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Health and Well-being Fair

Apparently my favourite occupation, sitting in front of the TV, eating chocolate (fruit and nut, dipped in chilli jam), is NOT a healthy lifestyle choice. Seriously, making some simple choices can make your life a longer and happier one, mentally and physically. So please join us for alternative, informative, stimulating and hopefully fun displays at the **Milton Health and Well-being Event** on the afternoon of Saturday, 18th June. We have interpreted well-being as covering any life-enhancing activity, from Scrabble and board games via healthy eating and yoga to sport and exercise.

We already have a number of stands booked, with strict instructions to provide something interesting; the bowls club and possibly Milton Country Park will have parallel activities; we are looking forward to Milton Primary School children providing some great artwork to brighten up the space. There'll also be beverages and healthy snacks.

Come along and visit. Attendance is free and possibly life-enhancing.

This is an idea from our Milton Surgery Patient Participation Group. It's a non-profit event organised by Milton residents, for Milton residents.

Chris & Jane Thomas, 440024



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June

- Sun 5th** Open Farm Sunday, College of West Anglia, 10am-3pm
- Sun 5th** Litter Pick, meet at Parish Office, 2pm
- Tues 7th** Milton Local History Group, 7.30pm
- Sun 12th** Children's Service, New Apostolic Church, 10.30am
Followed by an outing to the park.
- Tues 14th** 'Everyday God', All Saints' Church, 8pm (p.6)
A conversation exploring faith in our daily, weekly and yearly lives.
- Sat 18th** Milton Health & Wellbeing Fair, Community Centre, 2-4pm (p.2)
- 20th-26th** Prayer Stations, All Saints' Church
- Sat 25th** MU Strawberry Tea, All Saints' Church, from 2.30pm



July

- 2/3, 9/10, 16/17** Cambridge Open Studios, 11am-6pm (p.4)
- Sun 3rd** Tennis Open Day, Tennis Courts, 10am-1pm (p.24)
- Sat 9th** 10th Anniversary Garden Party & stalls, White Horse, 12-5pm (p.19)
- Sun 10th** Messy Church Summer Special, Milton Primary School, 3.30-5.30pm
Sport, games, crafts, prayer, story, music, rockets. Bring a picnic blanket.
- Sat 16th** Sophie's Pop Up Tearoom, Community Centre, 12-5pm
*Cream teas £5, afternoon teas £20, plus tea & cake. Allergies catered for.
Tel 07872 601965, email sophie.elliott2@btinternet.com or just pop in!*
- Sun 17th** Parklife, Country Park, 10am-5pm (p.5)
- Thurs 28th** 'Dotty the Dragon' Outdoor Theatre, Country Park, 12.30-1.30pm
For details, visit blunderbus.co.uk



August

- Sun 14th** 'Toadman' Endurance Race, Country Park, 10am-1pm
- 16th-19th** Polar Explorers Holiday Club, All Saints' Church, 10am-12.15pm (p.6)
- Thurs 25th** 'Wizard of Oz' Outdoor Theatre, Country Park, 1.30-2.30pm
For details, visit www.seetickets.com



September

- Mon 5th** 'Coffee, Tea, Cake & Chat', All Saints' Church Hall, 9am-12 & 1.30-3pm
Catch up with other new school parents at the start of the new year.
- Sun 25th** Autumn Festival & Produce Show, Country Park, 10am-5pm (p.4)
- Fri 30th** Macmillan Coffee Morning with craft & gift stalls, Lion & Lamb

Milton Produce Show



The Milton Produce Show will be held in Milton Country Park on Sunday 25th September, as part of the Autumn Festival.

This is a fun event with plenty of prizes to be won. Categories include vegetables, fruit, flowers & plants, home produce, creative produce, handicrafts, photography and children's entries, so there's plenty of scope to show us your proud work. For the gloriously unsuccessful there's the hotly-contested ugliest vegetable class...

Visit www.milton.org.uk/produceshow for more information, and we hope to see you there.

Stephanie Clarke

Open Studios 2016

This year, four Milton artists are showcasing their work in Open Studios weekends during July.



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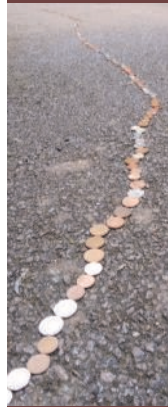


2/3 July: Country Park visitor centre

9/10 & 16/17 July:

- 3 Hall End
- Smallstone, Hall End
- 6 Cambridge Road

Charity Coin Trail



In May, the Sunday youth group at All Saints Milton collected loose change for a coin trail stretching halfway around the church grounds, raising £178.76. The money raised will be sent to Ekisa Ministries, set up by Emily Henderson, which works to improve the quality of life for people living with special needs in Uganda.

Christian Osborne

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Country Park Grants & Events

April was a busy month for the park and one which has brought with it some excellent news: the park has been awarded £34,669 by the Amey Community Fund to refurbish the bridges and lakeside viewing platform, and £40,258.26 from WREN's FCC Community Action Fund to upgrade the park's main footpaths. We are aiming to complete this work ready for the busy summer holiday period.

April also saw the launch of our **new website**, with more information available on our activity and events programme, volunteering, hiring and educational offers and the park's charity, Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust. It is also now possible to purchase your parking permit online — all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of the park.

www.miltoncountrypark.org

As the weather's warmed up, our **water activities** have returned with open water swimming sessions running on Fridays at 6pm and Saturdays at 6.30am, and paddle boarding sessions and courses available throughout the summer. Details can be found on our regular activity page.

Our summer programme sees the return of the free family fun day **Parklife** on Sunday 17th July. Try a range of sports in the Water Zone, Cycling Zone, Wild Zone and Extreme Zone. The Entertainment Zone will feature Cambridge Capoeira — music, dancing and martial arts, finishing with a parade through the park.

We also have two visiting **outdoor theatres**; Dotty the Dragon on Thursday July 28th and the Wizard of Oz on August 28th. We will also be running some fun activity **taster sessions** for children in paddle boarding, cycling and fire lighting over the summer holidays. More information will be available at the park and online soon!

Sarah Harris, mcp@cambridgesportlakes.org.uk



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Polar Explorers Holiday Club

All Saints' holiday club is back, running from 10am-12.15 every day from 16th-19th August with a theme of "Polar Explorers".

Join Sir Random Finds, Bare Feet and Captain Husky for four mornings of songs, drama, fun, bible stories, games, craft, snack and very bad jokes!

Open to Reception — year 6, £5 per family. Booking opens 6th June on allsaintsmilton.org.uk

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School Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Milton Primary School is recruiting for a lunchtime supervisor.

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Please contact the school office to request an application pack or visit our website.

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Junior First Aid Summer Scheme



Throughout the spring, many children have had the opportunity to learn First Aid through workshops in the village, including an introductory session with 51 Year 1 children at Milton Primary School. Amelia Grant, who is a registered First Aid instructor and who lives in Milton, will also be running Summer Holiday scheme workshops for children aged from 4 - 11 years. The workshops are fun and interactive, and children are encouraged to develop their self-esteem and confidence to be able to know what to do in an

emergency and be able to apply basic first aid skills.

The summer workshops are: Sat 25th June, Sat 9th July

Summer Holiday Scheme (am and pm workshops): Weds 6th July, Thurs 14th July, Weds 20th July, Thurs 28th July, Weds 3rd August, Thurs 18th August, Weds 31st August



For more details, see www.agfirstaidtraining.co.uk or www.facebook.com/agfirstaidtraining

Rocket Science — Seeds from Space!



Milton school is taking part in one of the biggest mass science experiments to be conducted in UK schools. Back in September, 2kg of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station, where they spent several months in microgravity before returning to Earth. Year 6 are growing two packets of rocket seeds, but only one packet contains the "space seeds". Astronaut Tim Peake will reveal which packet is which at the end of term — will it be the red or the blue?



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Nokia Returns

Milton residents may have had a sense of déjà vu recently, with the return of "Nokia" signs near North Lodge Park. The previous Nokia office in Milton (on the same site) closed down at the end of 2010. Velocix then moved in, who were bought by Alcatel Lucent and now, Nokia again!

Milton Online

A group of people have come forward to run the village website, along with the Milton News and Milton Chat email lists, now that Paul Oldham has moved away (see MVV issue 122).

They still need a few more people to help gather articles for Milton News, such as checking news from SCDC and the County Council, or finding out the blood donation dates.

If you can help, please email:

news@milton.org.uk

Easter Day Fire

90 homes in Milton lost power on Easter Day when a low-voltage link box exploded in a manhole on the High Street. The manhole cover was blown off, with black smoke and flames setting fire to the nearby garden fence. Power was restored about 5pm.



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New Pavilion & Pitches at North Lodge Park

By the time you read this, the new pavilion and recreation space at North Lodge Park will have been handed over to the Parish Council. The new pavilion has a meeting/function room that looks over the recreation space, has lovely views of the fields beyond and will shortly be available for hire - do take time to go and have a look. There will also be associated use of the pavilion with the recreation space by local sports groups.

Sponsor a seat: Shortly we will be installing seats on the edge of the recreation ground and would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to sponsor/dedicate a seat.

It has taken many years of searching, enquiries and negotiations to get this recreation space - but we are there at last. The space we have gained still does not mean that we can fully cover the needs of local sports groups, so we will I'm sure still be looking at opportunities to expand. We will be planning an opening event soon, but if you would like to have a look round please ring 861447 or email chair@miltonvillage.org.uk.

Jane Coston, Chairman of Milton Parish Council



Cygnets Milton Pre-school News

We are now in our final term of the school year in our new building on the primary school site, and we are enjoying our garden with the warmer weather. Thanks to everyone - staff, committee members, parents/carers and children - who make Cygnets a great village pre-school.

Spaces available for 2-3 year olds: There are still spaces available in September, so if you are interested please talk to Ali or Kirsty in the office, or email miltoncygnets@gmail.com

Committee Chair still needed: We are still looking for someone to take over from the current Chair, who will be stepping down in October. **IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO CYGNETS, YOUR HELP IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT, AS WITHOUT SOMEONE TO FILL THIS VITAL POSITION, THE PRE-SCHOOL CANNOT OPEN!** If you would like more information, please call 712286 or email chair.cygnets@gmail.com

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From the Archives

10 Years Ago: June 2006

Parish Council Office Opens

Milton Parish Council's new offices in Coles Road, Milton were officially opened on April 24th by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Jane Coston [... who] said, "We are so delighted that at last our clerk has an office and no longer has to work from his front room. We hope people will find the new office an asset."

25 Years Ago: June 1991

25 years ago, there was briefly no Milton magazine, as Village Voice had finished, and Village View was yet to start. Watch this space to see when Village View started!

2 Years of Milton Community Café

Thanks to all who came to our 2nd anniversary Café in April! We had a full house and I took photos of everyone there to remember the occasion - then deleted the memory card before downloading the images! Thankfully, the café runs smoothly because Sue Nunn and Jane Thomas keep me on the right track. Our other volunteers, Sally, Elaine and Nathalie are great too.

If you haven't been yet and you are at home in Milton on the fourth Tuesday of the month, do drop in. We're open from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

We are Milton residents running our own, non-profit event for Milton people who just want a friendly, welcoming place to go for a cup of tea/coffee and cake once a month. It's a mere £2 to cover the cost of Hall hire, drink and cake/biscuits.

The Milton Community Centre Lounge is wheelchair accessible; there is a play mat for those with toddlers; if you want more than just the afternoon tea, we have board and card games tables and a craft group who keep creative whilst chatting.

Lifts can be arranged on request.

Chris & Jane Thomas 440024 and Sue Nunn
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Milton Parish Council Parish Clerk Vacancy

Would you like to train as a Parish Clerk?

Milton Parish Council is seeking a flexible, reliable and self-motivated Parish Clerk who enjoys working with the public, to work in the Parish Office. You will be responsible for administration duties as well as general admin support. The post is for 20 hours per week. The successful applicant's appropriate training* will be paid for by the Council. (*cost over £1,000, terms and conditions apply).

We are ideally seeking someone with at least 3 years' experience in a busy office environment. Starting salary £8.61-£10.52 per hour dependent on experience.

Ideally this post would suit someone who is interested in gaining experience as a Clerk and would like to follow a course to obtain a qualification to be an experienced Clerk.

For an informal discussion and/or an application form please contact Jane Coston, Parish Council Chairman on 01223 861447 or email:

clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk

Applications must be returned by 18 June 2016. Previous applicants need not apply.

Jane Thomas



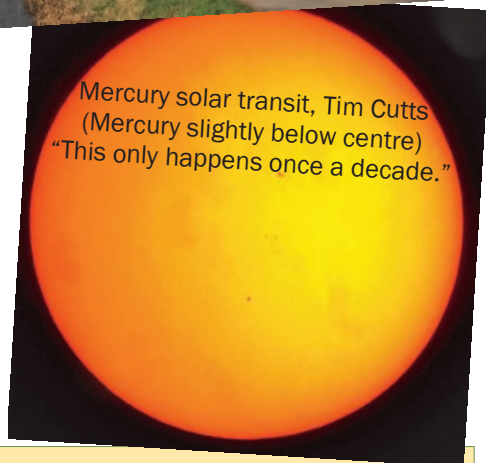
Rebecca Ostler writes: "Here are some photos (right) celebrating one of my favourite parts of the village - Fen Road." By the time the next newsletter comes out hopefully the walk to the river will be beautiful and sunny and full of pink blossom!



Brigita Saliklyte



Brigita Saliklyte



Mercury solar transit, Tim Cutts
(Mercury slightly below centre)
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Your Photos Could Be Here!

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 vv@miltonvillage.org.uk, and we'll include as many as we can.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices: Update

The sky's the limit for bakery worker Laura!

Laura Bassett, who works at the Roll Inn in Milton, has signed up for the challenge of a life time as she pledges to take part in the EACH Sky Dive on the 18th June. Laura was encouraged to take part in the jump by her friend Katie Smith, who works at Nokia in Milton and is also taking part.

If you'd like to sponsor Laura ahead of her brave challenge, please pop into the Roll Inn where you'll find a sponsorship form and collection pot on the counter. Thank you!

If you fancy joining Laura and Katie on their skydive, there's still time to sign up! Simply visit

www.each.org.uk/challenges.

Normandy Cycling challenge

Fancy a challenge? EACH has spaces for a cycle ride through the Normandy countryside. Cyclists will take on the ride which covers 200 miles over four days (21st-25th September), taking in Utah and Omaha beaches from the D-Day landings. The route will cover some of the roads that will feature in this year's Tour De France which has its Grand Depart in Normandy. Visit www.each.org.uk/challenges for full details and to book your space.

Forthcoming Events

Royal Cambridge Hotel presents charity black tie *Rat Pack Evening* - 17th June from 7pm. Three course dinner in the Hobson Suite, Live entertainment from Rat Pack Entertainer 'Johnny Stephens' and Resident DJ to dance the night away to.

Sawston Family Fun Day - 23rd July, Sawston Recreational Ground. A day full of fun for all the family.



Stretham Charity Triples - 7th August, Stretham Bowls Club.

EACH Cambridge Colour Dash - 13th August, King's Ely. Join the most colourful run you'll ever be part of. Get showered with clouds of coloured powder as you dash round the 5km route - colourful fun for all the family! Book your place today at www.each.org.uk/colour-dashes.

Volunteers urgently needed in Milton!

EACH is urgently looking for new volunteers in Milton. Would you be able to help please?

We need volunteers who are computer literate and are confident on the telephone to work on our *Reception* desk for either one morning or one afternoon per week. We also need *Maintenance Volunteers* to assist the Facilities team with general property maintenance at our Milton hospice and also at our offices on Milton High Street for a minimum of one afternoon or morning per week. We also need *Volunteer Poolside Assistants* to be poolside in our hydrotherapy pool during sessions for children and young people.

For more information please visit www.each.org.uk or telephone Gillian Phillpot, Volunteer Services Administrator on 01223 205183



Milton WI

We had our Annual Meeting in March plus a demonstration of glass blowing from Bob Scott. It was fascinating to see familiar shapes emerge from tubes of glass. Bob also brought along a selection of animals, flowers and other items.

In April, Sally Nott spoke about the work of Camsight, a registered charity working with blind and partially sighted people in Cambridgeshire. She spoke of opportunities available with the independence achieved through technology and equipment designed for those with low vision, and the provision of practical and emotional support which is also given to carers and families.

Upcoming meetings will include Sian Fox on her career as a Home Economist, somebody from Help the Heroes, and John Vigar on "Bedrooms, Banquets and Balls". We will also be enjoying walks, lunches, games and crafts afternoons and other fundraising activities. In September Jenny Gibbs will tell us about her "Life in Rural Turkey".

New members are always welcome. Contact our President Gill Offley (01223 293231) or Secretary Bridget Crow (01223 441755) for further details, or just come along. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Anne Newman

Milton Good Companions

You have no doubt seen in previous issues a request for volunteers to help with the running of this club. Each Friday we provide social engagement, entertainment and a professionally cooked meal for 20 elderly and lonely villagers.

From September we will be down to 2 Leaders and they are not prepared to carry on in this situation. **I am afraid that if we cannot recruit additional leaders the Good Companions will close.** This will be very disappointing to the members who say it is the best day of their week. As Chairperson I and the rest of the team desperately do not want this to happen.

There is no weekly commitment as all volunteers duties are shared over a 3 week rota. We have breaks at Christmas, Easter and the summer. If you think you can help, turn up at Barnabas Court any Friday at 11am or contact a Leader:

- Margaret Nunn Tel: 860829
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Milton MU

All Saints' Milton MU enjoyed a lively and interesting evening in May when Maureen Haigh, our Action and Outreach head of unit and a diocesan trustee, came to speak to us. She shared with us news of different projects and activities that are going on in Ely. These included 'Away From It All' holidays that provide a welcome break for families in need, work in a local prison, knitting projects, collections of toiletries and other goods for local hostels, support for parents and more. It certainly motivated us as a group to think of new ways in which we could get involved to do our bit to help to provide Christian care for families.

On June 7th Hilary Street, a good friend to our group and an MU member from Stapleford, will be speaking about John and Charles Wesley: notable 18th Century brothers, evangelists and hymn writers.

June is also a month of celebration as we mark the 140th anniversary of the Mothers' Union. The week beginning June 20th sees several special events including prayer stations in church, an anniversary lunch with guest speaker Revd Paul Butler and a strawberry tea. The festivities continue in July with our annual summer garden party. There is much to celebrate!

Jackie Metcalfe

Cambridgeshire Hearing Help is a free service offered to NHS hearing aid users in Milton. They hold a Hearing Help Session on the first Thursday of the month from 2-4pm at Milton Surgery where NHS hearing aid users can get free replacement batteries and have their hearing aids cleaned and re-tubed. They also offer general advice on hearing aid use. For more information visit www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk.

The Easter Egg Hunt at the Country Park did not take place this year as the organising team were low on numbers. If you would like to help out with future fundraising events in the park please join the **Friends of Milton Country Park** and put your name forward for organising events. The Friends are always looking for new active members and ideas. You can find out more at miltoncountrypark.org/friends.

At *Parklife* in the Country Park on July 17th, **Phoenix Trust** will be taking part with a stall and we will be open to the public.

The *Phoenix Express*: During our quiet period Malcolm our carpenter has been busy with our trainees building carriages for the express train. Our trainees have not only built their own carriage for the Phoenix Express but planted them and are caring for the plants.



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Cubs learn about Clean Water and Raise Money

The 50th Cambridge (Milton & Landbeach) Cubs have recently taken part in an exciting educational project. 'A Million Hands' reflects Scouting's ambition by 2018 to mobilize half a million people in support of four social issues chosen by young people: Dementia, Disability, Mental Wellbeing and Clean Water & Sanitation. We decided that we could make the most impact by working initially on Clean Water & Sanitation. Without safe water or toilets, people are trapped in a cycle of poverty and disease. Around 650 million people have to drink dirty water and 2.3 billion people don't have access to a proper toilet. As a result over 500,000 children a year die from diarrhoea.

Over the course of two weeks we played water usage themed games, quizzes and activities. Davies to teach us about how WaterAid helps to provide clean, safe water to these countries.

We made shortbread, cupcakes and rocky road as well as decorating biscuits. We sold them at the Scout Jumble sale and raised £60. This money together with a donation from Cubs for Nicole's two weeks working with the Cubs amounted to £160. Nicole commented "Well done, that's an amazing amount of money which will change the lives of 10 people! Thank You."

Thank you to all the Cubs and parent helpers who helped, and in particular to the Cubs who manned the stall and did an excellent job selling our goodies.



We also had a visit from Nicole

On 4th August, Nokia Velocix (Sponsors of Milton Community Football Club) will be holding their annual Staff Summer Party at The Sycamores Recreation Ground. This will run on similar lines as the last few years and will be attended by around 100 members of staff and their families. The party will start at 1pm, it will feature live music and will be finished by 6pm. Nokia Velocix will use part of the ground close to the Pavilion and Youth Building; the remaining area will be available for use by the general public. Attendees will be encouraged to park in the Recreation Ground car park.

Andy Gray, Manager, Milton Community Centre

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Milton Local History Group

34 Miltonians attended the inaugural meeting of the Milton Local History Group! Going around the room, interests ranged from simply wanting to know more about Milton to living memories of long established and local Milton families. We also had existing guardians of Milton's history, Jane Coston (photo-archives & records), Clive Milner (video of Miltonians reacting to old photos of the village) and Derek Booth (Parish Archaeology Project, author on two books relating to Milton history).

We agreed the organisational basics: Chris Thomas as temporary Chair, Helen Parsons as Secretary and Karen Aymys as Treasurer. Our objective is to be a touchstone for history in Milton. Our next meeting is 7th June, 7:30pm with a provisional program of 10 minute talks:

- Clive Milner: Extract of Milton DVD
- Helen Parsons: Family History some brief hints and tips and what can be found
- Louise Pryor: Our Anglo Saxon Landscape
- Chris Thomas: Man and Mammoths in This Region

• Jane Coston: village photos shown in the break
The Milton Local History Group meets every first Tuesday of the month 7:30pm, except August, at the Milton Community Centre Lounge.

Meetings are open to anyone living in Milton, just pay £2 on the night to cover hall hire and drinks.

Chris Thomas

Behind the Scenes

Ice Spikes (*Village View* 122) have been replaced by pied (black and white) cock blackbirds in our birdbath this year. Two apparent brother blackbirds with some white neck and tail feathers have nested with their brown hens at respective ends of our garden. The white necked blackbird's nest had five eggs, three hatching to viable fledglings.



An interesting observation is that the respective parent birds show aggressive behaviour, cock to cock and hen to hen particularly when feeding on our lawn, the boundary where their two territories meet. Will white feathers be seen in the fledglings when they reach adulthood, as a genetic marker?

Derek Booth



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Garden: relax in the beautiful front garden which is now ready for the summer! There is more seating to the rear of the pub with the Children's Play Fort and ample parking.

4th Birthday (Saturday 4th June): Back by popular demand DJ Steve will be playing soul, disco and the best of the rest! Thanks to you all for your support! (Late bar and buffet)

Father's Day (19th June): enjoy Sunday Lunch and get a free pint for Dad!

Sports: Euro 2016 kicks off on 10th June. Come and watch the games for a chance to win a keg of beer. Then watch the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro that start on 5th August, and the Paralympics from 7th September.

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LADIES DINNER CLUB: 7th June - "BBQ - fresh ideas!", join us for a great evening BBQ. 13th September "Get me out of here!" it's unusual foods tasting night!

EUROS 2016: 10th June to 10th July - as you may have already noticed, we were delighted to have been chosen by Carlsberg to be re-named throughout the Euros as *The Three Lions* in support of the England Team during this event. There will be loads going on particularly during the England matches and the latter stages of the competition - keep an eye on our blackboards, Facebook and website for up-to-date details. We will also be offering the chance to win a "Barrow of Beer" amongst other prizes. The restaurant and parts of the garden remain football free for those who wish to escape the matches.

QUIZ NIGHT: 18th June - enjoy a great nights entertainment with quiz master Lawrence and help a great cause along the way. All money raised goes to Team Drummonds London Marathon, raising funds for Alzheimer's Research UK.

FATHER'S DAY LUNCH: 19th June - bookings for 12-7pm now being taken.

LADIES DAY BOOGIE NIGHTS: 9th July - join us at the pub, after Newmarket Ladies Day at the races, for a good old boogie! 7-11pm

PSYCHIC SUPPER: Summer/Autumn dates available please call for details and to book.

MACMILLAN WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING: 30th September, bigger than ever this year, with our craft and gifts market too!

Ahoy matey! The patio and play area is open daily from 10am. Enjoy breakfast on the patio or savour a fresh Barista coffee and relax while the children play in the fabulous Pirates Lagoon! The Bouncy Castle will be out at weekends and weekdays during school holidays - providing the weather is suitable of course!

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White Horse

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It was with great pleasure that we were awarded CAMRA Community Rural Pub Of The Year 2016. We are all very proud to receive this award.

Alan, Adam and Ava moved into the White Horse on the 4th July 2006. Where has all the time gone? We have enjoyed being in Milton and hope to stay for a long time to come. To celebrate our 10th Anniversary we are holding a Garden Party from midday to 5pm on Saturday 9th July. At the Garden Party, there will be stalls for things to buy from local groups in the community and a bouncy castle. After 5pm the stalls will pack up and there will be entertainment. We hope to have two local bands playing. Free to everyone - please do come and have fun. Our kitchen will be open for food as usual on the 9th July.

Please contact me if you would like to have a stall/table. Each table/stall area is free, so book a space early not to be disappointed. We are moving our BEER/CIDER Festival: now from Wednesday 6th to Sunday 10th July, so we can enjoy more variety for the celebration.

Taking Bookings for Father's Day, kitchen open all day so plenty of times to choose from.

We look forward in seeing you all soon, or on the 9th July to celebrate with us.

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Wildlife Notes

It's amazing what three warm days can do. When I drove along the A14 towards Quy on 5th May, the hawthorn was just showing one or two burst buds. By the Sunday, it was fully in flower. At least the blackthorn is now in leaf rather than flower but I reckon that was a two-month long "blackthorn winter".

Although February and March were so cold, I saw my first swallow a few days earlier than the last few years on 7th April. I'm afraid I've not heard a cuckoo in Milton. A friend did hear one in the Country Park in early May. The common terns on the river seem to be later than past years. Of course this is hardly a scientific survey; rather, me looking and listening earnestly for signs of Spring on my regular journeys. It's worth going down to Baits Bite Lock to get a chance to watch the terns. One caught a fish when I was cycling home the other evening. That was the highlight of my day!

The other entertainment I've had on Milton Fen some evenings in the last few weeks have been tumbling lapwings which the books say is their mating display. Are the fairly bare and soggy fields a suitable nesting site, since some of the fields don't have any apparent crop planted? The RSPB says "bare ground or short vegetation for nesting from mid-March to June". If they are nesting there, I hope no cultivation happens before the chicks fledge.

However much help you give them, you can't choose the birds you get in your garden. There are starlings in the street and sometimes in the garden. All the surveys show that starlings are dropping in numbers and one of the suggested reasons is lack of nest sites. One nice starling nest box was installed last autumn. A great tit started showing interest and it was clear by March that a pair of great tits were building a nest. By mid-May the cheeping inside and the number of visits by two great tit parents were evidence that, although I'd tried to help starlings, the great tits were making good use of the new nest box. Maybe the babies will fledge early enough that some starlings can have a late brood in there? I suppose it's the same with the blackbirds eating the food that didn't get eaten by last night's hedgehogs each morning! I wonder if the young blackbird I've already seen in the garden will join in on that? There's also already been a young robin too.

Heather Coleman



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Grants for Sports Stars

Sporting stars in South Cambridgeshire are being urged to bid for up to £2000 to help develop their careers. The call for bids follows South Cambridgeshire District Council launching its annual Elite Athlete grant scheme with a pot of £10,000 available to support local talented people.

The grant scheme is available to support athletes of all ages at all stages of their sporting careers.

Grants will be awarded depending on the level at which the applicants are competing, the determination that they have shown to achieve their goals, and their potential to reach world class events, with priority being given to Olympic and Paralympic sports.

The funding can be used for equipment purchases, training and travel and the bidding process asks for how it will be used to help achieve sporting goals. To be eligible you must live in South Cambridgeshire. If an applicant studies or trains outside the district they can apply if their family home is in the area.

Further details, criteria and an online application form can be found by visiting www.scambs.gov.uk/eliteathlete.

The closing date for applications is Sunday 31 July.

"Waking at 3:20am last night [9th April], I noticed that the street lights were turned off and went out to take a series of photos of our sky. There is still a residual orange glow from the sodium lamps on the High Street and distant villages. I calculated that about 3200 stars are visible." *Chris Thomas*

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We are holding sessions on Saturdays for youngsters. If you and your friends would like to play please contact Bob Norman 01223 860917 mob: 07780 666835.

Milton Netball Club

Looking for new players!

Milton Netball Club train on a Tuesday evening at the Community Centre on Coles Road, Milton 7:30-9pm. We currently have 3 adult teams with varying ability that all play competitive netball in the Cambridgeshire leagues and we welcome players aged 16+

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Euro 2016 is coming to Milton's Pubs



See pages 18 & 19 for details about watching Euro 2016 at The White Horse, Jolly Brewers and ... The Three Lions!

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