your total council tax goes to SCDC (the lion's share goes to the County Council).

Paul Oldham

#### **Parish Councillors**

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## **New Blue Cross Rehoming Service**

The Blue Cross is Britain's pet charity, providing practical support, information and advice for pet and horse owners. Through our network of animal adoption centres we rehome thousands of animals each year and our hospitals provide veterinary care for the pets of people who cannot afford vet fees. Here at Cambridge we are primarily a rehoming centre for cats, with around 500 animals coming through our doors each year.

The Blue Cross is funded entirely through legacies, donations and other Voluntary Support. We receive no government funding. We are desperately in need of fundraising volunteers to help finance the work we do, fosterers to look after cats in their own homes and speakers to visit schools, youth and community groups teaching children about the work of the Blue Cross and how to be responsible pet owners.

The rehoming service we are launching is a new scheme enabling us to home animals direct to their new owner, avoiding the need for them to spend time in our centre. This scheme will cover dogs, cats and rabbits. So if someone has a pet they would like to rehome but don't want it to have to spend time in a kennel or cattery they can contact us to discuss being placed on our scheme. All animals homed with home direct will still receive the care and support of the Blue Cross and will be thoroughly health checked and assessed.

If anyone would like to visit us at the centre, we can be found at The Blue Cross, 20 Garlic Row (just off Newmarket Road), Cambridge CB5 8HW. If you are interested in helping or would like further information, please contact me at emma.laflin@BlueCross.org.uk or phone the centre on 01223 350153.

> Miss Emma Laflin Volunteer Coordinator/Animal Welfare Assistant The Blue Cross, Cambridge Adoption Centre.

## If you need help or advice with daily living - just AskSARA!

A website offering help to people with a range of day-to -day needs is now available with information for people living in Cambridgeshire.

AskSARA is a self-help guide that enables you to identify equipment that may help in your daily life. It will take you through a series of guided questions leading to general advice and recommendations on what equipment would be suitable to meet your particular needs and where to get this locally.

The website is easy to use and widely accessible regardless of age or ability. It will be featured as part of the Staying independent, safe and well roadshows taking place in libraries across the county during 2012.

To visit the AskSARA website or for the dates when the roadshows will be in a library near you see www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social.

## **Care Network Community Transport**

The Care Network, a charity whose mission is to help older, isolated and vulnerable people living in Cambridgeshire to stay independent and maintain social contact with friends and the community, is holding an event on 18th April from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at Marshall's Airport, Cambridge to discuss free community transport.

They particularly want those who have transport difficulties to contribute, so if that's you, or you know someone who's affected, then this is an event you might want to attend. Community transport to the event can be arranged for those who need it, or Care Network will pay your travel expenses.

To book a place contact Care Network Cambridgeshire on 01954 211919 or email admin@care-network.org.uk

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## Milton Colts Presentation Night & Disco

Saturday 19th May 2012 at Milton Community Centre 4pm to 11.30pm

BBQ / Disco / Refreshments

#### You Can Bike Too!

Milton Country Park, Wednesday 4th April 2012, 11am-3pm.

Try out a range of adapted bikes – suitable for disabled children, adults and the elderly. All-ability cycling in a safe off-road environment. Staff from Cycling Projects on hand to give support.

Free to attend, no booking required. Café available. Changing space available (toilet). For any enquiries, contact 01223 420060.

#### **Whist Drive**

There were 5 tables at the last whist drive and twelve regular players away. It was a very pleasant evening. Where else could you go and only pay £1.50 for 24 games, prizes & refreshments? Every fourth Tuesday, 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Mary Daniels

#### Scrabble

Fourteen players at the last evening, five from Ely & three from Shelford. The highest score was 818 points from two games. The Church hall, second Friday of the month, 7.30pm-10pm. Admission 50p.

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## **Bowls Club Open Day**



Milton Outdoor Bowls Club is situated in the grounds of Milton Community Centre, Coles Road, Milton. Outdoor bowling is an enjoyable and social game for all ages.

If you would like to have a go, the Club is holding an **Open Day on Sunday 29**<sup>th</sup> **April from 2pm to 4pm.** 

It is free and bowls are provided; all you need to bring are some flat bottomed shoes.

As well as the Open Day, the green will be open on every Wednesday from 11am to 4pm for members of the public to have a roll up, from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April until the end of September. As mentioned above, bowls are supplied.

If you require any more information, please contact: Bob Waters on 01223 860620 or email: - robert.waters1@ntlworld.com

OR Godfrey Sheen (Secretary) on 01223 861765 or email godfreysheen@tesco.net

To see a comprehensive picture of Milton Outdoor Bowls Club do have a look at our web site which is:

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