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# Milton Village View

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*And much more!*

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## Bin Day Changes

Shortly after the last Village View went to press, South Cambs announced that the bin collections for South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City were joining forces, and as a result, the bin collection schedules would all change.

Since 27th February, Milton's bin collections have been on Fridays, rather than the previous Tuesdays. You can see the full schedule on their website:

[www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk)

Reminder: extra recycling can be left by the blue bin in a returnable container or cardboard box (or clear plastic sack). Extra garden waste can be taken to the Household Waste & Recycling Centre on Butt Lane.

The savings of the new scheme will be £700,000 over three years with 20,000 fewer miles travelled.



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## April

- Mon 3rd** Children's Outdoor **Theatre Workshops**, Country Park, 10am-3pm
- Tues 4th** **Local History Group**, Community Centre Lounge, 7.30pm
- 5th-13th** Easter **Family Creative Afternoons**, Denny Abbey, 12-4pm
- Sat 8th** New Wine **Women's Day**, All Saints' Milton, 10.30am
- Sun 9th** Palm Sunday **Evensong**, All Saints' Milton, 6.30pm
- 10th-14th** 'Own a Pony Week', College of West Anglia (p.5)
- Thurs 13th** **Maundy Thursday** Holy Communion, All Saints' Milton, 8pm
- Fri 14th** **Messy Easter**, All Saints', 10-11.45am (p.6)
- Good Friday **Walk with the Cross** from All Saints' Landbeach to Landbeach & Milton Baptist Church, 10.30am walk, 11am service and refreshments
- Hour at the Cross**, All Saints' Milton, 2pm
- Sat 15th** **Farmer Tom's Easter Special**, CWA Woodside Farm, 10am-1pm (p.5)
- Sun 16th** **Easter Services** at 8am, 10.30am, 6.30pm, All Saints' Milton
- Easter Service**, Landbeach & Milton Baptist Church, 10.30am
- Mon 17th** **Easter Monday Fun**, Denny Abbey, 10.30am-4.30pm



## May

- Mon 1st** **May Monday Craft Fair**, Denny Abbey, 13.30am-4pm
- Sat 13th** **Farmer Tom's Lambing Special**, CWA Woodside Farm, 10am-1pm (p.5)
- Thurs 25th** **Ascension Day** Holy Communion, All Saints' Milton, 8pm

## June

- Sun 11th** **Open Farm Sunday**, College of West Anglia, 10am-3pm (p.4)
- Sun 25th** **Parklife**, Country Park, 10am-5pm



Pub events: see pp.18-19.

Regular events: [www.milton.org.uk/directory.html](http://www.milton.org.uk/directory.html)

## Mega Makers

Mega Makers holiday club was four mornings of action-packed fun during the February half term. 54 children, 30 adults and 10 young leaders came together at All Saints' church to learn more about how Wide and Long and High and Deep is God's love.

The team was led by Boffin and Brainwave, two wild and wacky scientist/inventors, who led the children in messy games, jokes, songs and stories about Jesus. A big thank you goes out to all the team, children and parents for making the week such a wonderful success.



*Christian Osborne, All Saints' Children and Families Worker*

## Open Farm Sunday at CWA's Woodside Farm



Save the date!

Sunday 11th June, 10am-3pm

The College of West Anglia is getting involved in the national "Open Farm Sunday" event again! It is a great opportunity for people of all ages to come and explore the college's working farm at the north end of Milton.

Last year, around 2000 people came down to Woodside Farm to spend time in the sunshine watching some horse vaulting in the paddocks, enjoying a tractor ride around the fields and saying hello the lambs and llamas. This year, CWA is hoping even more people get involved!

Unlike most farms, the college also boasts an equine centre, small animal unit, Endeavour building, and veterinary nursing department, which are also open for the public to explore on the day. Bring along your little ones and get up close with our animals, from horses to lizards and everything in between.

Students and staff will be hosting a range of different **activities and demonstrations** throughout the day and there will also be a range of external **food and drink** stands attending, too. It's **free entry**; however, cash charges may apply for some activities.

Open Farm Sunday is a great day out for people of all ages and you're sure to learn a fact or two along the way – so come along and make a day of it!



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## Farmer Tom's Specials

Just thought I'd write a short message to let anyone who fancies a cheap and cheerful morning out, or anyone with small children, that we have some events coming up at Farmer Tom's in the following weeks and months.

We have an **Easter Special** on the 15th April, a **Lambing Event** on the 13th May, and then we have our **Open Farm Sunday** on the 11th June, which is a really popular day out for the whole family (see p.4 for more details).

For more information, please see [onlinestore.cwa.ac.uk](http://onlinestore.cwa.ac.uk) and search for "Farmer Tom's". All arts and crafts are specifically themed to the event on the day. It's a good way to keep the kids occupied!

Nicole Bean



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Eleven volunteers tackled village litter in February, collecting a total of 25 bags of rubbish. We were able to see and reach litter in ditches and under hedges that had previously been obscured, as the bushes still have few leaves and the grass was short. It was a lovely day, mild and dry, and it was nice to meet some potential new volunteers as we went.

If you enjoy a snack in the village, please take the wrapper home or dispose of it in a litter bin. The next litter pick will be at the end of May.

*Anna Bradnam*

Right: Robin Adams, a loyal volunteer, still in good spirits after a long afternoon's litter picking.



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## Environment Award for Community Orchard

At the South Cambs District Council Community Awards on the 9th March, Sarah Harris won the Environment Award for inspiring a team of local volunteers to renovate the orchard at Milton Country Park. This great project is only possible thanks to the work of many awesome volunteers and the support of Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust.



## Blue Badges Online

Did you know that you can now apply for your “blue badge” parking permit online?



The new online process for applying for “blue badges” was launched in October 2016, as part of the County Council’s “Digital First” approach, which aims to make access to services easier while cutting costs.

The new form only takes a few minutes to complete, and the badge should be within you in around two weeks, down from the previous six weeks.

To apply online, visit:

[www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/bluebadges](http://www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/bluebadges)

## Cambridge Gliding Centre Open Day

Sunday 9th April, 10am-4pm

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## Waterbeach Development — Survey

An outline planning application has now been submitted for up to 6,500 new homes and associated facilities situated on land to the north of the village Waterbeach.

### How do I comment?

The District Council has all the information you will need on a dedicated webpage:

[www.scambs.gov.uk/waterbeach](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/waterbeach)

The planning application reference number is S/0559/17/OL.

If you do not have internet access, you can also view the plans at South Cambridgeshire Council offices between 9am and 5pm on weekdays. There will also be a planning exhibition at St. John's Church Hall, Waterbeach on Weds 29th March from 3-8pm.

Any comments you make should be based on material planning considerations only and be received by **10 April**.

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## Police & Parking Problems

I am aware from the many emails South Cambs officers receive and from Neighbourhood Panel meetings that parking is a constant concern for many residents in villages across South Cambridgeshire.

Many of you may know that I cannot prioritise parking patrols over investigating and preventing crime and responding to calls for service. In light of this, it means that my officers might not do as much parking enforcement as many of you would like.

I have been giving some thought on how we can meet your expectations on parking enforcement and I have decided that we are going to try something new. I have therefore set up an online webpage where you can report concerns about parking. The information that you give us will go directly to me and will help us build a picture of the exact hot-spots for parking issues. I will then use this information on targeted 'crack-down' days. There is some good evidence that crack-downs work in other areas of policing so we are going to try it for parking. For obvious reasons I will not be publicising the dates of the crackdowns in advance, but updates will be sent to you by e-cops, Twitter and Facebook once we have completed a crackdown day

The webpage is now live and you can find it here:

[tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking](http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking)

I am not pretending that this will solve all parking problems, however, I do think that it strikes the right balance between dealing with parking concerns and the other important work that we do.

*Chief Inspector James Sutherland - Area Commander - South Cambs*



## No Bread for Ducks!

Spring is here, and many families will head to the Country Park and other waterways to feed the ducks and watch the ducklings growing.



Did you know?

- ✓ Ducks need a wide range of food to stay healthy
- ✓ Ducks love halved grapes, raw sweetcorn & peas
- ✓ Leftover lettuce is great for ducks—even limp leaves heading for the bin!
- ✓ Seeds are a nutritious food for ducks
- ✓ Oats & rice are a huge hit too—even leftover takeaway (just leave the crispy duck at home)
- ✗ Bread is fattening for ducks, and it lacks the nutrition they need
- ✗ Bread can cause ducks to develop a bone disease called “angel wing”
- ✗ Uneaten bread leads to algae growth which pollutes the waterways
- ✗ Rotting bread encourages rats

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Pedestrian access should be maintained throughout the closure.

## Free Fortnightly Tesco Bus

Did you know that you can get a free ride to Tesco every fortnight? The parish council runs a free "Dial-a-Ride" minibus (also known as the "trolley bus") every other Monday morning, taking people from their homes to Tesco for an hour's shopping.

This is not only a useful service for residents but is also a social event for many. If you are interested in this service, please contact Derek Wall on 01223 562498.



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## From the Archives

**25 Yrs Ago: Mar '92**

### Free school bus for Milton

The long running campaign for the right to a bus from Milton to Impington Village College ended on Valentine's Day, in success.

Jane Coston said "I just can't believe it. We've fought for this for such a long time.... It's just wonderful that no child will be forced to cycle along that road any more."

**10 Years Ago: April '07**

### Country Park Update

The campaign to save Milton Country Park continues. We have had a series of meetings with other organisations which might be interested in taking on running the Park or who can offer advice to us about how we might do so. [...]

It's your support that's let us do all of this—with you behind us we have a voice. So thank you for your support. [...] What is clear to us from our meetings is that the future of the Park remains very uncertain.

## Tesco Fundraising for Milton

Milton Tesco has been fundraising, and recently made very generous donation of £3,000 to Milton Parish Council. The projects that the money may go towards include: daffodil bulbs, pictures of the village on the new website, a replacement map of the village, community care warden or a footpath at the cycle bridge side of Tesco roundabout.



## Parish Councillors

Below is an updated list of your councillor contact details (for email addresses, please visit the website at [miltonvillage.org.uk](http://miltonvillage.org.uk) and click on 'Meet Your Parish Councillors'):

### Parish Councillors

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David Burch	862485
Rob Farrington	860160
Gary Heaney	690317
Adam Horne	861447*

Tom Leavens	441129
David Owen	861447*
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* - c/o Parish Office	

### Parish & District Councillors

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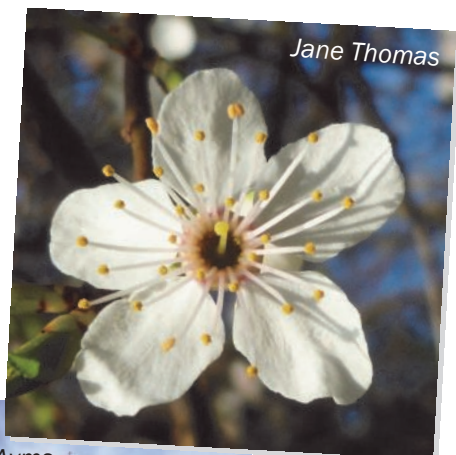
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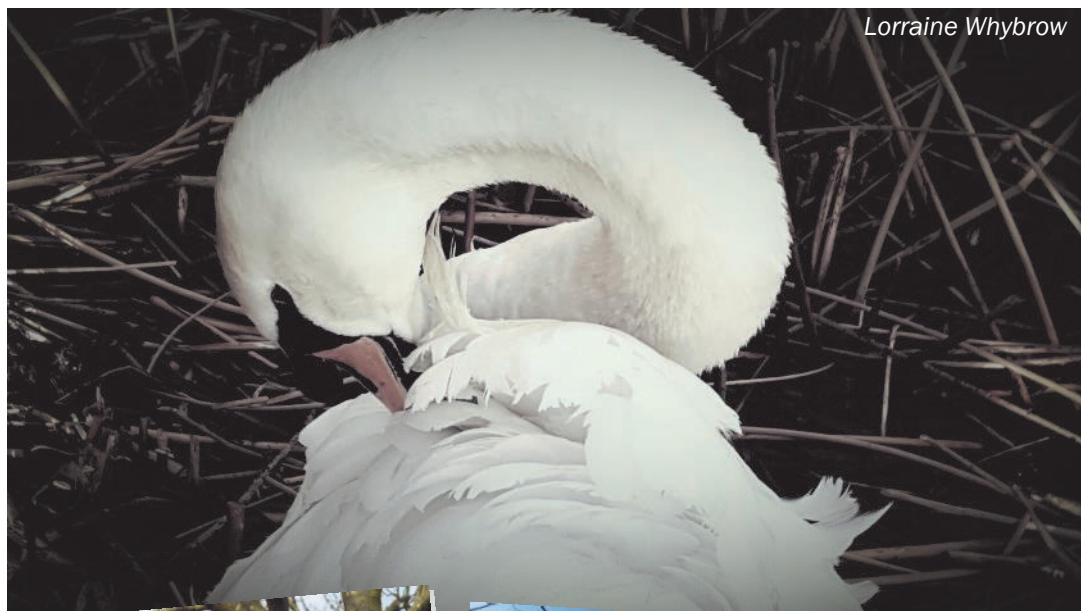
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Lorraine Whybrow



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Ana Bertolo



## Milton WI

In February, John Davenport gave us a fascinating insight into how magic has developed over the centuries. Our Annual Meeting was in March and we also listened to Sarah Harrison on "Verse or Worse". Other upcoming speakers include Jane Kennedy introducing British Sign Language, and Linda Ketteridge talking about the history of Audley End.

One of our activities over the last few months has been to knit twiddle muffs for local care homes for their dementia patients. Twiddling with interesting bits and bobs such as textured fabric, buttons, ribbons and squeakers can provide sensory stimulation and comfort.

Our two darts teams have got off to a splendid start as they try to get through to the finals again this season. Other activities including walking, lunches and games afternoons continue to be well supported. We also participate in our Federation's outings and activities which give us the opportunity to meet WI members from other institutes.

New members are welcome. Contact our President Gill Offley (01223 293231) or Secretary Bridget Crow (01223 441755) for further details, or just come along.

*Anne Newman*

## MILTON GOOD COMPANIONS

### Volunteers Urgently Needed!

Milton Good Companions Club for the elderly of Milton meet at Barnabas Court every Friday and urgently need more volunteers to help with the running of the Club. Also needed are volunteer drivers to pick up some of our members from their homes and fit persons to set up and take down tables and chairs before and after.

This is not a weekly commitment or necessarily a whole day commitment, but runs on a rota system. Anyone who is interested and can spare the time, please contact Margaret Nunn on 01223 860829 or [margaretnunn@btinternet.com](mailto:margaretnunn@btinternet.com) for further details.

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## Milton MU



Lent lunches continue until Easter. We meet every Tuesday at noon in the church hall. For the final session of 2017 on 11<sup>th</sup> April we welcome David Chamberlin, our rector, to speak about "Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life". At our first lunch Gareth Howles (left), a theological student at Ridley Hall, gave us lots to think about as he challenged us to reflect the light of Christ within our own lives.

Future meetings include a celebration of Mothers' Union within the local area. Mothers' Union members from across the deanery will be joining us for a service of Holy Communion on 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30 pm.

In many areas of the world, Mothers' Union members are active in supporting people in prison, and families whose lives are impacted by imprisonment. In developing countries Mothers' Union take in food and clothing and spend time with prisoners in prayer. When prisoners have their children in prison with them, Mothers' Union members do all they can to improve conditions for these children, providing blankets and fruit and vegetables to supplement the poor provision of the prison diet.

Within the UK & Ireland, Mothers' Union is active in 112 prisons, including 14 women's prisons and three mother and baby units. Members' support is given to prisoners and their families in a variety of ways, depending on need. Throughout, members seek to help families sustain and develop their relationships whilst separated by imprisonment.

On 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm we welcome Rita Evans, an MU member from Birmingham, who will be talking about work that she undertakes in prison. We also hope to catch up with projects that our own members are engaged in at a local prison. Everyone is invited to join us for what promises to be a most informative evening.

For further information about this and other MU activities in Milton please contact me: [jacques@gmail.com](mailto:jacques@gmail.com)

Jackie Metcalfe



Andrew Evans

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## Local Interest

### EACH Update

**EACH Help at Home:** We are delighted to have linked up with the Cambridge Independent, based in Winship Road, which is running an £87,500 appeal to help set up and secure EACH Help at Home for three years. The service trains volunteers so they can be matched to one of the families we support, carrying out tasks such as cleaning, cooking and gardening. Donations can be made at [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/EACHHelpAtHome](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/EACHHelpAtHome).



**Thank you Eliza!** A kind-hearted schoolgirl donated £64.39 after baking cakes and making Christmas decorations for neighbours. Eliza Low (9, left), a pupil at Histon & Impington Junior School, sold cakes and decorations she learnt how to make at Brownies. Eliza received a certificate and chocolates when she dropped off her money at EACH in Milton.

**Colour Dash:** Our Colour Dash is returning for a second year to King's Ely. The 5km fun run will see participants showered with clouds of coloured powder paint. It takes

place on 12<sup>th</sup> August. More details will be available at [www.each.org.uk/colour-dashes](http://www.each.org.uk/colour-dashes).

**Cambridge City kick around:** Siblings of children we deliver care to enjoyed a skills session with players and coaches from Cambridge City FC in February. The children were presented with a signed football, club shirt and goody bags (right). Cambridge City lent its backing to EACH at the start of this season and has so far raised almost £1000 through bucket collections, a quiz night and a Christmas fair. Another bucket collection will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the game against St Neots Town.



**Frankie & Benny's:** As a result of a link between Frankie & Benny's and Together for Short Lives, the umbrella organisation for children's hospices in the UK, our Milton hospice is receiving a year's worth of support from nine of the chain's family-friendly restaurants in Cambridgeshire.

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A while ago I put in an advert requesting donations of pampering items for my campaign at Addenbrookes ITU unit in memory of our daughter Sarah Jane. Many people from the village have contributed and I thought they would like to see this letter I received from Addenbrookes.

Dear Sylvia,

Thank you for your letter. All your help with the beauty cupboard is greatly appreciated by everyone on the unit and our patients continue to benefit from it. We would love to rename the beauty cupboard after Sarah Jane – it seems like a lovely idea seeing as though you put so much effort into keeping the beauty cupboard fully stocked.

Your continuous fundraising efforts are incredibly appreciated by everyone on the unit and those patients that benefit from the beauty cupboard. Raffleing some of the gift sets is a great idea and a TV would be very welcome.

We have also set up an easy fundraising page for the unit, which you can use when doing internet shopping so companies such as Tesco, Amazon and John Lewis automatically pay a small percentage into our charity fund when you do any shopping. I have included some leaflets in this letter with all the information on if you are interested.

Please pass on our thanks to everyone who has made donations towards the beauty cupboard. We are looking for a new trolley at the moment, so I will send you a photo when this happens. Please feel free to use this letter, however, if you would like a more generic one please let us know and we will be happy to provide you with one.

As always it would be lovely to see with anymore pampering goodies you collect.

Yours sincerely,



Sr Jane Olds  
Lead Nurse  
John Farman Intensive Care Unit  
Addenbrooke's Hospital

To all those who donate and have left items at our house, or we have collected from, we are extremely grateful with the fantastic response and so proud that the beauty cupboard will be named after Sarah Jane. We do collect all year round but if you do leave anything in our porch (22 Butt Lane), please leave a note so we can thank you for your kindness.

*Sylvia, Robbie and Katie Wright*

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Further to our Community heroes award we are delighted to report how some of the money has been spent in our community so far. Milton Ladies football team look fantastic in their newly purchased kit. The Milton Colts fundraising race night at the Community Centre (right) raised a whopping £750 in February and The Alzheimer's Big Quiz night that we hosted in March raised over £500. Do continue to join us at these events, as your support goes a long way. The next fundraising event is on 29<sup>th</sup> April- Alzheimer's fundraising **Bingo Quiz Night** from 8pm - all money raised goes to Team Drummonds London Marathon, raising funds for Alzheimer's Research UK.



Easter is nearly here and if you haven't booked your table – please do! We will be serving meals on Good Friday and Saturday noon-9.30pm, and noon-7pm on Easter Sunday & Monday. We will have some treats available to our younger guests on Easter Sunday.

Lion & Lamb 6<sup>th</sup> Annual **Beer & Cider Festival** takes place on 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May - with over 40 real ales and ciders available. Live bands on Saturday and more music on Sunday evening too! Hog Roast & BBQ over the weekend.

**Psychic Supper** on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Ladies Dinner Club:** Tues 25<sup>th</sup> April: "Gin tasting with supper"; Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May: "Real Ales & Local Cider tasting with dinner!" and Tues 27<sup>th</sup> June "Supper & Summer Cocktails"

**Father's Day Lunch** on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June: noon-7pm.

**Ladies Day at Newmarket** on Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July: Tickets for our fantastic day out to Newmarket Races are on sale! Full details of this and all events can be found at [www.lion-lamb.co.uk](http://www.lion-lamb.co.uk)

*We look forward to welcoming you.... Lawrence & Sally*

## White Horse

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Quiz night every Thursday from 9pm (free). ★ Karaoke every first Friday of month from 9pm

**Last Men Standing:** 21<sup>st</sup> April ★ **Beer festival:** 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July ★ **Split Whiskers:** 21<sup>st</sup> July

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Our games room continues to be popular with our bar billiards table, pool table and dartboard. There are two very good ladies darts teams and a bar billiards team.

Book your stall/pitches for our **Garden Party** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July from noon. Free stalls for charities - please contact us early not to miss out. Fun for all the village, free entry.

Look forward in seeing you all soon.

*Ava, Alan, Adam, Shaun, Gemma, Nikki, Tegan, Daro, Jamie, Lucy and Will*



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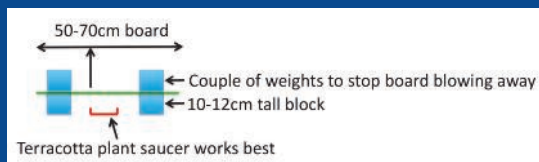
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## Wildlife Notes

The Guardian had a really valuable article on 2<sup>nd</sup> March about hedgehogs: it's worth going to the website and using the search tool to find it, as there was far more useful information than I can put here, with many interesting links. I saw my first hedgehog in Milton before the end of February, a couple of days after I'd started putting out food for them, spurred on by having seen bats out of hibernation along the river on my way home from work.

How can we help this endangered, harmless and popular mammal in Milton? *Firstly*, when out in the car after dark, any time from about mid-February to late November, please take care and slow down so you are in a position to be able to stop. *Secondly*, there are many areas of housing in Milton with gardens that abut onto others, possibly only with narrow roads or paths splitting them up. If hedgehogs can easily get in and out of these gardens, they have access to many more areas where food (worms, beetles, slugs, other invertebrates) can be hunted. A small gap at the very bottom of a fence, wall or gate, about the size of a CD case, will suffice. *Thirdly*, gardens that have areas that are a bit overgrown, or have a woodpile, or a very thickly grown patch are more valuable in terms of both food-finding and daytime bedding-down. It doesn't have to look terribly untidy – dense areas of shrubs that you maybe hide fallen leaves and other garden debris under, where you can't see it, will help. *Fourthly*, if you want to ensure you really are on their route, why not set up your own feeding station as shown in the diagram?



Dry cat biscuits (chicken not fish), sunflower hearts and dried mealworms all seem fairly popular. If you're really interested to see your nocturnal visitors, many garden centres now sell infra-red camera systems. Placed low on the ground, pointing at the bowl, you too can be lucky enough to see a spikey bottom possibly sitting in the food bowl!

Heather Coleman



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Jim Daniels



Right: Steve and Ian at their grandfather's grave (above)



Sgt. Butcher was aircrew in a Lancaster which was shot down whilst returning from a mission to Munich, on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1945. He was aged 35. He is buried in the Old Communal Cemetery of Villeneuve-Saint Georges near Paris. He was married with 6 children and a pregnant wife. He volunteered for service in the RAF even though he was exempt due to his occupation: Cambridge University at the Plant Breeding Institute at Huntingdon Road employed him as an agricultural worker. He enlisted in 1943 because of his younger brother's death. During the weeks before his death the crew had completed missions in Czechia, France and Belgium.

Alfred had 7 children: Hugh from Beck Row (passed on), John lives on the Isle of Wight, Frank (Pat) from Milton (passed on), Mick lives in Chesterton, Paul from Milton (passed on), Veronica lives in Ely and Lynne who lives in Pennsylvania USA. Pat had two sons, Steve and Ian. Their nan, Alfred's widow, was called Grace and died in 1985. Alfred's father was the Milton village blacksmith and the family home was Pembroke House opposite the Lion and Lamb.

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On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April we have the Nick Lock Cup tennis tournament postponed from last September because of the courts being painted. Registration from 10.30am, £3 per person. Start of play around 11am and usually finish around 1pm depending on numbers. Bring a drink and something to nibble. No partner needed, just turn up, though it would be helpful to contact Sue Griffin if you intend to play, so that we have an idea of numbers. Contact Sue for more info on [seg37@cam.ac.uk](mailto:seg37@cam.ac.uk).

*Sue Griffin, MTC Secretary*

## Milton Hall or Milton Hall?

[Following up on "Czechs at Milton Hall" in MVV Issue 126] Very confusingly there are two Milton Halls in Cambridgeshire. The one that saw active service as a training centre for irregular troops in WWII was Milton Hall near Castor, Peterborough (there was, I believe, a village called Milton in the distant past). In addition to Czech army units, the hall was used by the Jedburghs which was an 'organisation' that was complimentary to SOE, but with considerable American input.

*Andrew Macpherson*

## Milton Outdoor Bowls Club



Milton Outdoor Bowls Club welcomes new members for the 2017 season: April onwards. For more information contact Jim Daniels on 01223 502194, email [jimandjane@ntlworld.com](mailto:jimandjane@ntlworld.com) or visit [www.mobc.org.uk](http://www.mobc.org.uk)



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## CWA Student Qualifies for Pony Club Championships



A level 3 equine student from the College of West Anglia Cambridge Campus has qualified for the Pony Club Championships this summer. The Pony Club Dengie Winter League Dressage Area 8 Competition was held at CWA Cambridge in Milton on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Jessica Bowes and her horse, Winnetou Apache (pictured left), placed second in a large class of 25 competitors with a fantastic score of 71.8%. Miss Bowes, 16, competed alongside Victoria Oram, 17, also a Level 3 Equine student at CWA Cambridge. Both girls competed in the Pony Club Novice class on their own horses. Victoria Oram rode a lovely test, scoring a respectable 68% on her horse, Future's Pride. Jessica's score has qualified her for the Pony Club Championship, which takes place from 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> August at Cholmondeley Castle, in Cheshire. Jade Rouchy, Equine Director at CWA, said: "We're really proud of both girls who are excellent ambassadors for both the college and the Pony Club. Everyone at the College of West Anglia wishes Jessica the very best of luck in the Pony Club Championships."

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