



# Milton Village View

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## New Editors!

Hello from the new team of Milton Village View Editors! This is our first issue and we hope you enjoy it. It has been a lot of hard work, taking over the ropes from the completely brilliant Mary-Ann Johnson and Paul Milligan, who did a wonderful job for many years!

## Thank You to Mary-Ann and Paul

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mary-Ann and Paul for everything they did for the Village View for so long. They left very large shoes to fill! Mary-Ann and her family recently moved away from Milton—we wish them all the very best with their new home and their new life.

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

## Long-Lost Friend

Greetings from Canada. My name is Lindsay Jeevar-Grater and I am trying to reconnect with an old school friend, Catherine (K?) Evenett, who lived at Edgeways Cottage, High Street, Milton in the mid 1960s, with her brother Tim, parents Muriel (Mu) and Frank, Tansy the poodle and Mr. Toastie the cat.

If some of this rings a bell for anybody and you can give me some leads, I'd love to get in touch with my old friend again. Thank you.

Lindsay Jeevar-Grater,  
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## June

(May 30)–Fri 4  
 Sun 6/13/20/27  
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 Sun 20  
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Wed 11  
 27–30

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Thu 2–Thu 7

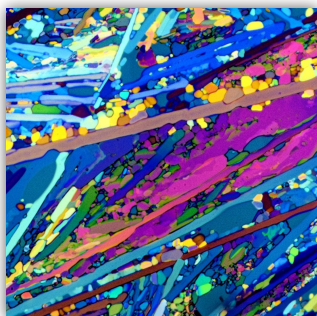
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## Cambridge Open Studios

This year, four artists are taking part in Cambridge Open Studios in Milton, on the first three weekends of July. Alison Hullyer, Chris and Jane Thomas in Hall End and Cheryl Bird and Linda Bartlett on the High Street. This is a chance to see what some of the artists in Milton have been producing over the last year. Look out for the yellow flags.

Open Studios will be spread throughout the whole region including many villages around Royston, Saffron Walden, St Ives and Chatteris, as well as Ely and central Cambridge. It will feature an exciting range of exhibitions by over 300 artists, 40 of them new. It will run over the weekends of July 3–4, 10–11, 17–18 and 24–25, with studios being open between 11am and 6pm.

This year there will be no printed booklet. Instead, visitors are to use an E-Guide and App, both of which can be accessed from [www.camopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk).



## Milton Summer Fayre — Postponed

Due to the current guidance for events and the “no earlier than” dates, we have had to make the hard decision to postpone the Milton Summer Fayre to 2022. This decision was not taken lightly, but if we were to continue planning, there is a high possibility that we would have to limit the amount of people on site, as well as provide lateral flow testing at the entrances and PPE around the site. We want to make the first year back since 2015 the best year, and this year, it would not be possible.

However, we are hoping to organise some activities in July, so please keep an eye on our social media pages, Milton Chat and our page on the village website.

*Milton Summer Fayre Committee*

## Milton Slimming World

Milton Slimming World will be returning to Milton Community Centre on Wednesdays, with groups at 5pm, 6pm, and for new members 6.45pm. Members will need to book a time slot as places are limited at the moment. It is going to be wonderful to see old and new faces and to see you all supporting each other on your weight loss journeys.



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## Art Exhibition

On Sat 12th, Sun 13th, Sat 19th and Sun 20th June, Theo Gayer-Anderson and Gideon Pain, two local artists, return with another immersive art installation, titled *Covid Dreams*. Booking is essential for this—please visit [tithebarnttrust.org.uk](https://tithebarnttrust.org.uk) for details.

*Covid Dreams* is a fully immersive audio and visual art installation. Two artists reflect on a year of siege from the intangible, a landscape where you cannot save yourself but you can save others.

Gideon Pain's work plays on the mundane and every day that we slip through on our way to somewhere else. It is about collective moments, some tragic and some euphoric, when the sharing of an experience gives significance to something unnoticed.

Theo Gayer-Anderson has been exploring dystopia in a series of installations for many years and now finds present day events eclipsing his own visions of the future.

## Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church

Weekly activities have not yet resumed, but we have started meeting again in the church on Sunday mornings at 10.30am.

During June, we are running a series on the *Book of Daniel*. Starting Sunday 6th June. See page 3 for dates. Many thanks,

Maureen (Clerk)



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Baby group is held on Wednesdays from 2-4pm in the church hall. No need to book—just come along. Please bring a blanket to sit on, some toys, drinks and snacks. Sorry, but we are currently unable to accommodate babies who are crawling or walking, due to social distancing.

Please see our website for the latest information: [www.allsaintsmilton.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsmilton.org.uk).

All Saints' Church can issue vouchers for Cambridge Foodbank, so if you are in real need at any time, please call 01223 667368 and we will do our best to help you. Waterbeach Food Hub is another local source of help—you can find out more on Facebook @waterbeachfoodhub. Don't forget the Milton Covid-19 Support Group, who can help with, among other things, shopping and prescription collection. Go to [www.milton.org.uk/milton-covid-19-support-group](http://www.milton.org.uk/milton-covid-19-support-group) or call 07933 550989 for more information.



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## A Big Thank You to Hazel Smith

I am sure many villagers would want to join me in my personal big thank you to Hazel Smith for all her hard work on behalf of the village as District Councillor for the past 17 years.

During this time on the District Council, Hazel has followed up on many local issues, not only on behalf of individual residents, but also on behalf of the village.

Thank you so much, Hazel. You deserve a good rest.

*Jane Coston BEM*

## Milton Media

In addition to Mary-Ann and Paul stepping down as Milton Village View Editors, *Milton Online* (Milton-Chat and technical support for the village website), *Milton News*, *Facebook Community*, and *Milton Village View* have merged, and we are now called "Milton Media".

For all queries to do with Milton Media (except Milton Village View), please email: [news@milton.org.uk](mailto:news@milton.org.uk) and one of the lovely Milton News team members will help you. If it's specifically for Milton Village View, please email [mvv@milton.org.uk](mailto:mvv@milton.org.uk).

## Milton News Editors

We are looking to expand our lovely team of volunteer editors for *Milton News*! We are looking for a couple of friendly individuals who live in Milton, have good written English and a few hours a week to spare. At the moment, each editor does one week-long 'shifts' but we may change this with a bigger team.

No previous editorial experience is needed as we are happy to teach you the ropes. We would also be very interested in anyone wanting to help with our social media channels—Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. This is a great opportunity for people wanting to volunteer virtually, for those who want some experience for a future career in publishing/journalism or for those who would like to give something back to our village community. If you have any questions or to express your interest, please contact us at [news@milton.org.uk](mailto:news@milton.org.uk). We look forward to hearing from you!



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Milton-based yoga teacher, Julie Davies, is offering outdoor yoga over the summer. There are new sessions at Denny Abbey on a Friday (children welcome), Milton Country Park on a Saturday, and forthcoming at Landbeach Tithe Barn on a Sunday. Contact Julie via her website at [www.strongsupplesound.net](http://www.strongsupplesound.net) for more information, or to make a booking. Many thanks!

*Julie*

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*Ned Baring*

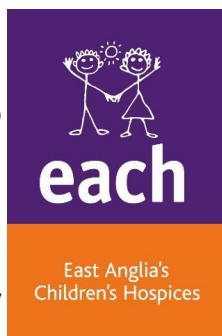
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You can pop in to your local EACH shop, chat to our team and arrange a taster session.

Alternatively, please contact EACH Volunteer Services on 01223 205183 or at [volunteerservices@each.org.uk](mailto:volunteerservices@each.org.uk).

Thank you!

*Vicky Hughes*



## Arthur Rank

### 'Help at Hand' new app

Patients of Arthur Rank are benefitting from a new app, giving them access to support groups, exercise classes, helplines and more.

It is the first time a Hospice has adopted the 'Help at Hand' app, which functions like a digital directory offering social prescribing.

The organisations, charities, groups and services sign-posted from the app, have all been listed by the Charity.

The app is free to download from the Apple and Play stores. An online version can be found at [arhc.org.uk/helpathand](http://arhc.org.uk/helpathand).

### 'Living Well'—weekly rehab support

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is rebranding its supportive and rehabilitative eight-week programme to the Living Well service, following consultation with patients, relatives, healthcare colleagues and volunteers.

The service, previously known as Day Therapy, is provided from the Arthur Rank Hospice, in Cambridge and the Alan Hudson Day Treatment Centre, in Wisbech.

You can learn more at [arhc.org.uk/livingwell](http://arhc.org.uk/livingwell) For referrals, visit [arhc.org.uk/refer](http://arhc.org.uk/refer) or call 01223 675800.

### Special recipe from Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's Bistro Team!

During the pandemic, many of Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's public facing services had to be closed, including its Bistro—which joyously opened again to the public on the 12 April (with outdoor seating only).

Over lock-down, the team were still busy providing fresh and daily food for our patients and for their visitors, as well as colleagues still working at the Hospice, providing essential care and services. Tsvety (front of house) kindly took some time to share some of our famous mouth-watering cake recipes... so we thought you might like to try some (feel free to visit the Bistro and sample them first-hand instead!).

*Recipes are on page 13.*



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## Chisholm Trail Jetty Opens

Work on the jetty path linking Stourbridge Common with Ditton Meadows (under the railway bridge on the South side) is now complete and open for public use.

Phase one of the trail will open later this year, linking Cambridge North Railway Station with Coldhams Lane.



## New NHS Palliative Care Service

The NHS has launched a new service to provide out-of-hours end-of-life palliative care via NHS 111 option 3. The very new service is live now.

Callers are directed to a Palliative Care Clinical Nurse, not a generalist, so specific advice may be given.

The service is currently available in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough from 17:30 to 09:30 weekdays and 24 hours over the weekends.

This out of hours, free-of-charge availability for end of life care is the first for our region. Many other regions in the UK have had out-of-hours coverage, though often via fee-based services. Eventually the service is envisioned to be 24/7.

More details are summarised in Cambridge Network's recent article about the service:

<https://cambridgenetwork.co.uk/news/palliative-care-hub-will-provide-free-out-hours-phone-service-nhs-111-option-3>

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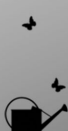
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## New Milton Little Library at The Lion And Lamb

We are delighted to announce that we have a second, permanent branch of the Milton Little Library, now open in the carpark of the Lion & Lamb. We are very grateful to all the members of the Parish Council for their unhesitating support in funding this second permanent branch for the village.

The new Library has once again been built by Phoenix Trust and we would like to thank Jonathan, Marick and Ewan for all their hard work, and of course Woody's expert guidance in masterminding the project.

The new Pub Library means that the temporary Butt Lane Library is now closed for business and all the books there have been moved across—thank you, Liz Cook, for giving up your driveway for the past few months!

It has been a real pleasure to see so many people visiting the Coles Road Library and to have had so many lovely, appreciative comments. Huge thank you to all of you who are donating, without which this would never have even started.

*Becky Munns &  
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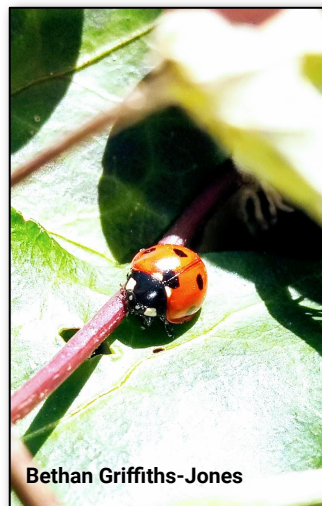




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### Your photos could be here!

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Send them to [mvv@milton.org.uk](mailto:mvv@milton.org.uk) and we'll include as many as we can.



## Photos

### Recipes from Arthur Rank (p.9)

#### *Fruits of the Forest Brownie*

##### Ingredients

- 200g quality milk chocolate
- 170g salted butter
- 270g soft dark brown sugar
- 4 medium size eggs
- 60g plain flour
- 35g cocoa powder
- 135g frozen mixed berries

##### Method

1. Heat the oven to 160 degrees C.
2. Grease and line a tray with baking parchment.
3. Gently melt the chocolate, butter and dark brown sugar in a saucepan.
4. Stir every now and then and once it's all melted, leave to cool.
5. Once the mixture is cool, add one egg at a time and stir in.
6. Once all the eggs are added, stir in the flour and cocoa powder.
7. Pour mixture into the tray and spread around.
8. Sprinkle the frozen mixed berries evenly.
9. Cook for 30 min or until a crust is formed.

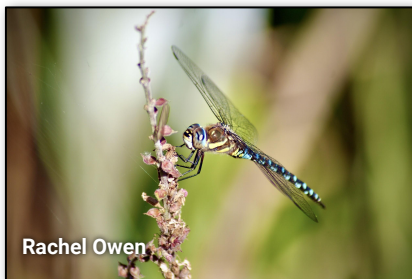
#### *Chocolate Biscuit Cake*

##### Ingredients:

- 250g butter
- 50g sugar
- 2 eggs
- 250g chocolate chips (melted)
- 250g biscuits (crushed)

##### Method:

1. Gently melt the butter and sugar together in a saucepan, until the sugar dissolves.
2. Take it off the heat while you whisk the eggs, then add the eggs into the butter and sugar.
3. Add the melted chocolate to the mix.
4. Fold in the broken biscuits.
5. Pour into a greased tray.
6. Now the hardest part—leave for 6 hours in a fridge to set, before cutting into portions.



Rachel Owen



Francesca Catterson



Lis Wheeler



David Sait

## Creative Art Courses

**Feeling a bit low? Join a creative arts course to improve your mental health!**

Local charity Cambridge Community Arts run a wide range of part-time courses for adults in Cambridgeshire. Evidence shows that joining-in improves mental wellbeing, reduces feelings of loneliness, and can even help you get back to work. In September, there are year-long courses that lead to a Level 2 Qualification—these are in Photography, Visual Arts, Digital Art & Design, Music for Performance, Music Production and Drama.

Come and meet us at our Open Day on Tuesday 13th July from 1-4pm at Arbury Community Centre. You will have the chance to meet us, course tutors and past learners to find out more.

A wide range of shorter courses lasting 8 weeks will also be available—both in person and online for those who find travelling a challenge.

Full details and application form can be found on [www.camcommarts.org.uk](http://www.camcommarts.org.uk) or ring 07763 280029.

## Bereavement Support Group

Hope Again is a group-based bereavement support programme developed by a number of trained local people and co-ordinated by an experienced counsellor. It is run in Histon and Impington.

The Autumn programme runs from 2nd September to 7th October.

If you are interested in attending, or you would like more information about the group, please call 07707 263353 or email [HABG1@icloud.com](mailto:HABG1@icloud.com)

## Milton Primary School Needs You!

We are wanting to develop the walled bed in the KS1 playground into a mini sensory garden. If you have any cut offs or spare non-poisonous plants (for example, rosemary, lavender, tactile grasses) that you could donate, we would be very grateful.

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# From The Archives

## 100 Years Ago

The Clerk will write to the Police Authority asking that the Annual Feast be confined to 3 days!

(from Parish Minutes, 20th April 1921)

## 25 Years Ago: Jun '96

### New 'Letters' Above Door In 'Post'

Welcome to Anil and Smita Lakhani who took over the Post Office on 29th February.

Anil and Smita moved to Milton in 1992 from Basingstoke where they had run a Post Office and general store for nine years.

Milton Post Office has been refitted and is now also open at lunch times, and Anil and Smita would be happy to hear any other suggestions for improvements.



Anil, Smita, Daphne, and Jo  
Milton Post Office

## 10 Years Ago: Jun '11

### Milton Celebrates the Royal Wedding

Karen Midgley writes: A few of us decided to celebrate the recent Royal wedding on the 29th of April by having a street party in David Bull Way. It was really a last-minute thing but such a success.

The party officially started at 2pm and went on until around 9pm and great fun was had by the children and adults.

Everyone brought food, many of my neighbours made things to share and we had such a feast.



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## Denny Abbey

With the outside spaces already open, the entire museum should be reopening on 20th May, in line with the government's roadmap. We are also running a steam event on Father's Day (20th June), outdoor yoga on Friday mornings over the summer (*see p.8*) and a half-term wildlife week during May 30th to June 4th

Keep an eye on our website at [www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/Denny.Farmland](https://www.facebook.com/Denny.Farmland) for more information on opening times and how to book.



## Scouts

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## Phoenix Trust News

Thanks to the lovely residents of Milton and beyond who have once again been visiting us and stocking up on those vital garden accessories. We have been making our old favourites but also experimenting with new designs, such as tiered plant stands, which are proving very popular.

Our co-workers have also now all returned and thrown themselves back into work with enthusiasm and energy, although everyone needs a rest from time to time, such as DC taking a break and Woody and Luke, sitting on the benches made for Milton Country Park. Most volunteers are also back with us, such as Janet, and Mark pictured in the greenhouse. We always have room for more volunteers. They are a vital part of life at Phoenix. Experience is not essential, but patience is, along with strong communication skills and a desire to help and motivate others. It is wonderful when volunteers bring skills and expertise, but equally we are happy to share ours, recognising that for some, volunteering is a stepping-stone towards employment, as well as being an enjoyable and worthwhile activity.



See our website: [www.phoenixtrust.org](http://www.phoenixtrust.org), or Facebook: "Phoenix Trust Milton", for updates and news.

Email [info@phoenixtrust.org](mailto:info@phoenixtrust.org) with any product enquiries or simply ring us: 01223 420669.

If you are interested in volunteering at Phoenix, then please do get in touch.





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We would firstly like to thank you all for your wonderful support over this long year, especially with the support for Alan who has been unwell. Adam is taking a more active role in helping me.

Come and try our menu, with many more specials to come. We have an assortment of real ales, with ever popular Doombar and London Pride. There is a play area and marquee with our large car park at the back. We are dog friendly (please keep on leads). Bookings are advisable at busy times. We are open all day for food on Sundays. Please book any special occasions in advance. Hopefully the pool room will be open again soon.

We all look forward to welcoming you soon.

*Ava, Alan, Adam, Nikki, Rory, Mollie,  
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With a full refurb carried out throughout lockdown, we are pleased to welcome you all back. With a beautiful beer garden suitable to seat over 100 people, it is the perfect venue to book outdoor parties & events.

Our annual BEER FESTIVAL this year takes place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August with 'So 80's' performing!

Our famous pizzas are still available alongside a few new dishes on our menu, including a children's menu. Every Friday is our 'Fizz Friday' with bottles of prosecco for just £19.00!

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It's amazing to be fully open again and to be able to welcome you both outside and in after so much time! Support since reopening in April has been incredible and you are loving the improvements we have made to our outside spaces over the last year.

We have created a safe environment for you to comfortably socialise, indoors or out:

- Our Secret Garden marquee is beautifully lit and heated and seats over 50 people
- Pirates lagoon play area—perfect for families
- The Chimenea Patio seats up to 20 to dine in comfort by the outside open fire or enjoy a pint whilst catching the live SKY sports on the outdoor TV
- Lawns have many tables with parasols and sun shades and our fantastic Garden Bar
- Inside you have the comfort of our cosy bar and restaurant
- Dine out with our Takeaway service available, you can also find us on JUST EAT!

The kitchen returns to full service with the reopening of inside dining, along with the return of Friday Night Wine & Dine and other events. Watch out for weekend BBQs and family events. Our website now takes online bookings. Take a look for all menus, pictures and videos of inside and outside areas. It will be constantly updated as restrictions continue to lift.

Plans are full steam ahead for the return of the Beer & Cider Festival on 27-30 August, bank holiday weekend. Phil Watts will be supplying the musical entertainment on the Friday evening.

Our amazing team continues to work hard to provide exemplary service for you, ensuring the Lion & Lamb remains a safe and welcoming venue for our community to socialise in, whether you are just popping in for a drink, out to enjoy a meal or simply collecting your takeaway.

*Lawrence & Sally*



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## Local Author's Short Story Compilation

The short story compilation *Cambridge Writers*, published in April by Cambridge Writers, includes two stories by Milton author Mike English: 'James, Secret Cat' and 'Giver Of Gifts'. These stories have both been published before in the compilations *Surprising Angles* and *Rituals*, respectively. The old volumes were however only available in Kindle format but the new book is available from Amazon in both Kindle and paperback formats. In any case, Mike was continually misspelling the former and often called it 'Surprising Angels', which is both more exciting and more dangerous.

Mike and Kathy English both have a story in *Visitors*, another compilation of short stories, recently published by Cambridge Writers, and available in Kindle and paperback formats from Amazon. Kathy's story, *Friends Bearing Gifts*, was the third prize winner in the 2021 Cambridge short story competition.

### Library Live Events

The Library Presents are delighted to announce the launch of their new season of exciting arts events, which will run from May to July 2021.

The season will bring workshops and performances to outdoor locations across Cambridgeshire, and offer arts activities online.

Full details of the programme, along with booking information, can be found at [www.library.live/the-library-presents](http://www.library.live/the-library-presents)

### Milton Cycling Campaign

Back in December 2020, Milton Cycling Campaign was awarded a £15,000 Zero Carbon Communities grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council. We are pleased to announce the first bike parking scheme—20 new secure cycle stands around Milton Country Park. More schemes are to follow.

For more info, sign up at: [miltoncycling.eo.page/y1hrf](http://miltoncycling.eo.page/y1hrf), or visit us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/miltoncycling](https://www.facebook.com/groups/miltoncycling).

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## Wildlife Notes

In my last column I commented on the wet winter we'd had. Several press reports confirm my impression that April was high in the records for both dryness and cold; my commutes have been in normal footwear rather than wellies but with winter coat, scarf, hat and thick gloves! At least I didn't have to scrape a windscreen; a fate many drivers setting off early will have had all month. Certainly a Blackthorn Winter to remember; there is still some in flower in some places in Milton at the very beginning of May when normally we would be expecting hawthorn to have been in full flower for at least a few days now. There is some hawthorn just starting in the Country Park but the only place it's in full flower that I've spotted is on Milton Road south of the A14 roundabout. Interestingly, the parallel Cowley Road is where the blackthorn is often up to a couple of weeks earlier to flower. If you headed further away from the warming effect of the city, as we are now permitted to do, there were still masses of blackthorn in full glorious flower at the very end of April. At least most trees are now coming fully into leaf; a notable exception are ash trees which are always later than the rest.

The birdsong is currently at its peak, as I start to write this column on International Dawn Chorus Day; sadly the very cold nights put me off going out before 4am to hear the beginning of the dawn chorus, which is always lovely in the Country Park and the countryside around Milton. I saw a blackcap singing from a tree by the river when I cycled to work one morning in late April and am hearing plenty of chiff-chaffs. I may have heard a few other migratory warblers, but I'm not expert enough to tell them apart. I'd seen possibly a couple of swallows near the A14 bridge over the river. Cycling to work on the very cold day following May Bank Holiday, there were masses of swallows flying very low over the river, feeding, all the way from Baits Bite lock to Chesterton. Whether they had arrived here as their final destination, or were feeding while on passage, is unknown, but hopefully the ones who regularly nest in the structure of the A14 bridge will be properly in residence soon. By the time you read this, the weather should be warmer and there will be swifts over Milton; several residents have nest boxes on their houses, so there is a good chance of hearing their characteristic screaming call in the village.

*Heather Coleman*



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## Milton Plant Swap and (Virtual) Gardening Club

### Plant Swap

Now that spring is springing, it is great to see so many contributions appearing on the Plant Swap Stall at 157 The Rowans.

Recently, we have had beef tomato plants, sweet williams, aloe vera, spider plants and avocado seeds, plus many unidentified donations.

Vegetable plants are especially popular right now, so if you have been unexpectedly successful in growing things like tomato plants, chilli peppers, courgettes or similar from seed, any spare seedlings are welcome!

The selection varies and things come and go really quickly, so please pop by if you are passing and donate or adopt a new plant. Indoor plants and anything which is not quite hardy yet will be looked after indoors. If you can label any donations that would be really helpful!

### (Virtual) Gardening Club

We also have a new Milton Gardening Club group on Facebook (search for Milton Gardening Club). This is a private group where anyone who is interested in gardening—from those who are just venturing outside for the first time to greenfingered gurus—can ask questions or share some gardening knowledge with others in the village.

No question is too basic or too silly, and it is a really encouraging and helpful group, where we can all learn some new things, or share hints and tips to make our garden spaces nicer and try and keep our plants alive together. Please do come and join us.

*Becky Munns & Jamie Smith*

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We have played one 'in-house' tournament this year after lockdown restrictions were relaxed. Photos show the winners—Rosie Eggo, the ladies' champ and Tom Hunt and Barrie Crick joint men's champs.

We would love to see new players joining us for social and/or match play.

*Sue Griffin, MTC Secretary*

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## Iron Man Fundraiser

One of Milton's younger residents, Jasper Ostler-Gee aged 12, recently completed an Iron Man challenge to raise money for the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge, in memory of his granddad, John Ostler.



*Jasper, aged 12*

Jasper completed the 112-mile bike ride, 26.22-mile marathon and a 2.4-mile swim in 19 hours 22 mins, over eleven weeks and was a top 15% fundraiser. Congratulations and well done Jasper—a great achievement!

## Open Air Theatre: Jungle Book Milton Country Park

Immersion Theatre are thrilled to bring their trademark energy to their wildest show yet, a brand-new musical adaptation of the Rudyard Kipling family favourite, THE JUNGLE BOOK!

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