



15 Years of Milton News by Email

Did you know that you can get the latest news and events in Milton automatically emailed to you twice a week?

For those who haven't heard of it, Milton News is an email list to which anyone can subscribe.

The first Milton News mailing went out to subscribers on 9th December 1998, so the list is now celebrating its 15th birthday!

Topics covered over the years have ranged from village pantos and fireworks events to Parish Council meetings, details of all planning applications in the village, and

early warning of major roadworks.

Originally a standalone email list, Milton News was joined in 1999 by Milton Chat, for villagers to discuss anything and everything relating to Milton. Amongst other things, through Milton Chat, lost pets, toys and post have been reunited with their owners, people have compared notes about the replacement street lights, and found recommendations for local tradesmen.

In 2009, Milton News and Milton Chat became part of the new village website (www.milton.org.uk), and Milton News also became available via Twitter

([@MiltonNews](https://twitter.com/MiltonNews)). Now any new postings to the village website news pages (news.milton.org.uk) are delivered to Milton News subscribers early on Monday and Friday mornings.

You can subscribe to Milton News and/or Milton Chat via:

www.milton.org.uk/register.html

We hope you find the site useful. If you do, tell your neighbours about it and make sure you send us your news (news@milton.org.uk). If you don't, please let us know what we can do to improve it.

Paul Oldham/Mary-Ann Johnson

Online Resources for Milton

If you've ever wondered "Is there a website where I could ... ?", here's a list of useful websites relating to Milton:

Milton Itself

- www.milton.org.uk Village website for Milton, including:
 - Milton News & Milton Chat email lists
 - Directory of clubs and societies
 - Local history information
- "Milton Buy & Sell (Cambridge, UK)" Facebook page — free small ads to buy and sell things in Milton
- www.miltonvillage.org.uk Milton Parish Council

Local Government Contacts

- www.fixmystreet.com Fix My Street — report problems to the local council by simply locating them on a map
- www.scambs.gov.uk South Cambs District Council
- www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk Cambridgeshire County Council

Linking up with Your Neighbours

- www.gumtree.com/cambridge Cambridge Gumtree — free small ads to buy and sell things in Cambridge
- groups.yahoo.com/group/cambridgefreecycle Cambridge Freecycle — reduce landfill: see if someone else can use your old stuff!

New Village View Website

The Milton Village View website has recently been re-launched in a simpler format, focussing on our contact details and the archive of back copies available in PDF format.

The website is now also part of the village website, but you can still get to it at the same address as before:

www.mvv.org.uk

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And much more!

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12th March

12th May

1st September

1st November

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In Memory of our Beautiful Daughter Sarah Jane (Black)

As most people know our daughter Sarah Jane (aged 25) very sadly passed away in May this year after nearly three years in Addenbrookes hospital in Cambridge. We all as a family agree that she was looked after and had the best care anyone could have wished for by every single person who was involved.. We are all very grateful to the surgical Ward where Sarah was for a vast amount of time and to the John Farnam Intensive Care Unit where Sarah remained for over three months until she sadly passed away.

Sarah was a very beautiful young lady with a very kind caring and cheerful personality and at lots of times putting others first. She also had immense courage and determination and we will always be immensely proud of her. Sarah touched many people's hearts and will remain in them for a very very long time



Katie, Sarah's sister, wanted to do something in memory of her sister and decided to do (very secretly!!) some fundraising and ask kindly for donations. After a short period of time and with lots of hard work and lots of support from her friends she managed to raise enough money for a stunning bench to be placed in Milton Country Park. It is in a beautiful spot and now we as a family and her friends have somewhere to sit and be with and think of Sarah. She would have been immensely proud of her sister. We had a bench/balloon launch in the Country Park on October 13th and many of Sarah's friends and family were there to pay tribute to Sarah and acknowledge Katie's beautiful gesture.



Myself (Sylvia), Robbie, Katie and her grandparents Robin and Margot Rose would like to thank everyone who have supported us as a family with their kind thoughts, words, letters, flowers and cards, and for those who prayed for Sarah in the Milton Village Church. We all gained much comfort knowing that so many people were thinking of us thank you to everyone.

Sylvia Wright

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DIARY DATES : Sept — Nov

See p.9 for more events at the pubs.

November

- Sat 23rd** Rich Clifford and the Silhouettes (*Cliff Richard tribute band*) at All Saints Church, 7.30pm
Mon 25th Create for Christmas, Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm, £4.
Fri 29th Milton Good Companions **Coffee Morning / Bring & Buy Sale / Raffle**, Barnabas Court, 11-12am.
Sat 30th MOBC Christmas Quiz Night, Community Centre, 6.30 for 7pm. Contact robert.waters1@ntlworld.com to enter.



December

- Sun 1st** Christingle (*a service of light for all the family*), All Saints Church, 3.30pm
Mon 2nd Carol Singing, Barnabas Court & housebound, 7pm (See p.5 for details)
Tues 3rd MU Advent Meditation, All Saints Church, 7.30pm
Fri 6th Carols Round the Tree, Lion & Lamb car park, 6.30pm (See p.5 for details)
Sat 7th Netball Club Quiz Night and Raffle, Community Centre, 7.30pm, in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice (See p.12 for details)
Sun 15th Carols by Candlelight, followed by seasonal refreshments, All Saints Church, 6.30pm.
Sun 15th Country Sunday Afternoons, White Horse, 3pm, Country & Western, Bluegrass and Americana music, free entry.
Sun 15th EACH Santa Run, Grafton Centre, 10am. (See below for details)
Fri 20th Carol Singing, Edmund House, followed by pubs, 7pm (See p.5 for details)
Sat 21st Messy Christmas (*Crafts, Tech Zone, Bible story, songs & food for children & families*), All Saints Church, 3.30pm
Tues 24th Crib Service (*family nativity service*), All Saints Church, 3pm
Tues 24th Midnight Holy Communion, All Saints Church, 11.30pm
Wed 25th Christmas Day Services, All Saints Church, 8.00 & 10.30am



January

- Sun 5th** Epiphany Carols with the Wren Choir, All Saints Church, 3pm (wren.soc.srccf.net)

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

Cambridge Santa Run

Last year, 450 Santas took to the streets of Cambridge, raising over £15,000 for East Anglia's Children's Hospices. Let's make this year's Santa Run, on Sunday 15th December, even bigger and better! Ho! Ho! Ho!

The Santa Run will begin at 10am, starting and finishing at The Grafton.

- Adult entry with a Santa suit: £10
- Adult entry without a Santa suit: £8
- Children aged 13yrs and under: £5 including Santa hat

Two routes available, 1.5km or 2.5km (approx.) Suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Sponsorship encouraged.

Go to www.each.org.uk/events to enter online, or call the Cambs fundraising team for more info on 01223 205180.

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Milton for the Senior Generation

At a Milton Patient Participation Group meeting, we asked what our community had to provide in terms of life and variety for the senior generation in our community. When we retire, when the family moves away or we lose our loved partner, the world can appear a much more lonely place if we don't tap into the other people, communities and activities around us.

To find out more, I had a conversation with Sue Nunn. I learnt a bit more about the activities and events that are currently going on in Milton and those that we would like to have in the future, for which volunteers would be welcome.

The Church Lunch Club

Every Thursday in term time, there is a lunch club for those living alone in the church hall at All Saints Church in Milton. It's a great chance to get to chat over a meal and have a change of scenery.

The Good Companions

Friday is the social day for those living alone, meeting at Barnabas Court. The day starts mid-morning through to the afternoon, including coffee, lunch and a cup of tea.

Men's and Women's Breakfasts

If you are an early riser, the following may appeal: every term there are two breakfasts, one for men and one for women.

Other Interesting Groups

A number of groups meet of an evening in the church hall:

- First Tuesday of the month: The Mothers Union is open to men and women of any age. Meeting at 7.30pm, they often have speakers on a range of topics.
- Second Tuesday: The Stitchers Group is a small group of people interested in – stitching! They meet from 7.30 to 10 pm.
- Second Friday of the month: The Scrabble Club at 7.30pm. If you enjoy a game of Scrabble, they would be glad to welcome you.
- Third Tuesday of the month: The Women's Institute also has an active group in Milton, at 7.30pm.
- Third Friday: The Milton Ladies meet at 8pm. They also have visiting speakers on a range of topics.

Hats off to the ladies in Milton, who seem to have arranged a variety of activities!

Doing More

However in our conversation, Sue and I felt that this was still not enough.

For example, we used to have a vibrant Enterprise Club and the Over 60s. Here people could meet to play cards, Scrabble and pool. It would be great to revive this again within the village. We simply need someone to volunteer to take it on and get it started going.

And wouldn't it be great, if we actually had somewhere where we could have afternoon tea and cakes? This too would be a great socialising opportunity, whatever the age group. We do have a potential venue – we just need volunteers to make it happen.

What Next?

We would like you to take away two things from this article:

1. Get in touch if you would like to join one of these activities.
2. Get in touch if you would like to volunteer to take part in an existing group or even to set up a new one such as the Enterprise Club.

To find out more, give Sue Nunn a call on: c. 861747 or e-mail Chris at chris@miltoncontact.com

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A Rubbish Afternoon

Having found gloves to fit everyone and a litter-picking stick apiece, we set off in bright sunshine and teasing winds. Some went north to clear the wooded bank/bund between the village and the A10 all the way from the Sycamores Recreation Ground to Humphries Way. Others went south down Cambridge Road, clearing the area around Tesco, underneath the Jane Coston Bridge and along the A14 slip road. With so many helpers we made excellent progress. Altogether we got some fresh air and exercise, got to know a few of our neighbours and collected about 25 bags of rubbish.



We even managed to return some garden tools we found to their rightful owner; the tools had been stolen from a garage the previous week. It's appalling that anyone drops litter in the first place - so thank you to everyone who helped to make Milton tidy. The next litter pick will be in the spring half-term. Look out for details on posters and on Milton Chat and Milton News.

Anna Bradnam

No More Early Mornings

Hi everyone, Val here from Milton Post Office. Just to let you all know I am leaving the Post Office on December 31st. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to each and every one of you for letting me share in your good times and at times sad — it's been a privilege.

There are too many of you to thank individually, but I would like to thank Smita for sending in some of her many Indian delights for me to try — they were delicious — also to Anil for employing me over the years. The thing I am looking forward to most of all is having a lie-in and not seeing anymore 5ams. I'm sure I will see you about the village or in Tesco. THANK YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN. I would like to wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HEALTHY 2014.

Val Nicholls

After 7 years with us at Milton Post Office, we sadly say goodbye to Val, who has decided to retire in December. Val's excellent customer service and model work ethic will be greatly missed.

It will no doubt be extremely difficult to find someone to replace her who is as friendly, reliable and trustworthy. Val has on a number occasions gone out of her way and treated the business as her own, for which we are incredibly thankful.

We wish Val a very happy and blissful retirement.

Anil & Smita Lakhani

Carol Singing

It is that time of year again! Everyone is welcome to sing traditional carols and have fun by joining the Milton Carollers (a friendly, informal bunch of revellers) on this year's outings. You do not have to be able to read music. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Instruments welcome!

If you know of any housebound people who would like us to sing to them outside their home on the 2nd December, then please contact Angela on ajs@tjfs.com.

- Monday 2nd Dec: Barnabas Court, 7pm start, followed by singing to housebound residents of Milton
- Friday 6th Dec: Lion and Lamb pub starting at **6.30pm**.
- Friday 20th Dec: Edmund House (Cambridge Road), 7pm start and then visiting the Jolly Brewers, Waggon and Horses and the White Horse.

Angela Steele

New Library Times

The county council mobile library service has been reduced so that, with effect from this month, the visit to The Rowans on the first Friday of the month is now 10:50 to 11:15. It was previous 10:50 to 11:50. So the revised times are:

1st Friday	Post Office, Coles Road	09:45-10:45
1st Friday	The Rowans	10:50-11:15
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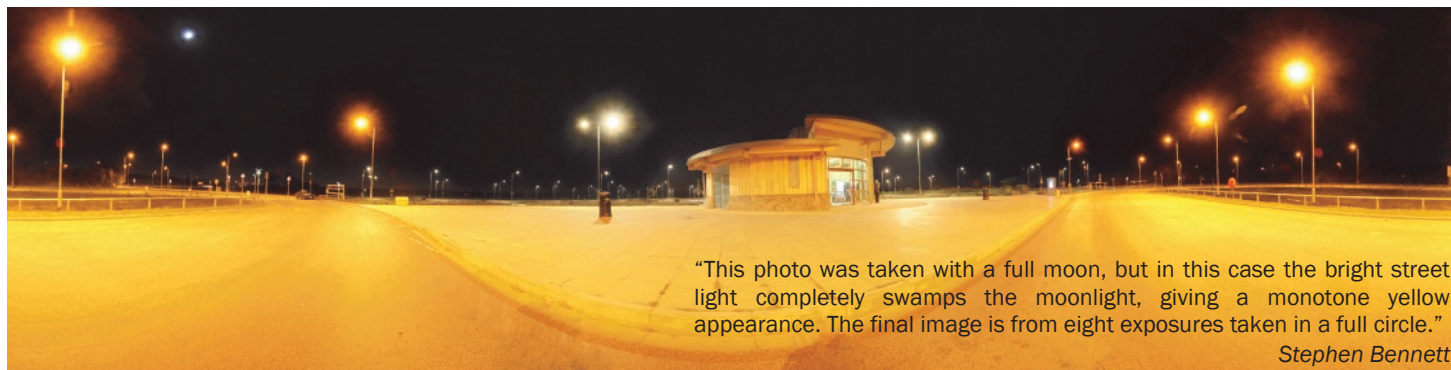
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Milton Produce Show

For this year's Milton Produce Show, there were 228 entries from 36 people. The Cook Cup winner (overall prize) was Christine Bailey. The provisional date for next year's show is September 7th: details will be posted on www.milton.org.uk/produceshow

In the photography section, Stephen Bennett won the 'night time' category (above), and the photography cup. Geoff Harries won 'up in the air' with his osprey photo (right), Paul Oldham won the 'yellow' category and Ray Morrissey won the 'Milton Country Park: Summer' category.

Ellie Crane



Snow Photos this Winter?

Here is a reminder of the snow that we had last winter: a family of snow-people playing in the White Horse beer garden.



If we do have snow again this winter, can you do better? Please send in your best snow photos for inclusion in a future *Milton Village View*.

Milton Hall Transformation



Work to convert Milton Hall into serviced offices has now been completed, transforming the iconic Grade II listed manor house into a unique office environment. The project has ensured that the manor house has been sympathetically restored, enhancing the original features of the house, which dates back to the 1700s.

Milton Hall Estates would be happy for any interested residents to view the new look manor house. For further information please contact Sandra Germeney at sandra.germeney@miltonhallcambridge.com.

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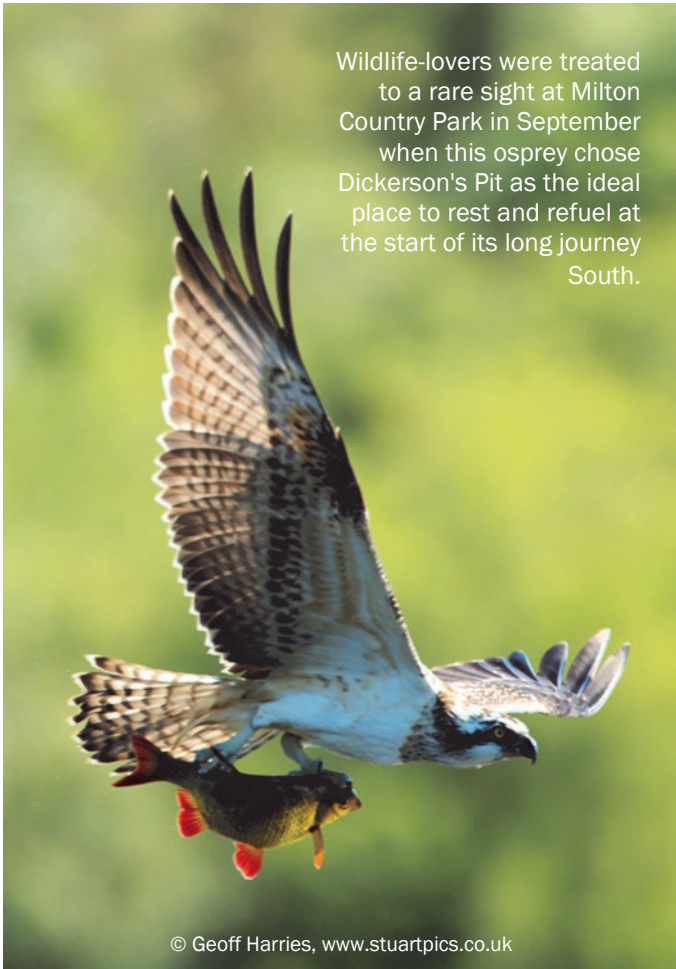
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Macmillan Coffee Morning



On October 18th a coffee morning was hosted by the Lion and Lamb. It was a great morning that was well supported by local businesses and residents. There was lots of wonderful home baking made by our generous friends. There was a tombola and a fantastic raffle with great prizes donated by local businesses. We raised just over £660 for Alzheimer's Research UK. Thank you to the Lion and Lamb Pub and their suppliers, Ego Beauty For You, Helen Parson's Nails, Harmony Hair and Beauty Salon, The Milton Flower Shop, The Crown and Punchbowl at Horningsea, Jill Bridger School of Dance, Ditsy Stitch, Alexander Lawrence Hair Studio, The Black Bull Inn at Balsham and Seals Swimming for the fantastic raffle prizes.

Karen Midgley

From the Archives

10 Years Ago: Dec 2003

Bridge Rolls into Position

At 12.02am on the morning of Saturday November 8th the Milton cycle/footbridge began to roll into position. The bridge weighing 130 tons and spanning 77 metres was picked up on 4 sets of wheels and rolled across the A14. The journey took about 30 - 40 minutes.

Over 50 people stood on the viewing platform and watched the event - they had come from surrounding villages and one person had come from as far away as Milton Keynes.

Many people arrived later that night to find that the bridge had already moved - it was originally due to roll into position at around 2am. All during Saturday whilst the A14 was closed people continued to come to look at the bridge.

For those who were there it was a once in a lifetime event. It was particularly sweet for Jane Coston who started campaigning for this bridge eleven years ago, as it happened on her birthday.

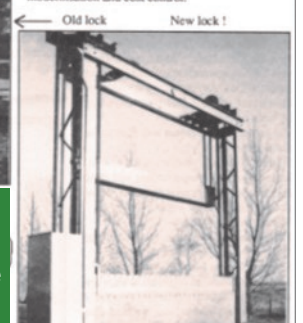
Hazel Smith



25 Years Ago: Jan 1989



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MILTON WI

Autumn started with an insight into the American Cemetery at Madingley with Arthur Brookes. He had interesting tales of the people laid to rest there; not just soldiers and airmen but a war correspondent, a lady from the Red Cross and those who died from illnesses such as pneumonia and appendicitis. Our meeting in October was arranged by our own members: two speakers visited; one from the Phoenix Trust who explained their invaluable work with young people with learning disabilities and the second from Forever Active who had us all doing exercises.

Our Bring & Buy Breakfast at the Golf Club was a great success to raise much needed funds for the Phoenix Trust. Amongst other things we have walked and had lunches, been to Ely for ten pin bowling, and have been to Wicksteed Park for lunch and an afternoon show with music from the Hollywood Shows.

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Church Hall. Our November meeting has speaker Cheryl Brighty on 'Artistry in Cocoa' (with homemade chocolates on sale). Our December meeting will be a week earlier than usual and will be our Christmas party night. Our Christmas lunch this year will be at John Lewis. Our January meeting has Chris Clarke on 'My Life as a Theatrical Make-up Artist'.

New members are welcome and anyone can come along for a taster before deciding whether to join. Our President Gill Offley (01223 293231) or Secretary Bridget Crow (01223 441755) will be very pleased to hear from you.

Anne Newman

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PCSO Update

I would like to take a few minutes to run through a few bits of advice to stop you having to call us at Christmas.

Our colleagues in traffic will clamp down on those caught driving over the drink-drive limit on our roads. Drivers caught drink or drug-driving will lose their licence or face a prison sentence.

If snow falls, windows will be iced-up and they can quickly become misty when heaters kick in. Make sure your windows are fully de-iced before setting off. It is also important to ensure lights and number plates are free from snow and ice.

Among the traditions of Christmas is often a rise in burglaries. Please follow these tips:

1. Close the curtains once it gets dark.
2. Keep doors and windows locked.
3. Hide any tempting gift-wrapped presents and remove presents from vehicles as soon as you can.
4. Don't leave empty boxes outside on view as these could advertise the Christmas goodies inside the house.
5. Register your gifts for free at www.immobilise.com.

Dedicated officers, including undercover detectives, are patrolling shopping centres across Cambridge to catch thieves exploiting the Christmas crowds. Our officers use CCTV, shop radios and undercover store detectives to target offenders.

PCSO 7146 John Mason
Neighbourhood Policing Team
Histon Police Station

John.mason@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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Pie & Sausage Night – November 20th 6pm-9pm (*Booking Recommended*)

Christmas Parties, December 2nd-23rd. Advanced bookings only. Christmas Eve: An evening of Surf & Turf. Christmas Day: Come and enjoy a Christmas Lunch with us, anytime between noon and 3pm. £70 per adult, children under 12, £30, under 2s free. Please call to reserve your table. New Years Eve: Champagne & Gala Dinner 6pm-9pm. Welcoming glass of House Champagne, Buck's Fizz or Fruit Juice on arrival followed by an extensive 5 course dinner. £45 per person (Children's Menu Available). New Years Day, 3-6pm: start 2014 off with the 1st BBQ of the year!

Ruth Kivlin,

www.jollybrewersmilton.co.uk

Lion and Lamb

Tel: 01223 860202

We have nominated Alzheimer's Research UK as our main charity this year and are helping Chris Drummond raise funds again for his 2014 London Marathon. We kicked off our fundraising with a Coffee Morning in October at which we raised £700. Karen Midgley was instrumental in organising craft stalls, bakers and advertising.

Our next fundraiser will be our Big Christmas Raffle. Tickets go on sale in December with many fabulous prizes, top prize is a iPad mini.

Wine Tasting and Gourmet Dinner is on November 29th: a 3 course meal including all tasting wines and after dinner coffee - £29.95 per person.

On December 6th from 6:30pm we will be having our Christmas Carols with mulled wine and mince pies around the Christmas Tree and would love for you to join us.

We will be having party nights on December 13th and 20th so come along and dance the night away! Our Christmas menu is available to view on our website or pop in and pick up a menu from the pub.

Lawrence & Sally, www.lion-lamb.co.uk

Waggon & Horses

Tel: 01223 860313

With winter on the horizon we're keeping our fingers crossed here for a mild one, but whatever kind of weather we get we hope everyone has a safe and happy one. We're taking bookings for Christmas, though only for parties of up to twenty people, to keep things intimate due to delays in the forthcoming restaurant.

Look out for our returning winter warmers and specials, like our homemade classic steak and kidney pies. Our Beer Battered Cod & Chips to takeaway is proving especially popular and is now available even later - till 11pm Monday – Saturday, Sunday 10pm.

Italian night is now on Thursday evenings, and the menu is being expanded as our specialist chef adds more dishes to the menu, including Butternut Squash Risotto, Pan Fried Salmon, as well as the Big Tony pizza - that's some pizza, might even have to make a challenge of it. If you don't like Italian you can still come and have something from our new and improved regular menu, cooked by our new chef.

Dave,

www.waggonandhorsesmilton.co.uk

Connecting Cambridgeshire: Update

Connecting Cambridgeshire is on track to deliver superfast broadband to over 90% of homes and businesses across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with better broadband of between 2Mbps and 24 Mbps for very nearly 100% of premises by the end of 2015.

The project is progressing apace and there is growing excitement as detailed planning for the first phases of the broadband roll-out takes shape - with the first cabinets due to go live with fibre by the end of 2013.

Connecting Cambridgeshire is planning to release as much information as possible about the 'where and when' of the roll-out with the launch of 'My Area' pages in September 2013 on www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk. This will help people to find out how their parish/area fits in to the multiple phases of the broadband roll-out plan and will be updated regularly as the programme progresses.

For more information and to register for updates, please visit the www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk or contact the team at contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk

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From the Desk of the Parish Council Chairman

Gail Wynne-Jones has given notice that she will be resigning from the Parish Council following the council meeting on December 2nd. I would like to thank Gail for her work as a member of the council. This will mean there are 3 vacant seats on the Parish Council. I urge any resident who can spare a few hours each month to consider putting their name forward. More details can be obtained from the Parish office (call 861447 or email clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk).

The Parish Council has been in contact with Anglian Water to complain about the odour from the sewage works. I would like to thank Jane Coston for all her work liaising with AWA to ensure action is being taken to resolve the situation. Residents are encouraged to complain to Anglian Water about smells from the sewage works. Details of how to do this can be found at www.miltonvillage.org.uk/pong.html.

The public consultation on the A10/Landbeach Road junction held on September 23rd in the Community Centre was well attended. We look forward to finding out the preferred option and working with the County Council to make this junction safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

The Highways Agency gave a presentation to the council on the need for an A14 improvement scheme. Parish councillors had concerns about plans for the Milton junction as well as additional congestion during the improvement work. They also highlighted the need for improvements to the Girton junction. The proposed schedule for the works is a preferred route announcement at the end of 2013, a pre-application consultation in Spring 2014, with work to start late 2016. Details of the proposals can be found at: www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement-scheme/

The Bellway Homes sales office at the North Lodge Park housing development is now open with the first residents expected to move in early in 2014. Villagers interested in the development should ring 862876 or visit www.bellway.co.uk/new-homes/essex/north-lodge-park for more information.

The Parish Council has agreed that a dual recycling/litter bin can be placed beside the Tesco bus stop in an effort to increase the amount of waste recycled in the village. And remember that you can do your bit to make Milton a cleaner place by attending one of the Environment Group's regular litter picks which are advertised on the village notice boards.

Richard Summerfield, Chairman Milton Parish Council

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

Richard Summerfield <i>Chairman</i>	860715
Ian May <i>Vice Chairman</i>	521294
Anna Bradnam	862364
David Chamberlin	861511
Jane Coston (c/o Parish Office,	861447)
Rob Farrington	860160
Gary Heaney	690317
Jim Mowatt	861024
Michael Perkins	07769 665836
Ian Tyes	574394
Gail Wynne-Jones	423819
Sue Humphreys <i>Clerk</i>	861447

Parish & District Councillors

Mark Hersom	07852 997771
Hazel Smith	860752

County Councillor

Maurice Leeke	441562
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2011 Census Data

The data for Milton from the 2011 Census is now available. Among other pieces of information:

- The population of Milton was 4679 in 2011, a 9.5% increase on the 2001 figure
- The average Milton household is 2.5 people
- 97.6% of us considered ourselves in fair, good or very good health.

Source: atlas.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/census/2011/atlas.html

Vacancy: Clerk to the Council

Hours: negotiable, approx. 20 a week. Salary: to be agreed, depending on experience and qualifications. Duties include:

- producing agendas, minutes, following up on correspondence
- delivering information to expedite effective decision making
- attending meetings where necessary
- administering finances, producing financial records, managing Council's resources

Closing date: midday December 16th. Provisional dates for interviews: January 9th/10th 2014. For application form and details contact Sue Humphreys, Clerk to the Council, tel: 01223 861447 or email: clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk

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Wildlife Notes: A Walk in the Country Park

I note that despite all this wind, there still seem to be many leaves on the trees. I assume it's the lack of frosts; I've certainly not noticed one yet. I've just done a full circumnavigation of the Park, so here are my observations. Tompkins Mead is lovely and wet as it should be. I was transfixed by a gang of long tailed tits which were around me as I stood silently, almost close enough for me to touch them. A robin was singing beautifully, an observation repeated many times as I wandered around. It may be a beautiful song, but it's saying "get off my land" as robins are fiercely territorial.

Once I got around the lakes, the main occupants of Todd's Pit seemed to be mallards, swans, coots and various gulls which I'm not expert enough to identify. Dickerson's Pit seemed to have a more varied population. The large number of gadwall, tufted ducks and handful of shovelers were there on both occasions and maybe are settling in for the winter. I didn't see the pochards I saw two weeks ago, so perhaps they've moved on somewhere else. I was thinking the same of the half-dozen or so wigeon I saw last time, until I spotted them on the very far eastern shore. I'm pretty sure I saw a couple of little grebes and the resident great crested grebe now appears to be in winter plumage. I note that last March, most of the wigeon and pochard were actually on Todd's so it's always worth walking round both pits.

The six cygnets on Dickerson's are now the same size as their parents but mostly brown, and still making very "childlike" noises. They came up to me as I looked at them from one of the anglers' swims. I think they thought I had food, as most of the other visitors to the Park seemed to have a bag of excess bread. Don't forget that the Visitor Centre sells bags of duck food. This is much better for them than bread, which can be harmful to ducks and the leftover crumbs breed algae and diseases.

Heather Coleman

Foster Carers Needed

Cambridgeshire County Council needs you to help change the lives of local children and young people.

Foster Carers provide a stable family support network for local children and young people when they are unable to live with their own family. Every year we have over 425 children and young people looked after by Cambridgeshire County Council. There is a shortage of Foster Carers so we need to recruit more in order to give them the best possible future.

Foster Carers come from all different kinds of backgrounds. Every child is different so we need different Foster Carers. If you can offer stability, security and the positive experience of a loving family then we want to hear from you.

You might be:

- Married, in a civil partnership, single or living with a partner
- From an ethnic background
- In a same sex relationship
- In work, unemployed or retired

Recruiting local people will mean that children and young people can live in their own community, continue to attend the same school and maintain contact with their family and friends.

We offer generous allowances including a start up package, 24hr support and full training. Call: 0800 052 0078 or email: fanda@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Milton School News

Harvest Festival

It was a beautiful autumnal morning for our Harvest Festival. We were all greatly impressed by our pop-up orchestra's contribution to the worship in church. KS2 raised £103 towards our sponsorship of a child in the SOS children's villages, and the KS1 hall was full of food donations. Thank you so much for your support.

New Play Equipment

Our fabulous MSA have dug deep to find the money to pay for new play equipment for the KS2 playground.



I am sure you agree with me that this is a really good use of their funds. School council have done some careful research and consultation and I think they have chosen really well. We look forward to its arrival before too long.

Anna Reeder

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Milton FC Sponsored by Neighbours Velocix

Since taking up residence in Milton in 2012, Velocix have been keenly involved in the village community and local events. They are now the proud sponsors of Milton Community Football Club and in October their President Paul Larbey met with club officials Adrian Collen (Colts Chairman) and Ray Daniels (Seniors Chairman), to see their banners in place and the players in action.

The Velocix President is clearly delighted with the sponsorship venture: "Milton is a great location for us where our staff can not only thrive creatively in their work, but also become part of the local community. Sponsoring Milton FC is just one way we can give back and we're excited to be working alongside them this season."



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Community Centre News

New groups that have recently started at the Community Centre include:

- Children's Creative Movements, classes at 3.15pm and 4.00pm on Tuesday afternoons, contact Michelle for more details - 07837 844759
- Moves Fitness/Aerobics, 8.00pm on a Wednesday evening, contact Georgina for more details - 07834 227081
- Children's Dance, Wednesday afternoons at 1.45 for Pre-School age children, contact Sarah for more details - 07903 210495

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 Netball Club Quiz Night

Milton Netball Club are taking part in the Arthur Rank Hospice accumulator challenge. The idea is Arthur Rank give £50 to invest and 12 weeks to raise as much money for the Hospice as possible.

Arthur Rank Hospice provides palliative care services for over 18's with cancer and other illnesses. It also provides support to the relatives, friends and professionals involved with their care. The care is provided by Cambridgeshire Community Services with funding from the NHS and the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. The aim is to enable patients and those close to them to live as fully as possible, and make the most of the time that remains.

They are therefore hoping you will support them and they are proposing to do a quiz night with a raffle on Saturday, 7th December. Teams are up to 6 people and it costs £2 per person to enter with a brilliant prize for the winners. It will be held at Milton Community Centre at 7:30pm; there will also be the raffle and a cake stall with an honesty box so bring some extra pennies! For more information contact Samantha Smith on 07927 323252.

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