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Milton Produce Show 2012: A Selection of Prizewinners



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Christmas Carolling in Milton 2012

The Milton Carollers from All Saints Milton Church invite everyone to come and sing and join in:

Thursday 6th Dec at the Lion and Lamb with mulled wine and mince pies.

Monday 17th Dec at Barnabas Court followed by visiting villagers who are housebound (if we have large numbers of singers and housebound, we might split into 2 groups).

Friday 21st Dec starting at Edmund House (refreshments provided); Waggon and Horses; The Jolly Brewers and The White Horse pubs

All dates start at 6.30pm meeting at the venue stated. Children welcome and they need to be supervised by an adult: which means more people to sing/listen and enjoy themselves. Please wear bright colours if possible to get into the Christmas spirit!

Angela Steele

Remembrance Day

Villagers remembered The Fallen at the War Memorial on Coles Road at eleven o'clock on Sunday 11th November. Veterans, representatives from the scouts, church, and the parish council were among those laying wreaths.



Photo: Don Wildman



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Another milestone reached in delivery of Northstowe new town

Gallagher's development of the first phase of Northstowe is a step closer after the joint committee of members of South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council resolved to grant outline planning permission, subject to the completion of a legal agreement.

Gallagher's proposal will deliver around 1,500 homes, a primary school, shops, community facilities, employment land and significant public open space including a water park. With a focus on sustainable development, the scheme is designed to create neighbourhoods with excellent pedestrian links, and Guided Busway routes to Cambridge and Huntingdon.

The resolution follows endorsement in July this year of a master plan for the entire town, which is being jointly promoted by Gallagher Estates and the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA). Northstowe will provide up to 10,000 new homes in total around a new town centre and aspires to be an exemplar development in terms of its design and environmental credentials.

Alan Joyner, Executive Director for Gallagher Estates said: "We are delighted that our planning application has been endorsed. We are committed to working with our partners and the local community and look forward to maintaining the momentum gained over the recent months to bring this first phase to fruition."

Terry Fuller, Executive Director at the HCA, said: "As well as being one of our top priorities, Northstowe has the full backing of national and local government. We're determined that this new town will serve the needs of existing and future residents in every respect, and have ensured that design quality is at the forefront of our proposals. Today's decision means we can look forward to a start on site in the second half of next year."

Laraine Southwood, Technical Director at Terence O'Rourke Ltd, the lead consultancy for the Phase 1 scheme, said: "The decision of the Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee represents a significant step forward for this nationally important project. Delivering a new community with high environmental credentials is an exciting challenge and one which I'm confident will be a great success."

Over the coming months the Joint Promoters and the Councils will be looking to conclude the legal agreement and to secure the outline planning permission for Phase 1. Further detailed design work will then be undertaken before construction starts.

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WHAT'S ON: November—January

November

- Sun 18th **Messy Praise**, All Saints Church, 3.30pm
 Sat 24th **Book Sale**, Church Hall, 10am-2pm
 Mon 26th **'Create for Christmas'** craft evening, Church Hall, 7.30pm (see below for details)

December

- Sun 2nd **Christingle**, All Saints Church, 3.30pm
 6th, 17th, 21st **Carol Singing** round the village (see p.1 for details)
 Sat 8th **Pre-Christmas Concert with Waterbeach Brass**, Community Centre, 7.30pm (see p.12 for details)
 Sat 15th **Messy Christmas**, All Saints Church, 3.30-5.30pm
 Sat 15th **Christmas Farmers' Market**, Impington, 9am-noon (see p.5 for details)
 Sun 16th **Carols by Candlelight**, followed by mulled wine and mince pies, All Saints Church, 7pm
 Tues 18th **Xmas whist drive**, Community Centre, 7.30-10.30pm (see p.12 for details)
 Mon 24th **Crib Service**: A special service for children and families, All Saints Church, 3pm
Christmas Eve Holy Communion, All Saints Church, 11.30pm
 Tue 25th **Christmas Day service**: worship for all ages, All Saints Church, 10.30-11.15am

January

- Sun 6th **Epiphany Carols** with the Wren Choir (<http://wren.soc.srcf.net>), All Saints Church, 3-4pm

See www.milton.org.uk/diary.html for more event details. See www.miltoncountrypark.org for more park events.



Blue Smile Nearly New Sale

Blue Smile would like to hold a "Nearly New" sale in February 2013. We would like to include in this sale good quality women's clothing, jewellery, ski wear, scarves, hats, handbags, belts, baby and children's clothing, men's overcoats, anoraks, dinner suits and dress shirts. All clothing should be clean and in near-perfect condition. No shoes or bric-a-brac please.

The sale will take place in Horningsea in February 2013 (address to be notified later). Tea, coffee and cakes will be available.

So please remember **Blue Smile** this autumn when sorting out your wardrobe. Please telephone Janet Lloyd, 01223 872223 for further information.

Blue Smile is a Cambridgeshire Charity that supports disadvantaged and vulnerable children through arts-based therapeutic support in schools. Research shows that this early specialist intervention really helps children avoid long term mental health problems. It can quite simply be life-changing.

Milton Summer Fayre Saturday 13th July 2013

Planning is already underway for next year's fayre and, as many people said they liked the bands playing all afternoon this year, we are thinking of changing the format slightly. Instead of having arena events next year, we are going to have an afternoon and evening of music instead.

We are looking for local groups, singers or entertainers that would like to showcase their talents in this popular annual event.

If anyone is interested please contact us at miltonfayre@yahoo.co.uk or phone Lynda on 01223 862093

Lynda Molloy

Create for Christmas

Monday 26th November, 7.30-9.45pm,
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Council chiefs welcome A14 cash

Plans to improve the A14 to help bring forward the Northstowe development have been welcomed by Council chiefs. Cambridgeshire County Council has led a campaign with local MPs and partner councils to urge the Government to bring forward improvements for the congestion blighted road. On October 8th, Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin announced that various schemes in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been successful in gaining Pinch Point funding.

The £22 million package included improvements to the A14 between junctions 31 (Girton) and 32 (Histon): this would see reductions in congestion by widening the A14 between the junctions and installing three sign gantries across the width of the carriageway. The widening between junctions 31 and 32 would complement the planned works at Girton under the £20m allocation being made available as part of the A14 "Challenge" work, identified as a priority for the Cambridgeshire area. The improvements support the gateways of Felixstowe and Harwich ports as well as Northstowe Phase One development, which will create over 500 jobs and 1480 new homes. It also provides early improvements until the major improvements to the A14, announced by the Transport Secretary on 18 July 2012, come forward from 2018.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor Ian Bates said: "The A14 was completely off the agenda until we led a charge with local MPs and partner councils to get much needed improvements on this congestion blighted road. I am delighted that the Government has not only listened to us but has been working with us to bring forward improvements. It will help bring forward the Northstowe development which is needed to help boost the local economy, create jobs and provide affordable homes."

Councillor Ray Manning, South Cambridgeshire District Council's Leader, said: "I am pleased the Government is continuing to listen to Cambridgeshire's campaign for much needed improvements to the A14: this funding will certainly boost our economy and help deliver some of the much needed homes at Northstowe. For the whole town to be built a major upgrade is still needed and we are committed to working with our partners to keep the pressure up on the Government for delivery as early as possible."

Mark Miller

Free workshops to help businesses start or grow

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is holding a series of free practical workshops to help business-owners become more successful. Each half-day workshop will tackle areas that local businesses have specifically asked for to help their business thrive: from finding and keeping customers to starting a new business and market research. The sessions are run by Exemplas - a leading business employment, skills and support solutions provider - on behalf of the Council, and are open to anyone based in the district thinking of starting, or already running, a business.

The Council is also backing local enterprises through its Business Support Fund. Set up three years ago, and recently boosted by £20,000, the fund offers eligible businesses up to £1,000 towards the cost of training and other business support to help them weather the economic downturn. The fund has already helped 70 local companies.

Cllr Nick Wright, SCDC's cabinet member for economic development, said: "It's great to see these workshops starting - offering local businesses a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and gain a competitive edge. We're committed to supporting existing, developing and new businesses and I'm pleased that we've been able to step up and meet the needs of local enterprises."

To book on to a workshop or to talk about the business support fund phone 0844 346 0755 or email southcambsbusinesssupport@exemplas.com

The workshops in the remainder of 2012 are listed below. Details of all the business workshops being held, including those in 2013, can be found by visiting www.cambridge-plus.com - a website set up by the Council to help support existing South Cambridgeshire businesses and promote the area to new firms.

Wed 21 Nov, 1.30pm-4.30pm: Finding and keeping customers, Foxton Village Hall

Wed 5 Dec, 1pm-4pm: Planning your business, Cambourne Business Park

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Impington Farmers Market

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Jan Lupton

High Street Being Dug Up

Anglian Water is planning to replace an existing sewer rising main from Milton Church Lane pumping station (whose access is actually in Ely Road at the north end of the high street) to the Cambridge Sewage Treatment Works. The work started on 29th October, and will be about sixteen weeks of work. There will be a break in the work between end of November and 7th January. During the work the high street will be subjected to lane closures and traffic lights. (N.B. these are the works which were originally planned to be starting on 10th September for completion before Christmas.)

Improvements to Service 9

Stagecoach have announced that from 4th November the service 9 is to be restored between Landbeach & Waterbeach and Ely for some services which previously terminated at Waterbeach. This should provide Milton with some extra services to Ely.

The services affected are (approximate times at village stops) the 09:30am and 12:30pm heading north. We're not sure the changes affect any southbound services.

Paul Oldham

Pastoral Reorganization

A new link has been made with the parishes of Waterbeach and Landbeach, as I have been made Priest-in-Charge of our neighbouring parishes. This means that I am now leading a larger team of colleagues, both ordained and lay. In practical terms, there will be little day-to-day change in the way the parishes operate, but over time there will be increasing co-operation and joint activities between the three parishes.

This is an exciting new development for the churches in our three villages, and I hope that it will help to build and enhance the life of the churches, and to deepen friendship and co-operation between the communities.

David Chamberlin

Engage at All Saints'

All Saints' Sunday afternoon/evening services have a new monthly pattern, with a mix of celebration, teaching, discussion and times of reflection as well as our regular monthly Messy Praise and termly Songs of Praise services:

1st Sunday, 6.30pm: **Ignite**, New Wine celebration, full band, talk & refreshments. Starting in February.

2nd Sunday, 6.30pm: **Engage**, café-style acoustic worship, talk/DVD/discussion in the church hall.

3rd Sunday, 3.30pm: **Messy Praise**, crafty, creative, messy church for young and old, followed by a meal.

4th Sunday, 6.30pm: **Evening Prayer** (or, termly, **Songs of Praise**).

4th Sunday, 8pm: **L8ter**, a quiet, reflective, multi-sensory service, sometimes Compline.

David Chamberlin



Congratulations to Steve Molloy & Nadine Raby on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter
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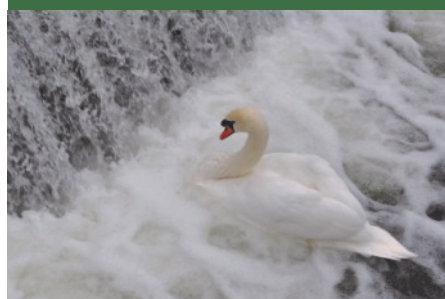
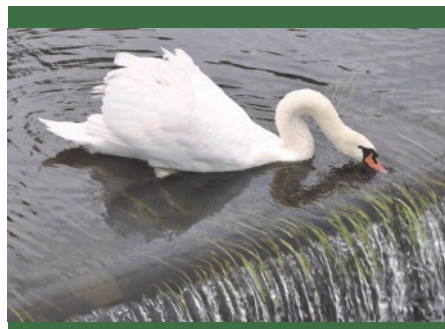
Air Cadets from 2524 (Oakington) Squadron Air Training Corps were recently invited to act as a Guard of Honour at the Histon Branch of the Royal British Legion. They were also there to receive a Certificate Of Appreciation Award for their Poppy Appeal fundraising efforts, which was presented by Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Hugh Duberly CBE.

Former Oakington Squadron Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Philip Starling RAFVR(T), was also recognized by personally receiving a special '5 Year' award for his continued support and fundraising endeavours.

Cadets from the Squadron have also been helping to raise even more funds for the Legion by selling poppies from the last week of October until Remembrance Sunday when they were parading at various services of Remembrance within the local community.

2524 (Oakington) Squadron meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information about joining as either a cadet or member of staff visit www.2524atc.co.uk, call 01954 781180 (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) or email 2524@aircadets.org.

Chris Goddard



Photos taken in Milton Country Park by Rebecca Ostler

New Headteacher's First Half Term Report



New Headteacher, Ms Reader

The Governors of Milton CE Primary School are delighted to welcome Anna Reader as Headteacher following the retirement of Miss Dorrington in the summer. Ms Reader brings experience from her previous schools and is looking forward to working with both the children and parents of Milton. Here is her account of the first half term:

It has been a very happy and productive first half term. Year 6 started the year with a residential trip to Grafham Water and threw themselves into a range of activities including rock climbing and sailing. Year 4 re-enacted the Battle of Bosworth on the school field to launch their new history topic, and our new reception children were truly confident after just a few weeks in school and re-told their version of *The Little Red Hen* with great gusto!

The children enjoyed the beautiful autumnal weather on the walk down to the church this month to participate in our Harvest festival and we have also been participating in several sporting events with partner primary schools. Our school council have been hard at work revamping the school brochure and planning our support for Children In Need day next month.

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Frankel backs college's Children In Need challenge

Wonder horse Frankel is being given a starring role to raise money for Children In Need.



A team of not-so-easy riders are planning to ride for 24 hours to bring in the funds. Frankel, a simulator used in promotions and lessons at the equestrian centre of the College of West Anglia, is being used along with a dressage simulator called Milton beginning at noon on 15th November.

Staff are riding the simulators in half-hour shifts, with the equine staff team aiming to make at least £1,440. Campus Director Alison Barber is setting an example by undertaking five rides, including the midnight slot.

If you would like to make a donation please send it to: Children In Need, Equestrian Team, Cambridge Campus, College of West Anglia, Landbeach Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6DB.

North Lodge Park - Works Begin

Bellway Homes have started demolition works at North Lodge Park, the new housing development on the former EDF site off Ely Road. This should finish in mid-December, and will be followed immediately afterwards by archaeology works.

During the demolition period they will be working closely with the local authority, planning and environment departments to ensure that there is as little inconvenience as possible. It will be difficult to avoid noise and disruption while demolition work is being carried out but they say they will endeavour to do all they can to keep it to a minimum.

Paul Oldham

Ed: See also Parish Chairman's report on p.10 for more details about North Lodge Park.



The Lion and Lamb did a fantastic job of hosting the Macmillan coffee morning on the 28th of September 2012. Sally and Lawrence were so generous donating all the teas and coffees and my friends in the village make an amazing array of cakes and biscuits. Karen Pinder organised and ran a fantastic tombola outside the pub. The coffee morning was really well attended: it seems like most of the village came along to support us. We had honesty boxes and the villagers did themselves proud donating very generously and, with all the drinks and gorgeous food being donated, all £604.66 collected went to the wonderful Macmillan charity.

I even managed to get us a plug on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, who were very interested in the fact that someone tried to sabotage the event by impersonating the organiser of the event and asking Tesco in the village to change the poster I had displayed to say it was cancelled - they made up an elaborate story that there had been a fire in the Lion and Lamb. A roving reporter came along to the coffee morning to interview some of us and sample some cakes - yes, she did make a donation. Thank you Milton, you really are a wonderful village to live in.

Karen Midgley

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Neighbourhood Panel

At the recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting in Impington, the following priorities were adopted:

1. Road safety across the neighbourhood, including: obstruction of cycle paths and supporting speed watch schemes
2. Tackle cycle crime and reduce fear of crime along the Guided Bus route between Orchard Park and Oakington
3. Respond to young people's concerns about drug use on Waterbeach recreation ground.

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We are now all looking at the water systems in our homes in a much more knowledgeable way after the very informative talk by Sarah the plumber. Sarah obtained a degree in Biology and after graduating she had various jobs, none of which she seemed to settle in. Then, having got married and having a family, she did an apprenticeship in plumbing. This was hard work with a family to cope with as well, but she qualified. Then she got employment as a plumber and enjoyed it very much. However, she realised that it would be much more rewarding to work for herself. Sarah is not only a very informative speaker (passing round all sorts of plumbing bits and pieces for us to examine) but she also has a great sense of humour.

The committee were able to sit back and take it easy at the September meeting. Non-committee members organised and ran the meeting with Marie Fella as the acting President. Marie did a very good impersonation of Pam Ayres and had everyone in fits of laughter. Angie Stewart, from Cambridge Women's Aid, was the speaker. This charity started in 1977 to set up a Refuge for women who suffer physical and mental abuse. There are now three refuges (not all in Cambridge). Some of these women suffer abuse and are too frightened to seek help. This charity is partly funded by the Council but does have to raise extra funds to survive.

There will be a 'Christmas Floral Arrangements Demonstration' at our November meeting, followed by lively Christmas celebrations and Belly Dancing at our December meeting.

This is a very varied programme with thanks to Judy Milner and her team. Events organised by the County Federation include various outings, craft day schools and lunches with speakers.

In November we will have two teams of four members in each team going to a quiz night at Cottenham. This is always a very enjoyable evening, with everyone taking lots of refreshments of all kind hoping to stimulate the 'little grey cells'.

Any ladies who would like to know more about us please come along to any of our meetings as a visitor. You can also visit our website, thewimilton.blogspot.com

We meet at the Church Hall on the third Tuesday in the month at 7.30p.m. (except the months of July and December when it is the second Tuesday). All Members and visitors are made very welcome. Please contact our President Gill Offley on 01223 293231 or our Secretary Bridget Crow on 01223 441755.

Jan Chessum

Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church

Sunday Services

10.30am Family Service
6pm Evening Worship

Midweek Home groups

- Tues 7.30pm, Landbeach
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All are welcome to our small but friendly fellowship. Further details from Maureen Clark, tel 01954 250118

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Help bring better broadband to all

Have you registered for the Connecting Cambridgeshire campaign to bring better broadband access for everyone across the county? Time is running out and we need as many people as possible to register before December 2012, when a supplier will be selected and planning for the big broadband rollout begins.

It only takes a minute to go online at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk or fill in a Freepost reply form in the leaflet at your local library or council offices. All we need is your postcode, a landline phone number and whether you are a home or business user – we will only use this information for the campaign.

The more registrations we get, the more likely we are to get the investment needed to install better broadband connections for all (2Mbps minimum) with superfast speeds (25Mbps minimum) for at least 90% of premises by 2015.

Latest figures show that over 18,000 homes and businesses across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have already registered, making our campaign one of the fastest growing in the country.

Support is being generated through the fantastic efforts of over 80 Broadband Champions, who are busy promoting the campaign through leaflets, posters, events, and community websites. Many parish councils and local councillors are also backing the campaign because good broadband connections are vital for our businesses and communities to thrive, particularly in rural areas.

To find out more, email contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk or call 0345 045 5200.

Need practical help after a crisis, illness or hospital stay?

Care Network's Help at Home service can help!

Help at Home is a free service that offers practical help in the home if you have just come out of hospital or are experiencing an illness or crisis at home. We can help by: collecting your prescription; getting your shopping; arranging services such as meal delivery or calling in to see you are OK. The service is short term (up to three weeks) and provided by volunteers.

We also offer help with one-off tasks to help you remain independent at home, such as: changing a light bulb, taking curtains down for a wash or emptying the contents of high cupboards.

All our volunteers are trained, police checked and carry an identification badge.

How much does it cost?

The service is free for three weeks, after your illness or hospital stay. It is also free if you are referred for help by a health or social care professional. For one-off tasks which help you remain independent at home, we ask you to consider donating to our service (we are a charity no. 1120693).

How can I contact the service?

The service is open to all adults (over 18) in Cambridgeshire and anyone can ask for help. All you need to do is telephone your local Help at Home office: in South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City, this is 01223 714433. Alternatively visit www.care-network.org.uk and click on Help at Home for more information.

Consider volunteering – it's good for you!

We are looking for volunteers in your area. Volunteering for Care Network's Help at Home is rewarding, and can fit around your other commitments – you just tell us your availability. Each case is up to 3 weeks and the volunteers usually visit between 3-7 times. We offer training and support and pay any out-of-pocket expenses. Do contact us on 01223 714433 if you would like more information on what's involved.

Care Network is a Cambridgeshire wide charity which helps older, isolated and vulnerable people living in Cambridgeshire to stay independent and maintain social contact with friends and the community.

We do this in 2 ways:

- By our direct services – Information@GPs and Help at Home (Incorporating Welcome Home from Hospital) offering free short term practical help to people at home.
- By providing support for local groups and volunteers to design and set up new schemes. We will try to help with anything! Some examples are: lunch clubs, social car schemes, village help schemes, mobile wardens, and social groups. We have 98 of them in our county-wide network to date.

For further information contact our head office on 01954 211919

Clare Marsh

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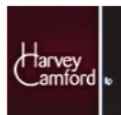
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From the Desk of the Parish Council Chairman: Nov/Dec 2012

I would like to welcome Gail Wynne-Jones, who was co-opted onto the parish council at the November meeting. Gail, who is retired, has lived in Milton for eight years and is interested in the planning and management of the open spaces in the village.

Demolition has started on the former EDF site off Ely Road to make way for the general housing development — 'North Lodge Park' — by Bellway Homes Ltd. In past reports, I have explained how the parish had the option to accept either two football pitches with changing rooms and pavilion or a lump sum payment of £200,000 for recreation use in the village. At its November meeting, the parish council voted to take the pitches/pavilion option; the council felt that this was the best option for the village. Contractually, Bellway must provide two fully prepared pitches as well as a two-changing-room pavilion and car park before completion of the 65th dwelling on the new development.

There is a one-acre field by the allotments available for horse grazing. Anyone interested in renting it should contact the parish clerk (tel 861447; email clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk). Also notify the parish clerk if you see anyone spreading graffiti in the village: quite a lot of graffiti is appearing at the moment. It may be possible to review CCTV to identify the perpetrators.

The District and County Councils have made a few improvements I'd like to make sure you know about. If you are a South Cambs resident you can now arrange to pay your Council Tax directly from your monthly salary: call Debbie Lewis on 01954 713118. If you are a SCDC tenant you can pay your rent directly from your salary: call Brenda Robinson on 01954 713128. And if you are interested in your family history, Cambs County Council has now uploaded over two million records onto the internet. You can access them for free at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/community/bmd/certificate.

The District Council has arranged for council homes to surveyed for asbestos. The survey work was contracted out to Savills, who were due to contact residents in July to arrange individual visits, to be completed by 12 October. However it appears that Savills' initial letters to tenants did not reach all recipients, though a strongly worded 'final warning' letter from the District Council did arrive. If you have concerns, please contact Health & Environmental Services (tel 03450 450063; email env.health@scambs.gov.uk).

Finally, Cambs County Council is proposing a new railway station in the north of Cambridge. The station will be built in the area of Chesterton sidings, close to the Science Park, the Business Park and St John's Innovation Centre. The County Council want to know if you support the building of the new railway station and how you might use it. You can complete an questionnaire and find out more information and future updates at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/scienceparkstation.

*Richard Summerfield,
Chairman Milton Parish Council*

Library Service adds Audio Book Downloads

The County Council library service has added an audiobook download service to its existing online e-book lending service. Provided by One Click Digital, the key features of the service are:

- It's free and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Hundreds of bestselling audiobooks to choose from with no waiting lists
- Compatible with iPod, MP3 players, tablets and personal computers
- Simple 'One Click' download process

All you need is a PC with broadband internet access and your library card number and PIN. For more details of both services visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/online.htm

Paul Oldham

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

Parish Councillors

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Milton Surgery Winter Health Quiz

1. Blood makes up around

- (a) 7% of body weight
- (b) 25% of body weight
- (c) 55% of body weight

2. Emphysema is a disease of which organ of the body?

- (a) heart (b) lungs (c) liver

3. What are the first signs of a stroke?

- (a) Falling asleep and loud snoring
- (b) One side of the face drooping, slurred speech and unable to raise both arms
- (c) Twitching and irritable

4. What is not included as part of your 5 a day?

- (a) potatoes
- (b) frozen peas
- (c) carrots

5. Which statement is true?

- (a) Having the flu vaccination is the best way to avoid getting the flu
- (b) Flu vaccination causes flu
- (c) Flu vaccination will stop you getting coughs and colds

6. What temperature would you consider an under 5 child to have a fever?

- (a) 37.5°C (b) 28.5°C
- (c) 52.0°C

7. Where is the best place to measure the temperature of an under 5 child?

- (a) under the tongue or on the forehead
- (b) under the arm or in the ear
- (c) under the foot

8. What are the

recommended healthy limits for alcohol for women per week (one unit is a half a pint or 125ml glass of wine)?

- (a) no more than 14 units
- (b) no more than 20 units
- (c) no more than 5 units

9. What does not help a cold?

- (a) vapour rubs
- (b) steam inhalations
- (c) antibiotics

10. About how many people in the UK die each year due to smoking?

- (a) 100,000 (b) 20,000
- (c) 55,000

Name:

Contact Details

(address, telephone or email):

Comments on the quiz:

Milton Patient Participation Group (PPG) have prepared a small quiz which has multiple choice answers, test your knowledge and see how many you can get right (you don't have to be a patient to answer and there is no age limit, but members of the PPG, employees at the practice and their families are not eligible to enter). Please circle your answers, fill in your contact details and return the page to Milton Surgery by 8th December.

We will draw the winner out of the correct answers: there is a small prize for the winner, who will be notified by letter, email or telephone. The correct answers will be announced in the next issue of Village View, on the village notice boards and at Milton surgery. Any disputes will be decided by the unanimous verdict of the PPG committee.

Wildlife Notes

Hopefully the mild autumn has allowed the housemartins which still were feeding young in their nests in mid-September to fledge and train their young for the long journey south. They clearly thought it worth trying a second, or possibly third, brood that late in the summer: were they spurred on by that lovely week we had at the beginning of September? That nest was in the City Centre tucked into one of the Tudor Roses in the Porters' Lodge at King's College. It's a very good place to watch the parents feed their young as the nest isn't very high off the ground. Hopefully everyone who is lucky enough to have a nest near them in Milton spotted these lovely birds.

Now we are much more autumnal, seeing the pied wagtails going in to roost at the Clinical School at Addenbrooke's reminds me to visit Milton Tesco at dusk: the pied wagtails who frequent the car park all day pile into the bushes near the petrol station as it gets dark. It's definitely worth timing your shopping trip and stopping to watch.

If you own a pair of binoculars, remember to take them along if you go for a walk in the Country Park. Over the summer, the aquatic birds seem mostly to be mallards, coots, moorhens, swans, greylag geese and cormorants with one or two great crested grebes. If we get a repeat of what came to overwinter there last year, look out for shovellers, teals, wigeons, pochards, tufted ducks, gadwalls and even little grebes, mostly on Dickerson's Pit. It's worth keeping your eye out for siskins too, especially near the War Memorial.

Heather Coleman

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French nobody knows,
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and stay,
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run away.

If we say to him "Be good and stay down",
He will give a big grin just like a clown,
Then double his legs and try to jump up.
We don't really know what to do with the pup.
But Louis is such an adorable dog,
So woolly and warm and cosy to hug,
And if we come home, having been out,
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We are able to call him a really good boy.

*Derek Kemp, March 2012
Member of Milton Poetry Group*

Community Centre News

We have one new group that has recently started - Sticky Kids/Messy Play, which takes place between 10am and 11am in the main hall on Wednesdays and is for children aged between 18 months and 4 years. For further details, please contact Rachel Bell, 07704 224898.

Details of all our regular groups and classes can be found at www.miltonvillage.org.uk and for further information about hiring the facilities, including the Annexe, Youth Building and the Courts, ring Andy on 862763 or email mcc@miltonvillage.org.uk.

*Andy Gray
Community Centre Manager*

Milton Outdoor Bowls Club



An invitation to a
Pre-Christmas Concert with Waterbeach Brass
at Milton Community Centre
Saturday 8th December 2012, 7pm for 7.30pm
Tickets £8 for adults, £5 for U16s
Available at Community Centre office or contact Bob Waters
on 860620
Light refreshments included
Programmes £1 with a lucky number draw

Whist Drive

The Xmas whist drive will be the third Tuesday of December. Prizes will all be Xmas fare and everybody should get a prize, perhaps even three or four!

Refreshments at half time, always a very pleasant evening.

Mary Daniels

Scrabble

November Scrabble is our charity evening; the money goes to the winner's choice. Also, we announce the year's winner. There is no meeting in December.

This evening has been going since January 1989 and it is doubtful how much longer it can continue unless someone else would like to carry it on. In that time, 23 charities have benefitted from our Scrabble evenings, not hundreds of pounds but, as they say, every little helps.

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