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# Milton Village View

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## February



- Sat 8th** Women's Breakfast, All Saints' Church Hall, 8:30am (p.2)  
**Weds 26th** Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, All Saints', 8pm  
**Sat 29th** Passover Supper, All Saints' Church Hall, 6:30pm (p.3)

## March

- Tues 3rd** First Lent Lunch, All Saints' Church Hall, 12 noon (p.4)  
**Fri 6th** World Day of Prayer, All Saints' Church Hall, 8:30am (p.5)  
**Sat 7th** Men's Breakfast, All Saints' Church Hall, 8:30am  
**Tues 10th** Reading Group, All Saints', 7:30pm (p.3)  
**Sat 14th** Women's Day, All Saints' Church, "Pursuing Peace"

## April

- Sun 5th** Palm Sunday Service, All Saints', 10:30am  
**Thurs 9th** Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, All Saints', 8pm  
**Fri 10th** Messy Easter, for all the family, All Saints', 10am  
**Fri 10th** Hour at the Cross, All Saints', 2pm  
**Sun 12th** Easter Sunday Holy Communion, All Saints', 10:30am



More pub events: see pp.18-19. Regular events: [www.milton.org.uk/clubs-societies](http://www.milton.org.uk/clubs-societies)

## Autumn Festival

This year's festival will be on **Sunday September 13th** - put it in your diary and, if you want to be involved, get in touch at:

[events@cambridgesportlakes.org.uk](mailto:events@cambridgesportlakes.org.uk)



## Passover Supper

Sat 29th Feb 6:30pm, Church Hall

At the beginning of Lent, come together for a Passover Supper to learn more of the Old Testament background to the Last Supper. Dr. Richard Harvey, a Messianic Jew who teaches Old Testament and Jewish studies at All Nations Christian College, will be leading the evening.

All welcome. Please email [office@allsaintsmilton.org.uk](mailto:office@allsaintsmilton.org.uk) to book your place.



## All Saints' Reading Group

Want something new to read? Try 'Haunted by Christ - Modern Writers and their Struggle With Faith' by Richard Harries, then meet with the AS Reading Group on 10th March at All Saints' at 7.30pm to discuss what you have read.



## Lent Lunches

Join us at All Saints' each Tuesday in Lent for our annual series of six Lent lunches. We meet at 12.00. Each session starts with prayer and a stimulating talk before a tasty lunch and conversation.

The first lunch is on Tuesday 3 March. Our speaker is Rt Rev Dr Dagmar Winter, bishop of Huntingdon.

Other speakers in subsequent weeks include Dr Alistair Collen, Rev David Chamberlin, Terry Barringer and Andrew Macpherson.

There is no charge for the lunch. However, as in previous years there will be an opportunity to donate to the worldwide work of Mothers' Union.

There is no need to book a place. Just turn up!

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Jackie Metcalfe

## Tree Planting Community

On New Year's Day, over 45 volunteers planted 30 trees in Milton Country Park, in an event organised by the Cambridgeshire Tree Planting Community.

The group was set up last autumn by Duncan Starr-Boltt, who owns the Crossfit gym in Milton. They have 2,000 trees ready to plant before April, and are looking for more available land to plant them on, getting people physically involved in making a difference to the environment.

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It's 2020! Which means that the Milton Summer Fayre is back!

The Summer Fayre is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. We are looking for organisations, with a connection to the village, who would like to run a stall at the Fayre. For the first year back, the theme is 'Traditional Summer Fayre'. It would be nice if your stall follows the theme, but this is not essential.

If you are interested, or think that your organisation would be interested, then please email the committee at [summerfairmilton@gmail.com](mailto:summerfairmilton@gmail.com), and we will send you more information, including an application form. It would be helpful for planning if you get back to us as soon as possible.

If your organisation would like to do a performance on the day, then please also include this in your email, describing what the performance would entail as well as the possible length of the performance.

We are also looking for volunteers for the day itself.

Volunteers will help set up and/or run the fayre, as well as possibly take down at the end of the day. If you would like to help us on the day, then please email us at [summerfairmilton@gmail.com](mailto:summerfairmilton@gmail.com) and we will contact you closer to the event day with more details.

*Summer Fayre Committee*



## World Day of Prayer 2020

'Rise! Take your mat and walk'

You are warmly invited to share in this family service, prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at All Saints', Milton.

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6:30pm World Day of Prayer service



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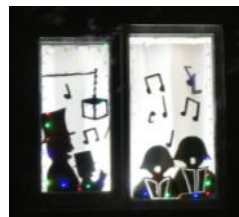


### Winter Windows

Milton Guides organised an evening of "winter windows" around the village, with a treasure trail of ten houses across the village displaying a range of seasonal displays in their windows, from flaming

tar barrels to a Lego street scene in the snow. It was a great event, with people guessing the themes, collecting the hidden letters and finally solving the anagram to win a chocolatey prize.

*Mary-Ann Johnson*



### Remembrance Day Poppies

As part of the Remembrance Day commemorations last year, Milton cub pack made ceramic poppies to display at the front of church during the service. As usual, the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Brownies and Guides took part in both the service at All Saints', displaying their flags behind the altar, and the act of remembrance at the war memorial at 11am, laying wreaths from the various organisations alongside those laid on behalf of the church and the parish council.



*Photo: Mary-Ann Johnson*



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## CWA Raise Money for BBC Children in Need

Staff and students from the College of West Anglia joined together on Friday 15th November to raise over £400 for Children in Need after completing their fundraisers to support the 2019 Appeal.

Animal care and dog grooming staff and students from CWA's Cambridge campus dressed up to raise money for Children in Need. Outfits included a giant Pikachu, a flamingo and super-Mario. They raised a total of £205.61 for charity.



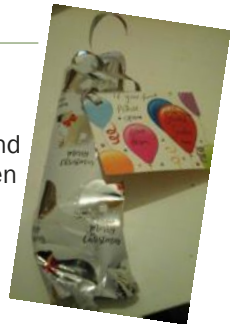
Other activities taking place included Hair and Beauty students offering a morning of 30-minute treatments to raise money, and a volleyball tournament at the college's Sports Campus.

One member of staff said: "We're overwhelmed with the response we had to doing our fancy dress activity as a fundraiser and would like to say a huge thank you to all those who took part! It was great fun supporting BBC Children in Need and to know that we've raised money for a great cause is a fantastic feeling."

## Secret Santa

Parents and children were delighted to find presents from a mystery "Secret Santa", hidden around the village in the run-up to Christmas.

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Businesses can sign up at [www.beecp.org/sign-up](http://www.beecp.org/sign-up) or call 01733 882549 to check eligibility and for further information.

"The information we received was most helpful and is informing our decisions on moving forward with our energy efficiency improvements."



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## River Cam Water Crisis

Awareness has been growing around the distressing state of one of our region's most important freshwater habitats, and the source of our drinking water - the chalk streams. With around **85% of the global habitat** occurring in the UK, mostly in the south of England, these amazing waterways have very low flow rates, in some cases disappearing completely.

According to the Environment Agency, the River Cam had its lowest flow on record in May, and was measured at just 33% of its average flow in July.

Many of the chalk streams that still appear to be flowing are actually artificially maintained by water being pumped in at their headwaters.

Ruth Hawksley, Water for Wildlife Officer for the local Wildlife Trust, says "[Chalk streams] are very special, fragile habitats, and they're **currently at the mercy of a pump and possibly a power cut**. We need a radical and urgent change in our use of water and water resources."

Want to do something? Save water at home; Contact your local councillors and MP (e.g. see p.9); and read more at:

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## Your ideas. Our future. Get involved now.

The first conversation to create “the most important document most people have never heard of” has started – with residents urged to get involved now in planning how we live, work and play in Greater Cambridge in the decades ahead.

A six-week consultation as part of the first steps to create the Greater Cambridge Local Plan has begun. Questions are being posed around the key themes of climate change, biodiversity and green spaces, wellbeing and social inclusion and great places – all underpinned by homes, jobs and infrastructure.

This will be a joint plan between Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils. When finalised, it will set out where development will take place, and identify land for new housing, community facilities, shops and employment while meeting the climate change challenge, helping to create great places where people can lead happy and healthy lives.



A fully accessible plain English website with a full glossary of planning related terms has also been created and this will be the hub where people can record their thoughts, views and opinions. The website will help people comment on all the issues or just the ones they're more concerned about.

The first conversation runs from Monday 13 January to **Monday 24 February**. Get involved now!

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## From the Archives

25 Years Ago: Feb 1995

### Milton Morris

Milton Morris men wish everybody a happy new year. We had a happy start to the new year with our annual dance around the village on twelfth night. Four ex-members were able to join us to swell the numbers and an enjoyable evening was had by all. The four hostellers in the village did us proud and our thanks go to the four landlords for their continuing support of the Morris. We would also like to publicly thank the gentleman of the watching public who appeared from his house carrying a tray of whiskies which he offered to the dancers, a gesture much appreciated. Now it is back to practice for the coming summer and with bookings coming in thick and fast it looks to be another eventful year. *Dave Jones (Bagman)*

10 Years Ago: Feb 2010

### Village to be consulted over recreation space

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

### Addenbrooke's Donations at Tesco

Patients in the Alzheimer's and Dementia ward at Addenbrooke's hospital are often brought in with no dependents to bring them the basics. Sometimes, they come in at short notice and have no time to pack.

Milton Tesco have a collection point for donations to the ward. Can you donate any of the following?

**Soaps \* Shampoo \* Shower gel \*  
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### Create for Christmas

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Disability living allowance, personal independence payment, attendance allowance, housing benefit (or housing element of universal credit), council tax benefit (not 25% single occupancy reduction), carer's allowance, disabled child or severely disabled child element of child tax credit.

To apply, an application form can be downloaded from Cambridge Water website [www.cambridge-water.co.uk](http://www.cambridge-water.co.uk) or call 01223 706050.

We also keep a Priority Services Register of people who have disabilities or who need a constant supply of water due to a medical condition so that if there is a disruption to their water supply, for example due to a burst main, we can provide them with water as quickly as possible. More information can be obtained on the web site and on the number above.

*Simon Pearce, Community Engagement Coordinator, Cambridge Water*

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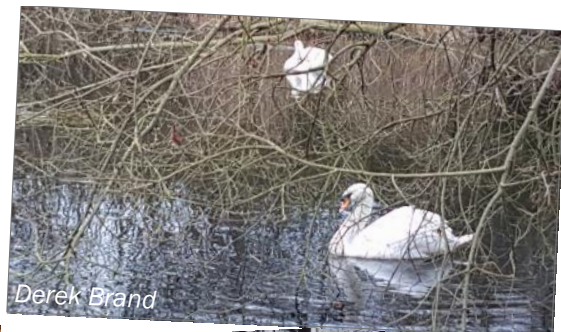
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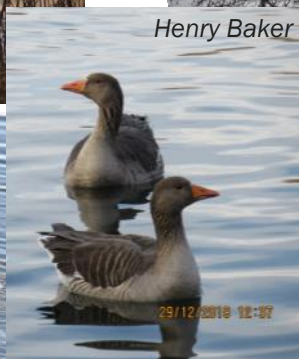
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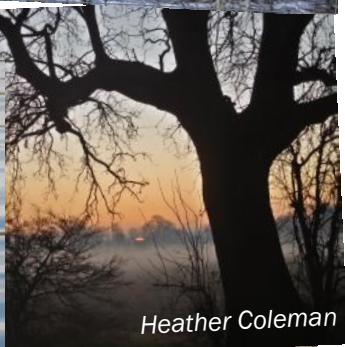
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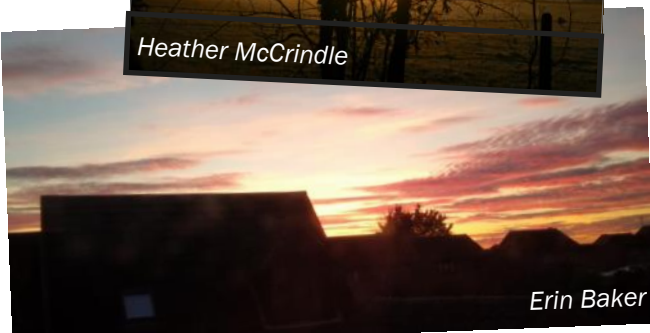
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## Chairman's Report

Remembrance commemorations were well attended including the Scout and Guide Groups parade on Sunday, and Year 6 children from the Primary School on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The crochet poppies also put in a welcome re-appearance. I was pleased to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council before the Village wreath was laid by Len Proctor.

### Village Maintenance

Just before Christmas we had a report of a fallen tree blocking the footpath running along the Bund. The Village Maintenance man, Clerk, and Chairman spent an interesting hour untangling and moving the branches to the side (*photo, right*). Our contractors will be doing work on the larger trunks to complete the job. The bushes and trees are for screening and are maintained by the parish. Please do not carry out any maintenance work along the Bund: report any issues to the Clerk.



Issues with road and path surfaces have been reported to Highways maintenance, including broken manholes and around Willow Crescent. You can report Highways issues online: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults). Council has successfully applied for a grant from the A14 fund to improve the road surface on the High Street crossing by Pond Green. A new AED unit has been acquired through grant funding and will be installed at the North Lodge Park Pavilion. Council have agreed funding for another year to support the regular Youth Zone activity run by the Connections Bus Project. Bluebells and snowdrops have been planted between the trees in the area at corner of The Rowans and Cambridge Road.

### The Parish Council

Congratulations to our Clerk who has achieved the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) qualification.

Alongside the activities that have visible effect in the village, Councillors review and comment on a range of consultations on surrounding developments and topics like the draft Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan covering the next 5 years which was discussed at the January meeting. There are still vacancies for new councillors to join us.

The Annual Parish meeting will be on Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

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If you are interested in this position, please send a copy of your CV by February 29<sup>th</sup> to [clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk) or by post to Milton Parish Council, Parish Council Office, Coles Road, Milton, Cambridgeshire, CB24 6BL.

For more information please contact the clerk, Sarah Corder, on [clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk) or call the Parish Office: 01223 861447.

*Sarah Corder*

## A Message From Lucy Frazer MP

I was delighted to welcome pupils from Milton Church of England Primary School to Westminster. Children from Years 3 to 6 had a full tour and took part in the Parliamentary education programme. They asked many good questions and I expect to see some come back to Parliament as MPs one day.

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Our full walks programme can be viewed at [www.combertonramblers.org.uk](http://www.combertonramblers.org.uk). For further information please contact Stella the Secretary at [stella.ramblers@hotmail.com](mailto:stella.ramblers@hotmail.com) or call 01954 210049.

## Waterbeach Theatre Company

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. We are grateful to our audiences both for the support and for the nice comments received. In March, we are into rehearsals for our festival play 'A Small Family Murder' by Simon Brett at the Sawston Festival, followed by Gail Young's comedy drama 'Cheshire Cats', a group of ladies who train and participate in the London Moon Walk, from **13-16 May**. After the "summer break" we are straight into rehearsal for 'A Bunch of Amateurs', on from **4-7 November**. This comedy by Ian Hislop & Nick Newman, is about a fading Hollywood actor who thinks he is coming to the UK to perform in Stratford. He is, but not Stratford on Avon but Stratford on the Wold in Suffolk. Oh dear, doesn't sound as if it ends well!

## Whist

Further to previous bits in the *Village View*, the whist drives will be continuing in the community centre on the fourth Tuesday of February, March and April, and will break for the summer months and start again in September.

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We returned to Il Piccolo Mondo in Bottisham for our Christmas lunch. Once again we had a splendid meal together with our usual festive fun. At our December meeting the Footlights Quartet entertained us with amusing and harmonious singing, which was followed by a Christmas celebration supper and a visit from Santa!

Upcoming meetings will include Kaye Rooney, who will provide an insight into the history of acupuncture (February), and Charles Garland, whose subject will be 'Dad's Army - The Nation's Favourite' (April). Our General Meeting will be in March, which will also allow social time.

As well as these monthly meetings, smaller groups enjoy other activities including bowling, handicraft, darts, lunches, walks and games afternoons, and any member is always welcome. During the course of the year we hope to participate in village fund raising events.

We would like to invite new members, and our President Gill Offley (01223 293231) and Secretary Bridget Crow (01223 441755) would be very pleased to hear from you to provide further details or, if you prefer, just come along for a free 'taster'. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Church Hall.

*Anne Newman*

## Milton Neighbourhood Watch

There will be a Neighbourhood Watch workshop at Milton Community Centre in Coles Road on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January between 7-8pm open to new and existing members. If you know anybody who is interested in becoming a Neighbourhood Watch member please invite them along. If anyone is interested in joining the Neighbourhood Watch, please email Martyn Rayner at [Martyn.Rayner@MiltonWatch.co.uk](mailto:Martyn.Rayner@MiltonWatch.co.uk)

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Relax in an armchair by the fireplace, enjoy a tasty meal or cheer on with the Six Nations Rugby or Euro 2020! There is something for the whole family... our heated and covered terrace is the perfect place to be while the children burn off some energy on the fabulous custom built outdoor play area - The Pirates Lagoon - which is safe and secure and open all year round.

### Forthcoming events...

February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup> - Psychic Supper, one-to-one readings including dinner

February 8<sup>th</sup> - Soulful House & Disco - with Tony Petchell & Nigel Barrett from 9pm

February 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentines - now taking reservations

March 21<sup>st</sup> - Carla & The Lonely - superb local vocalist Carla Gray from 8:30pm

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Mothers Day - available 12-7pm, please do book in advance

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Phil Watts, 80s Unplugged - Live acoustic music from 8:30pm

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday - available 12-7pm, please do book in advance

Save the date - Lion & Lamb 9th Annual Beer & Cider Festival with THE INDIETONES -

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**Race Night - 1<sup>st</sup> February.** A fundraising race night for Milton Colts. Racing starts at 6pm.

**Beer and Cider Festival 2020 - 7<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> May.** We have new dates for this year but expect nothing less than a great selection of beer, cider, games and great music.

There are numerous fundraising nights for Chris Drummond who is running the London Marathon for the tenth time this year in aid of Alzheimer's UK. Fundraising nights will vary from a Bingo Quiz to karaoke. BT and Sky Sports showing all of the latest games on our two large indoor televisions. Check out our Facebook page to keep up-to-date.

We are now making plans to improve our large garden ready for the summer.

*With many thanks from George and the Waggon Team.*

## White Horse

Tel: 01223 860327

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We trust you all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year festivities and that you are all keeping your New Year's resolutions, which we hope will include eating and drinking more at the White Horse! We are open from 11am (12 on Sundays) and the kitchen is open to cook and serve meals from 12-2:30 and 5:30-8:30 on weekdays, 12-8:30 on Sundays.

*The Place to Eat!* Our food is cooked to order by our qualified chefs (Adam and Ava), is locally sourced and freshly prepared, and includes vegetarian and vegan options. We offer Sunday roasts plus Adam's Thais & Pies and his Chef's Specials. Booking is advised (please tell us about any food allergies) for special occasions and at weekends. You can book your table now for your Easter celebration. We also serve coffee and hot chocolate all day, so why not meet up with friends and family (children welcome) for elevenses?

*The Place to Drink!* We have 6 rotating ales plus Punk IPA, 2 gluten-free beers and 3 non-alcoholic beers; we always have at least 5 ciders. Keep your eyes open for a beer festival after Easter – see our Facebook page for the latest information.

*The Place to have Fun!* Our entertainment for the next few months (all from 9pm) includes

- 🎵 February 7<sup>th</sup>: Karaoke 🎵 February 14<sup>th</sup>: Jack (Valentine's Music Night) 🎵
- 🎵 March 6<sup>th</sup>: Karaoke 🎵 March 7<sup>th</sup>: The Lonely 🎵
- 🎵 April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Karaoke 🎵 April 24<sup>th</sup>: Split Whiskers 🎵

As always we have a Pool table, bar billiards and a dart board in our Games Room, and of course Alan's free-to-play Quiz Night every Thursday from 9pm (with free chips!)

We are dog-friendly both in the bars and the garden, though we do ask that you keep your dogs on the lead as some customers may not be comfortable with dogs roaming freely.

Please check out our favourable reviews on TripAdvisor, and we look forward to welcoming you for a meal or a drink in our 2 bars or in the quiet room behind the fireplace.

*Ava, Alan, Adam, Gemma, Nikki and all the staff*

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## Wildlife Notes

I was very glad to hear from the last issue of the Village View that I'm not the only one who is regularly hearing owls in the Country Park. I also saw a barn owl on Butt Lane while driving back from Girton at 4am a few days before Christmas!

I'm sure we all agree how mild it's been so far this autumn and winter. I was seeing bats at dusk towards the end of October, although no sign of any hedgehogs at all. One bird that does still seem to have arrived as a winter visitor is the little grebe. There are several along the river, all the way from the Milton Fen Road along to the Long Reach. Regular winter visitors to the Country Park are pochard, wigeon and shoveler but there are only one or two of each so far. On Dickerson's Pit there's a great crested grebe in very lovely winter plumage.

I had one interesting experience when I was cycling up Fen Road early one evening. There was a muntjac deer grazing the verge and I assumed it would run off. Not a bit of it; I must have been within three or four feet of it and it just carried on!

I'm sure we will have some cold weather before spring springs but that doesn't seem to have stopped the birds already marking territory and showing some evidence of trying to pair up. There's quite a lovely dawn chorus already, and at least it's at a time when I'm already awake, not waking me up! The birds are also voluble at dusk too. There is a particularly loud song thrush near the Fen Road entrance to the Country Park.

Another sight of impending spring is birds pecking at the emerging buds on trees and bushes. These buds are rich in nutrients and can be a vital food source at a thin time of year. Often it's wood pigeons but you may see other birds too. The bird I always hope I'll see in February and early March is one that was probably very common in Milton in the past, when, if you look at an old map, you see many orchards marked, although this bird was persecuted virtually to extinction precisely because of its habit of pecking at the juicy new buds of the fruit trees. I'm referring to the bullfinch. I've seen them a few times around Milton over the years; the shrubberies you can see from the Jane Coston Bridge, some of the scrubby trees at the northern end of the Country Park and the bushes at the Shirley Close entrance to the Country Park. Something to keep your eyes peeled for if out and about; I know I will be doing so.

*Heather Coleman*



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## Phoenix Milton



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We are now looking forward to the spring and are already busy making new products. We have a large range of paving slabs, both standard and speciality, in a range of colours and sizes, and are on hand to offer guidance and advice.

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We are always very grateful to our lovely volunteers: they are a vital part of life at Phoenix, supporting co-workers in all areas - kitchen, garden, concrete factory and woodsheds. If you are interested in volunteering at Phoenix, then please do contact us on 01223 420669 to arrange a time to visit and learn more - experience is not essential, but patience is, along with strong communication skills and a desire to help and motivate others.



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We are always looking for new members to take part in our matches or just to play socially, so if you are interested, please do get in touch with any committee member, see details on our webpage [www.milontennisclub.co.uk](http://www.milontennisclub.co.uk) or come along on a Wednesday evening to club night - these begin again in April.

As well as playing tennis, we enjoy many other get-togethers, including ten pin bowling, a treasure hunt, end of season dinner and social evenings. Members also have the opportunity to take part in the ballot for Wimbledon tickets.

So, make 2020 the year to take up tennis again – get fit, have fun and join Milton Tennis Club!



*Sue Griffin, MTC Secretary*

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