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- Sat 3rd** Breakfast with the Bible, All Saints', all welcome, 8.30-10am
- Sun 4th** Songs of Praise, All Saints' Landbeach, 4pm
- Tues 13th** Twilight at Denny Abbey, free family event, 4.30-7.30pm
- Sun 18th** Litter Pick, meet at the parish office, 2pm
- 15th-16th** The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe art, craft & drama, Community Centre, 9am-3pm (p.4)
- 13th-16th** Mission Rescue holiday club, All Saints' Church, 10am-12.30pm (p.2)
- Sat 17th** EACH collection at Tesco. *If you're interested in covering a slot, do get in contact on 01223 204916 or email cambs@each.org.uk*
- 20/2-27/3** Lent Lunches, All Saints' Church, 12 noon (p.14)



March

- Fri 2nd** World Day of Prayer, All Saints', 6.30pm (5.45pm for refreshments)
- Sun 4th** Songs of Praise, All Saints' Landbeach, 4pm
- Sun 11th** Mothering Sunday Service, All Saints', 10.30am
- Sat 24th** Cygnets Easter Fayre, Community Centre, 2-4pm (p.3)
- Sun 25th** Palm Sunday Evensong, All Saints', 6pm
- Thurs 29th** Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, All Saints', 8pm
- Fri 30th** Messy Easter, All Saints', 10am
- Hour at the Cross, All Saints', 2pm

April

- Sun 1st** Easter Celebration, All Saints', 10.30am
- Sat 14th** Women's Day "Immanuel: God with Us", All Saints', £20/£15, 9am-4pm
- Online booking: www.allsaintsmilton.org.uk from beginning of February

Pub events: see pp.18-19.

Regular events: www.milton.org.uk/directory.html



Cygnets Easter Fayre

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Saturday 24 March, 2-4pm

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Half Term Art, Craft and Drama School

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

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EACH Gala Day

Milton Gala Day, run by the Cambridge Roundtable on behalf of EACH, has been confirmed for the **16th June!** Join us for a fun day at Milton Hall this summer.

EACH Carols

The carol service held at All Saints' Church in aid of the East Anglia's Children's Hospices raised a fantastic £1,466.60! Thank you to all our volunteers and everyone that took part in the evening. We can't wait until next year's!

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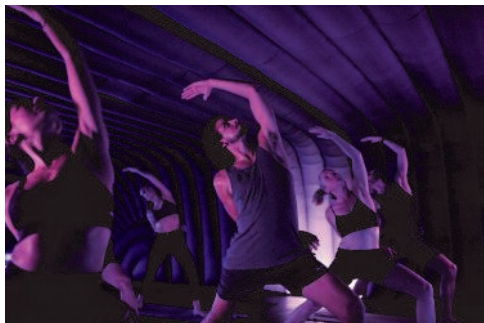
Hotpod Yoga launches in Milton

Hotpod Yoga Cambs was first launched in Jan 2017 by Pippa Davis. She describes it as a '*yoga designed for real life*' - to stretch out the office hunch, release the cyclist's hamstring, revive the partied-out festival-goer and realign the childbearing arm!



WORKING THE BODY, CALMING THE MIND

Hotpod has been a huge hit with Cambridgeshire residents and it has now moved its inflatable pods, heated to a cosy 37 degrees with dim lighting, beautiful scents and down-tempo beats, to a shiny new permanent home at 105 Norman Industrial Estate in Milton.



Regular Hotpod Yoga Cambs classes are priced at £12 for a single class, £50 for a 5-class pass or £90 for a 10-class pass as well as memberships available from £34 per month. All bookings must be made in advance and online:

hotpodyoga.com/uk/yoga-classes/cambridge

New Policing Model for Cambridgeshire

The future policing model for Cambridgeshire has now been agreed and will begin to roll out from 30 April. The key points for villages such as Milton are that every resident will be able to access their local policing team and have an identified PCSO in their area. However, there will be no new intakes of PCSOs, with a commitment to retain a minimum of 80 full time equivalent posts.

Community action teams, similar to the current Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT), will be created to respond to local problems and challenges. These officers will be tasked with dealing with local issues, prioritising those where the risk to individuals and the public is highest.

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Milton Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a small group of practice patients whose aim, in brief, is in conjunction with practice staff to promote excellence, help improve service delivery and provision, provide a patient voice in the organizational process and feed back any relevant information to patients through the regular newsletter. We are currently **fundraising** for some new equipment for the practice.

This small but expensive piece of equipment, known as a Doppler machine, is used by experienced practice nurses, trained in the use of the equipment.

The Doppler machine is used in the assessment of patients with leg ulceration and blood flow disorders affecting the lower leg. Its use offers a benchmark for the application of things such as higher-range compression hosiery, 4-layer bandaging and other types of more substantial bandaging used in the treatment of leg ulceration, venous hypertension, and generalized oedema, to reduce risk.

Currently only used in community/hospital with limited capacity, and therefore leading to the possibility of long waiting times, the availability of a Doppler machine in the surgery will enable our nurses to assess blood flow to the lower leg, and if satisfactory apply these dressings much sooner in the leg ulcer process than previously possible, thus facilitating a more speedy and satisfactory healing of this disorder. It will also allow appropriate compression hosiery to be issued to patients who have the various disorders that lead to swelling of the lower legs, safely and with minimal delay.

It will potentially benefit: those people with accidental soft tissue leg injury; the older person and those with vascular disorders; patients with venous hypertension and chronic leg oedema; plus it will readily enable the reassessment of those patients already on compression.

If you feel that you wish to donate, no matter how big or small, this can be sent or given to Milton Surgery directly. **Please make any cheques out to 'Milton Surgery'.**

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BCCS is a volunteer driver scheme to provide transport to medical (given priority) and social appointments for those who have difficulties using or accessing public transport because of age and/or mobility, or live where public transport is limited. The scheme covers Waterbeach, Landbeach, Milton, Chittering, and Horningsea. We have a number of regular/occasional clients in Milton. Unfortunately one of our Milton drivers, John Scruby, has just retired after 25 years of volunteer driving for various schemes, including the last nine years with BCCS. Our thanks and congratulations to John on his achievement, and our wishes for a happy 'retirement'.

John leaves a big gap to fill and, wishing to continue our service in Milton, we would be interested in hearing from any driver who has a few hours to spare and would be interested in joining the scheme. Drivers can do as little or as much as they wish, and will be compensated at the rate of 45p per mile (this is not taxable). The scheme is under the auspices of Cambridgeshire County Council and Care Network.

We are also in need of coordinators, who use the scheme's mobile phone, and take turns to liaise with clients and drivers. This involves a few hours each week for two weeks, at approximately two monthly intervals.

If you are interested, and would like further details, please call Mike Dean on 01223 575698 or email m.dean@ntlworld.com. You would be contributing to a very worthwhile and much appreciated service to our local communities.

Mike Dean (BCCS Administrator)



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'Good Companions' Faces Closure

Milton Good Companions Barnabas Court (formerly Milton Day Centre) is short of volunteers, male or female, to help run this club for the elderly of Milton village.

Have you got a few hours to spare once a month or more on a Friday to give support to this community facility? If we do not receive help then we will face CLOSURE after 25 years' service to the village.

If you can help, please contact the chairman, Margaret Nunn (tel: 860829, email margaretnunn@btinternet.com) or the secretary, Barbara Brown (tel 860044, email barbara.brown456@yahoo.co.uk).

Protecting All Saints' against Lead Theft

A number of churches in the Ely diocese have been the victims of lead theft over the last few years. Lead theft can cause a lot of damage to an historic building, leaving it vulnerable to the weather whilst a repair is organised. The cost of repairs can run to many times the value of the lead taken. All Saints' Milton PCC was grateful to recently receive a grant of £2500 from Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust towards the installation of a roof alarm. The grant was made possible by generous funding from AllChurches Trust Ltd.



Photo: Paul Oldham

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust offers grants and loans to help congregations look after their historic places of worship. Its main source of income is the annual "Ride, Drive and Stride". Each September, sponsored cyclists, motorists and walkers visit churches, chapels, and colleges throughout Cambridgeshire, sharing the money raised between the trust and their local church. Details of the Trust's work can be found at www.camhct.uk.

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Building a Scow

This boat looks very much like a punt. The plan is from a book published in 1939 called *The Junior Week-end Book!* It is supposed to be for children to build. Whether any children ever did build one, I do not know, because I do not think it is recorded anywhere. Maybe they did, but I guess they would have to have had some help from their parents.

I built it in the car park at Milton Court. The timber came by Tuffnell's parcel service from Robin's Timer at Bristol.



It is now based in Horningsea at Orchard Moorings. I have a River Cam licence for it. I have been up river to Byrons Pool and Grantchester Mill and downstream to Bottisham lock.

I have used many local suppliers for tools and equipment, including McKay's, Cutlack's, Simper's, Tindall's (for the stencil which writes the name and number), Ely Boat Chandlers and Jones' Boatyard at St. Ives. Many people helped me with moving it about and lending me things for it.

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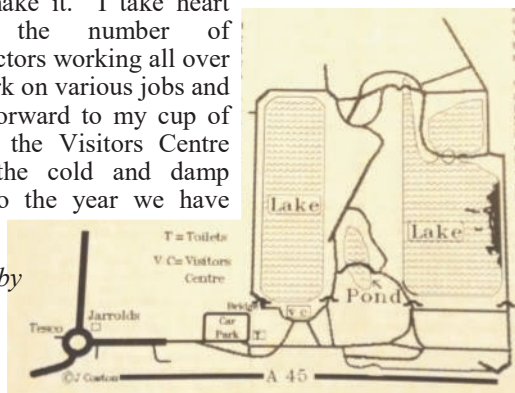
From the Archives

25 Years Ago: Jan '93

COUNTRY PARK

Well the park should be finished soon, the end of March, if all goes to plan; although when I look at the half finished buildings and bare earth I wonder if we will make it. I take heart from the number of contractors working all over the park on various jobs and look forward to my cup of tea in the Visitors Centre after the cold and damp start to the year we have had.

M Busby



10 Years Ago: Jan '08

Milton Park and Ride

Works have recently started to build a new Park & Ride site near Milton.

The new site will initially have 500 car parking spaces, with room to expand to 1,000 spaces at a later date.

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Milton Parish Council – Chairman's report

Emergency Plan

The Parish Council keeps an emergency plan and the contacts are only known by the main authorities in the area.

Currently we are reviewing our arrangements and contacts. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who feels that they may have equipment (e.g. cutting equipment, generators, tractors, etc.) or expertise they could offer in an emergency and who would not mind being contacted. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to offer any help.

Youth Club

We have contracted in The Connections Bus Project to run the Youth Club, and they have introduced a variety of activities. Some of the activities have included quizzes, rocket making, indoor archery, carving pumpkins and a joint trip to extreme360 with Histon. Milton Youth Club is for 11 – 19 year olds and meets at the Youth Centre on the Sycamores Recreation Ground on Tuesdays in term time from 6.30 – 8pm.

War Memorial

We are planning to have the War Memorial in Coles Road cleaned this spring.

Waterbeach Development

Although Milton is not directly affected by the planned development of 11,500 homes at Waterbeach and the proposed relocation of the Waterbeach Railway Station, representatives of the Parish Council meet regularly with other local villages to receive updates on the plans and give feedback. We will be affected by any plans for a change to the A10 route and other ideas for transport, cycle and walking routes and the impact generally in the area of the development – currently planned to be at least 5 times larger than Milton with 3 secondary schools, 5 primary schools as well as associated shops and service provision for a development of this size.

Christmas Tree Lights

The Christmas lights in the chestnut tree opposite the "Waggon and Horses" were sponsored this year by Diana and Michael Waggett of Fen Road. The Parish Council are grateful for their kind support.

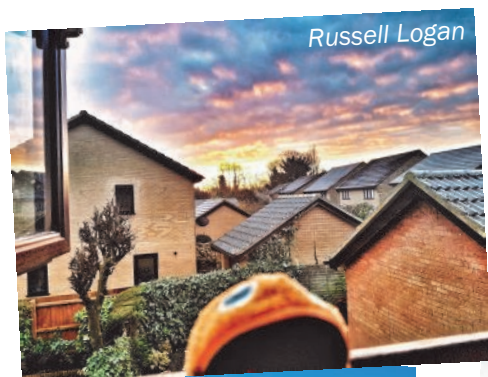
Parish Council Vacancies

If you would like to join the Parish Council or help in any way, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Currently 6 of the 15 council positions are vacant.

Jane Coston, Chairman of Milton Parish Council

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Russell Logan



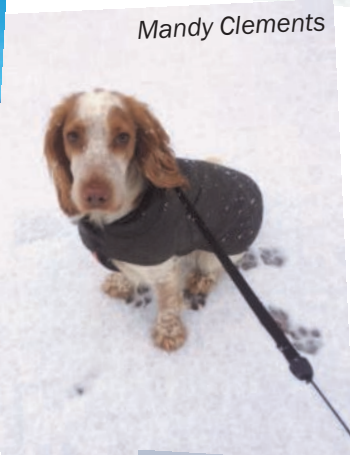
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Photos taken in and around Milton always welcome — of places, people, events or just something that strikes you as beautiful. No lower or upper age limit!

Send them to mvv@milton.org.uk, and we'll include as many as we can.

Milton Local History Group

By the time this issue reaches you, we will have enjoyed the first talk of the year by Colin Fakes on "Finding Grandfather Stevens: Lance Sergeant Charles William Stevens, Army Number 17203, 11th Suffolk Regiment - Killed in action 28 April 1917." In our March meeting we will catch up on the WWI stories and research, based on the war memorial and also other tales from families who have moved into Milton since. A talk on the Romans and treasures found by local residents in Godmanchester will follow at a future meeting.

The Milton Local History Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Milton Community Centre, 7:30pm. £2 on the door. All Welcome!

We want your WWI stories!

If you have family memories or stories from WWI and are willing to share them, please call 440024 or send them to me at chris@miltoncontact.com. The only requirement is that you are currently a Milton resident. Your story can be located anywhere in the world. We will collate the information and publish it in time for the 2018 November remembrance.

A Long Calendar Story

Thank you to everyone who bought a copy of the MLHG 2018 Calendar! We not only covered printing costs, but also made some profit to part-fund hall hire and speakers for this year. Thanks to Anil at the Post Office, who was very generous in allowing us to display the calendar and collecting payment on our behalf.

Before Christmas, I spent two afternoons wandering around Milton, offering the calendars door to door until I had sold 10 each round. The second time, we had a visitor at home, so I just popped out for a short walk. The tour took me over four hours. Why? It was the welcome and conversations

with both strangers and existing friends. The topics and memories that still linger in my mind from both walks are:

◇ The laughter of surprise when the door was unexpectedly opened by a familiar face and the warm welcome.

◇ People waiting to be picked up for a memorial service for an old friend or remembering that it was taking place.

◇ Looking for a doorbell to push and encountering a genuine bell pull.

◇ Meeting someone who just moved to Milton and being able to welcome them to the village.

◇ Others who had lived in the village for over half a century.

◇ The different door chimes from inaudible to Big Ben

◇ Finding the houses that were used by the original residents of Coles Road when they had to move out temporarily as their faulty properties had to be repaired in the 1960's.

◇ The photographers who used to develop their own black and white images in the kitchen.

◇ The fragility of wasp nests and homes for wild bees.

◇ Someone having to wait till the 7th January, 2018, to celebrate an Orthodox Christmas.

◇ Finding friends keeping each other company on a cold afternoon.

◇ The relatives and helpers quietly at work in the background of a senior resident's home.

◇ Talking about the anticipation and plans to visit family, or be visited by relatives from nearby or afar, for a Christmas together.

◇ The generosity of complete strangers.

I returned home tired but with a smile on my face.

Chris Thomas

Milton WI

About 45 members returned to Il Piccolo Mondo in Bottisham for our Christmas lunch. Once again we had a splendid meal together with our usual festive fun (*below*).



At our December meeting, we enjoyed an evening of 'Christmas Greetings' with Keith Goodwin which was followed by a Bring and Share Supper. Upcoming meetings include Vanessa Mann talking about 'Postcard Tweets from the Edwardians'. Our General Meeting will be in March. In April, Tracy Mackness' subject will be 'Turning My Life Around'. Tracy has come through very bad times to become a successful business woman.

New members welcome. Contact President Gill Offley (01223 293231) or Secretary Bridget Crow (01223 441755) for further details, or come along. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Church Hall.

Anne Newman

All Saints MU

The New Year began when we joined Waterbeach MU for an interesting session led by Ros Wright. She gave us a talk called "Nearer God's Heart in a Garden" in which she looked at the flowers in our gardens and spoke about their biblical associations.

Mothers' Union seeks to support families facing adversity. At our Christmas lunch we collected toiletries. Some were given as presents to women in a refuge. Others were made into bags for parents staying unexpectedly in the Rosie with their babies.

February sees the start of our fifth year of **Lent lunches**. The theme is "Women meeting Jesus". Each session starts at noon with prayer and is then followed by a talk. This examines the life of a woman in the Gospels who had an encounter with Jesus.

20th February Revd David Chamberlin

27th February Steve Mashford

6th March Revd John Proctor

13th March Terry Barringe

20th March Kathy English

27th March Mark Osborne

We do not charge for the lunch but invite a contribution towards the work of Mothers' Union which will help our members living in 80+ countries create positive change and support stable, family life in their own communities.

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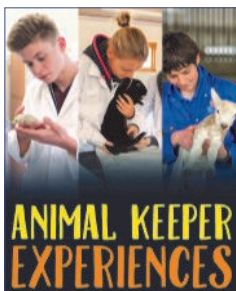
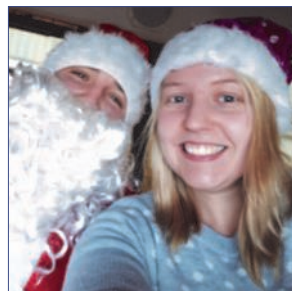
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College of West Anglia News & Events

Winter Woodside Farm

The College of West Anglia held a family fun day at its Woodside Farm on Christmas Eve. Families enjoyed feeding the llamas and donkeys, who had made a special appearance just for Christmas! Children enjoyed getting creative with festive crafts but the highlight of the day was a visit from Saint Nick himself who rode in on a not-so-conventional but very fitting tractor - even the campus staff took the opportunity to grab a selfie or two!



Animal Experience Days

For those feeling adventurous or wanting to try something new, The College of West Anglia offers animal keeper sessions at its Milton Companion Animal Centre and Woodside Farm.

These experience days offer an exciting opportunity to work alongside the college's highly-trained staff, gaining industry-level skills and information for working with a variety of animals. It's a chance to learn care advice to be applied to pets at home, or to just meet a new animal up close for the first time. Sessions last three hours and include tasks such as skipping out, feeding, grooming and walking.

For pricing and booking, please visit cwa.ac.uk/camshop.

Children's Parties

Children's parties at The College of West Anglia are a wonderful treat for birthday boys and girls! Held at our Milton campus, our parties offer guests the chance to meet animals either at our Woodside Farm or in the Animal Companion Centre. This could be anything from reptiles and creepy crawlies to goats and llamas!

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Milton Community Café

Last year, Milton Community Café benefitted from the support of the Milton Charities who paid for the hall hire, and our volunteers, including baker Nathalie Garbolino. Our tradition of good cakes and biscuits continued and tempted us. We ended the year with a slight surplus, so Jane and I paid a visit to Cambridge to find a little something for the regular Cafeteers! We returned with a clinking bag of goodies and festive treats, which were wrapped up and distributed at our last event in 2017, on the 19th December.

We (Chris, Jane and Sue Nunn) are very grateful that our funding continues this year, as does hopefully the baking! You will find us in the Milton Community Centre Lounge on the **fourth Tuesday of the month**, from 2:30-4:30 pm. £2 charge for drinks, refills and cake/biscuits. All Milton residents are welcome!

You can just come in for a break from a walk or join in conversation with us and the others for the whole afternoon. There is a craft table and board games are available if you want to have a go. There is no compulsion: we are a friendly space to come to for a change of scenery and, if you wish, company. Lifts can be and are arranged for the less mobile.

The Milton Community Café is a project of the Milton Patient Participation Group

Chris Thomas (440024) & Sue Nunn (861747)



Scrabble

We meet on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7.30pm in All Saints Church hall. Our next meeting will be on Friday 9th Feb. You would be very welcome to come and join us. You don't need to be a Scrabble expert; just to enjoy playing.

Kathy English

Whist

In the last issue of the *Village View* there was a picture from the archives of 25 years ago, written by my mother. It mentioned having whist drives every Friday night; these whist drives were run by my grandmother. When the community centre opened 31 years ago, my mother started to run whist drives. Since then they have run monthly and now I am the third generation of the same family running them. And occasionally they are held in the Bowls Pavilion!!

Ray Daniels



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We are delighted that we raised £365.26 for Teenage Cancer Trust. Thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation of the week and those who enjoyed the week and donated. Look out for our fundraisers for Alzheimer's Research UK hosted by Chris Drummond. Christmas and New Year have been busy and I have loved every minute. I would like to thank everyone for your support so far and for the continued support as we move forward to the summer months.

Ale Tuesday – £3 a pint for any of our guest ales every Tuesday, subject to availability.

Wednesday Quiz Night – Due to popular demand we are now offering a regular quiz. These will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. With a variety of questions and rounds it is designed to get everyone involved.

Food Truck Thursdays – Starting February, we will be hosting street food vans on a weekly basis from pizza to Sri Lanka style food including Steak & Honour every second Thursday of the month.

Music Friday – Friday evenings can be anything from Rock & Roll, Blue, Soloists or even Karaoke! Offering a variety of regular events bringing something on a weekly basis. Our Karaoke is every last Friday of the month! Due to popular demand, we have 'So Eighties' coming back for Good Friday 30th March.

The kitchen has a new expected opening of mid to late February! Over the next few months there will be a new food menu, website, garden, price promotions, events and much more. To keep up-to-date with everything please find us on Facebook [@waggonandhorsesmilton](https://www.facebook.com/waggonandhorsesmilton) or Twitter [@waggonandhorses3](https://twitter.com/waggonandhorses3)

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Happy New Year from us all at the Lion & Lamb...

To help banish those January blues we have a couple of vouchers that will save you up to £10 when dining and 10% on drinks. Full details of both can be found on our website at www.lionandlambmilton.co.uk/nyoffer/. Keep an eye on the website for our new menu launching early February, in addition to Lawrence's specials board offering ever-changing delicious seasonal dishes.

On 23rd February we are really excited to have the great **Freddie Hall** playing his mix of Jazz, Soul, Motown and R&B. Freddie has in the past been backing singer to the amazing Aretha Franklin and was guest act to The Temptations and the Three Degrees. He's sure to pack the pub so do come on down early and enjoy this fantastic event.

We will be hosting our first speed dating and singles night in the coming months – keep an eye on the website for dates and details!

14th February – **Valentines** – please see the website for evening menu and details

28th Feb, 21st Mar, 25th Apr – **Psychic Supper**, one-to-one readings including dinner

11th March – **Mothers Day Lunch**: please do book in advance.

23rd March – **Soul & Motown Night**

1st April – **Easter Sunday Lunch**: please do book in advance.

Save the date! Lion & Lamb 7th Annual Beer & Cider Festival - 24th-28th May. We are delighted to say that in addition to the great range of Ales and Ciders in the beer tent we also have live bands: SoEighties on Friday and The Indietones on Saturday

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Milton Charities: Call for Trustees and Applications

Milton Parochial Charities (reg. charity no. 202638) is an amalgamation of 9 ancient charities with an income of around £3500 a year. The trustees are required to spend a quarter on the maintenance of All Saints church, a quarter for the benefit of the inhabitants of Milton Parish and the remainder for the 'relief of those in need'. In recent times, the trust has helped to fund such things as tree work and the community café. The *Jean Gallagher Trust* (reg. charity no. 287712) has an income of around £2000 a year to be used for the benefit of 'aged persons' in Milton. Recent recipients of grants include the Trolley Bus scheme and the Community Care Scheme. These charities share trustees and could do with some new ones. It's not an arduous job – just a couple of short meetings a year and is an opportunity to do something worthwhile for your community. If you are interested, do phone me on 440781 or email me on kmenglish55@msn.com for more details.

If you know an organisation who would like to apply to one of these charities for a grant, please contact (for Milton Parochial Charities) Andy Gray at Milton Community Centre Coles Road Milton CB24 6BL. Or (for Jean Gallagher Trust) Paul Harrold at 18 High Street, Milton CB24 6AJ.

Kathy English



I found this photo from 1959, showing several Miltonians in their IVC uniforms on an outing to London with the Red Cross cadets. Four still live in Milton: my brother Ray, Margaret Taylor (nee Day), Alan Willett and Elizabeth Moule. The brothers

of two and the mother of one are still in the village. Does anyone recognise anyone else in the photo?

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Wildlife Notes

At least since the last edition of the Village View, we have had some winter weather, although I was away both times it snowed. Bitterly disappointed, as it's a lovely walk to Anglesey Abbey from Milton in the snow.

I have finally seen some winter migrants in the Country Park. On Boxing Day I noted a male shoveler, a couple of little grebes, and quite a few wigeon. On New Year's Day, I didn't see any of them, showing it's all luck what you do or don't see. There were a lot of shovelers and wigeon at Paxton Pits near St Neots when I fancied a change of scene over the Christmas holiday. The highlight on New Year's Day in the park was a male pintail, with a probable female. The books say they are generally an estuary species, which you can also see at the Ouse Washes, so a slightly unusual one to visit Milton.

One thing I've noticed from an audible point of view is fewer gangs of long-tailed tits in the Country Park. In previous years, I've been able to hear their "space invader clicks" and high pitched whistles in many locations around the park and even a short walk would normally result in hearing and trying to glimpse at least a couple of groups. I'm hoping that the explanation is that more people are seeing them in their gardens, as putting out bird feeders has become more popular. There's probably far better pickings on offer at a full bird feeder than in the park at this lean time of year, so hopefully they are just shunning the park (and my bird feeders) as there are decent meals on offer elsewhere. I hope that's the case and it's not that bad weather at the wrong time last year caused more failures in breeding than previous years.

The black squirrel I commented upon in May is still around at the northern end of the Country Park. It's totally unlike the greys which have a very white front, whereas this individual is black all over, although it is just a mutation of the same species. On a milder and brighter morning in mid-January I spotted a couple of pairs of birds who appeared to be engaged in courtship. The birds also seem to have started singing again in the mornings. Although there's plenty of winter left, it appears that many species are already in preparation for spring. I've also got snowdrops flowering in my garden.

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Milton Colts FC looking for girl footballers and volunteers



Milton Colts FC provides football sessions for children aged 4-17. We have boys/mixed teams in almost all age groups and girls teams at U11, U13 and U15. As we are run by volunteers, we are always looking for extra help. We are in the process of setting up a new girls session for all primary school aged girls (aged 4-11) to build on



our current girls teams. We are looking for more volunteers, especially female role models. Are you a footballer aged 14+ who could encourage girls to get into the sport? Are you an experienced ladies player who could volunteer for a couple of hours a week? You may get the opportunity to gain your coaching licence.

We have also hosted many Duke of Edinburgh students over the years and are currently looking for young volunteers for our youngest age groups, Rangers (4-6 years) and U7s. All volunteers aged 16+ will have to undergo a Criminal Records Check and attend a Safeguarding Children course.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Milton Colts football family, please contact club secretary Birgit Meldal on 07903 0170359 or birgitmeldal@gmail.com. Find us at www.miltoncoltsfc.com.



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Milton Tennis Club

Milton Ladies came top of Division VII in the LTA summer league last year. The photo shows Jessica Hunt, the team captain, receiving the shield at the LTA Cambs League AGM in November.

At the Milton Tennis Club AGM in October, Barrie Crick stepped down as Chair after 5 years of leading the club. Tennis club members have appreciated all the work he put in during this time, which included the seating extension at the side of the courts, beginning the process of upgrading the lights and organising the annual open day.

We now welcome Jody Chatterjee as the new Chair and look forward to working with him to continue running a successful club.

The official start of the season is 1st April and 4th April is the first club night. Check the webpage for all information: www.miltontennisclub.co.uk

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