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EACH Carols

Help support children with life-limiting conditions and their families across East Anglia this Christmas.

Join us for a festive evening of carols and songs in aid of EACH at All Saints' Church on 19th December. The service will include two different choirs — an adult choir and a choir from a local school. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served for a donation, and a retiring bucket collection will take place.

Could You Help EACH?

We are looking for **bucket collectors** for our collection at Milton Tesco on Friday 15th December. If you are free to help us for an hour or two, then please do let us know on grace.nalty@each.org.uk.

We are also looking for an **office volunteer**.

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December

- Sun 3rd** Christingle, All Saints' Church, 4pm
Advent Carols, All Saints' Church, 6.30pm
- Mon 4th** Create for Christmas, All Saints' Church, 7.30pm
- Sun 10th** Carols in the Abbey, Denny Abbey, from 3pm, carols 4-5pm
- Fri 15th** EACH Bucket Collection, Tesco (see p.2)
- Sun 17th** Messy Christmas, All Saints' Church, 3.30pm
- Tues 19th** EACH Carol Service, All Saints' Church, 7pm
- Weds 20th** Carols by Candlelight, All Saints' Church, 7.45pm
- Sun 24th** Crib Service, *an all-age Christmas treat*, All Saints' Church, 4pm
- Sun 24th** Midnight Service, All Saints' Church, 11.30pm
- Mon 25th** Christmas Service, All Saints' Church, 10.30am
Christmas Service, New Apostolic Church, High Street, 10.30am



January

- Sun 7th** Epiphany Carols with the Wren Choir, All Saints' Church, 3pm

Pub events: see pp.18-19.

Regular events: www.milton.org.uk/directory.html

Create for Christmas

Monday 4th December 2017

7.30-9.30pm

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Milton Produce Show

Local people once again showed off the results of their hard work and skill at our annual Produce Show. With 160 entries from carrots to crochet, runner beans to roses, there was plenty to admire!

David Reeves snapped up the cup in the photography category with his image of summer, while Jan Thompson's green fingers earned her the 'flowers and plants' prize. Judith Osler and Sue Griffin took home two cups apiece - Judith for baking and handicrafts, Sue for fruit and preserves.

Jonathan Western was the overall winner of the Cook Cup, but demonstrated that even he sometimes produces less than beautiful veg - his grotesque beetroot (right) won the prize in the vegetables category!

Thank you as always to everyone who entered, and to our lovely judges who volunteered their time. If you'd like to help run next year's show, or have any questions or suggestions, please contact the organisers at:

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Autumn Festival Supports Playground Plans

On 24th September, the Country Park held our fourth Autumn Festival, our annual fundraiser, and what a fantastic day it was!



The park is run by registered charity Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust, and receives no external funding, so this event is an important part of the calendar, raising funds which help the park remain open during the winter months. It's also a great family day packed with delicious food, live music, craft and wild outdoor activities! The sun shone and we were delighted to see so many people in the park enjoying the day.



As advertised, £1 in every ticket was promised to go directly towards our playground appeal. This includes our free children's tickets! We can now reveal that the Festival raised a fabulous £4,000 to go towards our total! Thank you to everyone who came and supported the park, we hope you enjoyed the day!

To bolster our fundraising efforts we have two significant fundraising applications in progress and hope to have some news for you soon. In the meantime, if you can help in any way please visit the playground appeal page on our website, www.miltoncountrypark.org/playground, or get in touch by email: mcp@cambridgesportlakes.org.uk

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No needles in your car, no petrol costs & no queueing at the tip!

If you live in postcode areas CB1, CB2, CB3, CB4, CB5, CB22 – and now also CB24 – and don't want the hassle of getting rid of your tree, visit arhc.org.uk/treerecycling to have it collected on either 5 or 6 January 2018! Please note that you will be unable to specify which day your tree is to be collected. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

*Last Christmas we raised £7000 for the Hospice
by collecting around 600 Christmas trees.*

For a small donation, as little as £5, the Charity's voluntary team will collect the trees and take them to Cambridge City Council's waste management depot to be composted.

Or Join the Team!

Can you help? Support is needed in a number of ways:

1. Could you help with promoting the collection by leafleting in the postcode areas listed above between 27 December and 4 January?
2. Would you like to join the Christmas Tree clearance team? It's like a treasure hunt for trees, so lots of fun (and for a really good cause!) on 5 and 6 January (either day, or both). If you additionally have access to a van, that would be fantastic, but co-pilots are also needed for the day.



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Country Park Sculpture

Many people have been asking and commenting on the lovely new welcome sculpture at the entrance to the country park.



The sculpture was gifted to the park by Peter Garside (centre) as a memorial to his late wife, Pauline. Peter and Pauline walked their dogs in the park regularly for many years, finding it especially helpful as a way of enjoying the outdoors when Pauline was suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Pauline even tried cycling for the first time in 50 years in the park with inclusive cycling project You Can Bike Too! Pauline loved the park and Peter felt it would be a fitting tribute to add something really special to the entrance, welcoming visitors as they arrive.

Rowan Humberstone is a small Cambridge charity and arts centre working with people with learning disabilities by sharing skills and giving meaningful opportunities through accessing the arts. Rowan's student artists, Ash and Francis (pictured with Mr Garside above) worked on the chosen design. The design is carved from oak and depicts some of the wildlife Pauline enjoyed seeing in the park, including a swan and coot by lily pads carved on the front of the design and a beautiful dragonfly on the back.

We think this is a really special addition to the park and would like to thank Peter for this donation and Rowan for their care in creating and installing this piece. We hope our visitors will enjoy it for many years to come!

Rowan are holding a studio open evening with refreshments and music on Weds 6th Dec, 5pm-8pm at 40 Humberstone Road, Cambridge.

February Holiday Club

Advance notice — The next All Saints Milton holiday club for primary school age children will be during February half term (13th-16th Feb). The theme will be "Mission Rescue". Look out for further details nearer the time!

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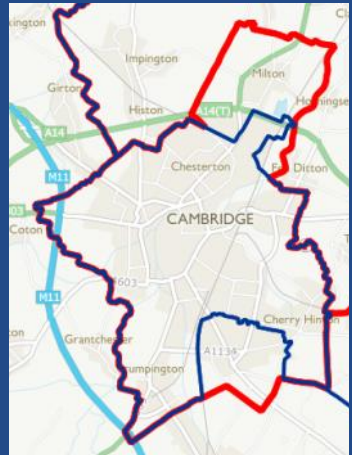
Parliamentary Boundaries

MVV Issue 125 (Nov '16) had details of the proposed changes to the parliamentary constituency boundaries, which would have moved Milton out of South East Cambridgeshire and into the Cambridge constituency. The final proposals have now been published, and Milton will be staying in the South East Cambridgeshire constituency.

According to the report, many comments were received about Milton, both supporting and opposing the move. In the end, the decision to keep Milton in South East Cambridgeshire was swayed by the desire not to split local authority areas (i.e. South Cambridge District Council) across parliamentary constituency boundaries.

However, the commissioners say that they "welcome further comments about this issue, provided it does not repeat representations already received."

For further details, visit www.bce2018.org.uk.



Proposed change, autumn 2016

7,600 Homes Proposed on Sewage Works Site

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough combined authority have submitted a £200m bid to the government's DCLG Housing Infrastructure Fund to redevelop a 48-hectare site which includes the Anglian Water Wastewater Recycling facility. The site straddles both Milton parish and Cambridge City.

The bid will be assessed this month, with the final decision announced in Summer 2018.

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Get expert advice from your pharmacist

If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or a cold, don't wait until it gets more serious. Seek advice on the best treatment from your local pharmacist.

Make sure you get your free flu jab

Flu is a highly contagious and can cause serious complications for at risk groups. Adults over 65; those with long-term health conditions; children aged two to eight; carers and pregnant women may all be eligible for a free flu vaccination – ask your GP practice today.

Stock up your medicine cabinet

A well-stocked medicine cabinet can help you treat common winter ailments such as coughs, colds, sore throats and sickness bugs at home and will save you going out if you feel unwell. Ask your pharmacist about essential medicines to keep at home.

Keep warm

Keeping warm, both inside and outdoors, over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

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The College Big Build gets the go-ahead

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See below for artist's impression.

In 1933 a hall was built for British Legion members. The hall was used for weddings, parties, and every Friday evening there would be a Whist Drive.

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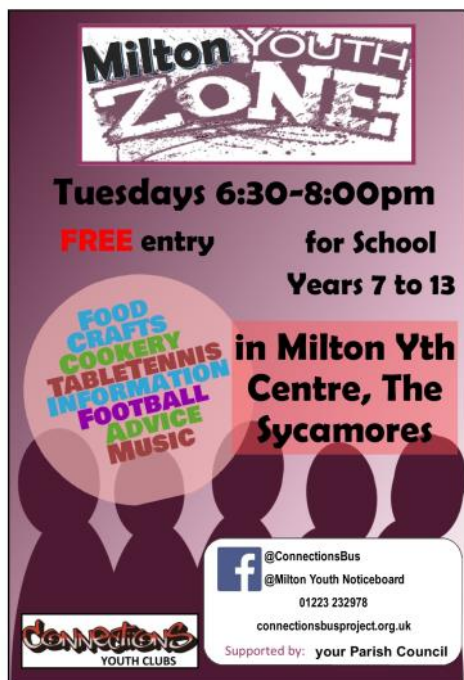
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The land in question is the first field on the left down Fen Road, which has the woods and lake of Milton Hall on the far side of it. There are houses along most of the right side of Fen Road at this point and it's also right on the edge of the flood plain (which runs along the 5m contour). All of this field is currently Green Belt.



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Blue Bins — No More Caddies!

Council waste bosses have confirmed there will be no need for South Cambridgeshire residents to use paper caddies from mid-December, in a move to simplify the recycling process.

From 11 December 2017, residents should place used paper directly into their blue wheelie bins for recycling.

The withdrawal of caddies also means fewer waste collection vehicles will in future be needed, helping save taxpayers around £670,000 during the next seven years compared to the existing system.

Parish Councillors

Below is an updated list of your councillor contact details (for email addresses, please visit the website at miltonvillage.org.uk):

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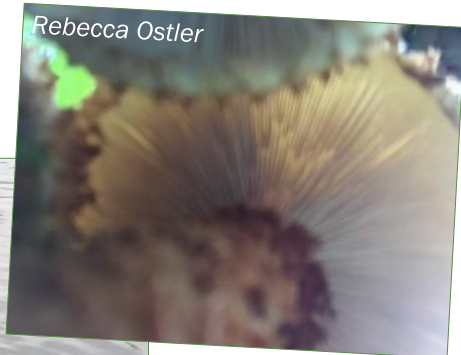
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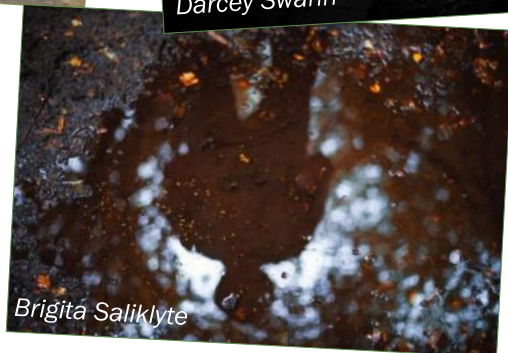
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Your Photos Could Be Here!

Photos taken in and around Milton always welcome — of places, people, events or just something that strikes you as beautiful. No lower or upper age limit!

Send them to mvv@milton.org.uk, and we'll include as many as we can.

Milton Local History Group



It took under 45 minutes for the attendees at the Milton Local History Group to complete the 625 tesserae mosaic (above). Thanks to Richard Morgan for preparing the design according to an original Roman layout and bringing along the material for us.

Milton Local History Group has produced a calendar (right) featuring recent and historical photos of Milton. If you're interested in buying a copy, please get in touch at chris@miltoncontact.com or (01223) 440024.

MILTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP CALENDAR



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Chris Thomas

Milton Litter Pick



(Above) Bob & Carol Cox, Mike & Emma Harbour, Adrian & Lee Brand and Elaine & John Proctor - litter pickers at the ready.

On a lovely bright warm October Sunday, the Litter Pick Team were out again tidying up the village. Despite feeling that things didn't look too bad when we started, we managed to pick up over 20 bags of rubbish from all parts. We were surprised by the amount of litter left around the car park at the back of the doctor's surgery, three full bags left in the ditch along Cambridge Road, rubbish dumped underneath the Jane Coston Bridge and the A10 footbridge and loads in the 'Tesco Shrubbery'. Please put your litter in a bin or take it home. If you'd like to help out, why not join our next Litter Pick on Sunday 18th February 2018.



Above: Peter Harris, (the saintly) Pauline & Stan Harley - with some of the rubbish collected.

Anna Bradnam

Milton WI

Janice Fuller gave a very informative talk on types 1 and 2 diabetes explaining the differences, preventative measures for type 2, treatment and consequences on health. In October, Shelley Robinson gave tips on anti-ageing skincare and showed methods for looking after skin.

Our pair of scarecrows Spud and Maizy came 5th in the Scarecrow Competition at Wimpole Hall. They were well made with a lot of hard work going into making them.

Upcoming speakers include David Taylor on "Women's Roles and Achievements in Aviation" in November: this is a change from the previously notified speaker. Our Christmas Celebration will be with Keith Goodwin and in January our meeting will partly be a business meeting with discussion and voting on the WI Resolutions but also including speed dating *with a difference!*

New members are welcome. Contact President Gill Offley (01223 293231) or Secretary Bridget Crow (01223 441755) for further details, or just come along. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month (our December meeting is on the second Tuesday) at 7:30pm in the Church Hall.

Anne Newman

Green Aiders

Ex-service personnel living in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can call the Green Aiders to clear their garden this autumn. The Green Aiders is a free, one-off garden clearance service run by community charity Groundwork Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.



It is funded by The Royal British Legion and is available to vulnerable or disabled ex-Service personnel or their spouses, partners, widows/widowers, children or dependants aged 65+.

Volunteers make gardens more manageable, safer and more pleasant to spend time in. Clearing overgrown gardens makes it harder for criminals or fraudsters to identify occupants as potential targets.

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Earlier this year we sent some money to help Mothers' Union members in Rwanda. A local member who had visited told us about the need for pigs. Our gift resulted in four new pigs for them. The email of thanks that we received along with some photographs shows just how transformational they were for the life of the local community. Recently we have sent £200 to the diocese to be donated overseas. Mothers' Union has a presence in 83 countries. Facilitators are trained to run literacy and numeracy programmes, parenting classes and more, enabling local members to help others in their communities.

Nearer to home we will participate in 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence, focusing on the issue of stigma, where society responds negatively to gender-based violence or holds victims to be culpable. MU members within the diocese of Ely will be holding a silent vigil and banner witness at Ely Cathedral on 1st December from 11am to noon. In Milton we are ending the year with an early Christmas lunch on 5th December at noon in the church hall. We will also take part in the annual "wave of prayer" when members worldwide pray for each other. We will be remembering members in Zambia, Rwanda, Nigeria and India. As ever we are always keen for new members to join us. Please find us on Facebook or email jacques0701@gmail.com for further information.

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EACH Calendar 2018: Competition Winners

Artwork from both Molly Parsons and Rosemary Michna Beavis are being featured in the EACH 2018 "Shared Memories" Calendar. EACH came into the school assembly to present the girls with their prizes and to tell us about the wonderful work the hospice does.



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24th November: live music with Split Whiskers.

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Restaurant: Our Sizzling Saturday Menu has proved to be very popular so will continue: 2 Sizzle Dishes for £20 every Saturday lunch and Saturday evening. We still have our increasingly popular Gluten Free menu.

We are taking bookings for Christmas Parties. You can also order from our Gluten Free menu alongside our Christmas Menu. Get your bookings in now to avoid disappointment. Small or large groups welcome for your work, fun or family party.

Open Tuesday to Saturday noon–2pm and 6-9pm.

Sunday Roasts from noon–3pm. Sunday evening 6–9pm (Pub Grub Menu).

Bar: Open from noon every day. Real Ales and Cider, including Cromwell and Thatcher's Ciders, Milton Brewery Selection, Greene King IPA and 4 continually rotating Guest Beers. We also have the very popular East Coast IPA on draught so come and try it.

Accommodation: Friends or family coming to visit? Book one of our 4 en-suite B&B rooms.

Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day - 15th December. Just wear your favourite festive jumper and donate £2 to Save The Children. Great fun for a good cause. Free drink for the best/silliest jumper.

New Years Eve! Our fabulous disco will be happening from 8pm 'til late, so get your dancing shoes on and come and join us for a few drinks.

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Lion and Lamb

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We are delighted to have helped raise over £355 at the **Macmillan Big Coffee Morning** held on the 29th September. A huge thanks to all involved in organising, baking and enjoying! Fierce competition surrounded The Macmillan Milton Bake-off competition which was won by Ian Few - well done Ian! We hosted So Eighties in the evening, fundraising for Prostate Cancer, raising over £100 in a bucket collection.

Psychic Supper – 22nd November – join us for a fascinating evening with clairvoyants Anne, Gavin & Tanya. Tickets £20 including dinner, available from the bar.

Ladies Dinner Club Christmas Dinner & Wine Tasting - 28th November – tickets £35 include a 4 course dinner and all tasting wines throughout the evening available from the pub.

Christmas Party Menu - available for bookings from the 1st-22nd December. Full menu and details can be found on the web site.

Carols under the Christmas Tree - 8th December – start the festive season with a sing-along with Milton Carollers, complimentary Mulled Wine & Cider and warm Mince Pies.

Christmas Party Night – 22nd December – boogie to all your Christmas favourites.

Christmas Eve – Join us for a traditional Christmas Eve in the bar, music, mulled wine and mince Pies. Prizes for the best Christmas Jumpers too!

Boxing Day – Open from noon, meals available all day, booking highly recommended.

New Years Eve – Enjoy a 4 course meal with champagne and a flight of wines, followed by a superb New Years Eve Party - in the bar with DJ Hanky and Boogie Nights to round off the year and ring in 2018!

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Pizza Mondo - 25th Nov @ noon & 6pmKura Kura - 30th Nov @ 6pm

Bands

So Eighties - 24th Nov @ 8:30pmPhil Reid Live - 25th Nov @ 7pmDangerose Productions - 15th Dec @ 8pm

Milton Colts FC - Volunteers Wanted

Milton Colts FC is a thriving FA Community Club, with boys/mixed teams from under 7 right through to under 16 this year, and girls teams at under 11, under 13 and under 15 age groups. We aim to develop players to become intelligent footballers, and encourage fair play. We promote a fun learning environment and hope that everyone enjoys being part of the club. All our teams play within the village: Milton School, The Sycamores Rec, Coles Road Rec, and at our wonderful new facilities at North Lodge Park: we're grateful to the Parish Council and past club committees for the work done to secure this. Last season was possibly our most successful, with league winners, 3 cup winners and summer tournament success for several teams. Former Milton Colts players have recently gone on to appear for Cambridge United and even the England U15 Women's squad.

We have a great committee running the club but will *always welcome more volunteers from committee members to coaches*. We aim to give all Milton children an opportunity to play football, so if your child is interested please get in touch. We can't guarantee places in all age groups as some of the squads are uncomfortably large, but we will do our best to help. For already oversubscribed age groups we provide the opportunity to set up a new team if the team has volunteers to run it.

At this time, we are *looking for players to come and join the U13 girls team* (Years 7 and 8), and always welcome new faces (players and helpers) for our Milton Rangers sessions at Milton School on Saturday mornings from 10-11:30am. This session is aimed at reception and Year 1 girls and boys, and for many it's the starting point for their glittering career as a Milton Colts player!

Andy White, miltoncolts@gmail.com



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Wildlife Notes

My copy date for the Village View is always the first day of month it drops through your door, so it's possible that the weather has changed by the time you read this. There are still masses of leaves on the trees currently. Although it's been very windy at times, we've only had one attempt at a proper frost which is what really loosens the leaves. So I predict anyone who can normally see fireworks through bare trees from their garden or a window may have been disappointed this year.

There are three British mammals which hibernate over winter, and in Milton, two are resident, the hedgehog and bat. After not seeing hedgehogs during August or much of September, they reappeared and the feeding station is now busy most evenings, with at least two different individuals visiting. Similarly, I've still been seeing bats flying at dusk, both in the village and above the river. So we now seem to have had mild autumnal weather since early August. Looking back at previous columns, I note that this autumn is different from two years ago, when I noted both hedgehogs and bats had seemingly disappeared at least a week or two before the end of October.

At least one species that I think counts as a winter migrant to Milton is starting to come back. I'd not seen a little grebe for several months, but there were two bobbing around on the river at the end of Fen Road on that first really cold morning after the clocks changed. A wander around the Country Park the next day was a very quiet affair. There were many tufted ducks on both Todd's and Dickerson's pits, and I spotted a little grebe on Todd's near the Visitor Centre. There is a great crested grebe in very fine winter plumage on Dickerson's and I was lucky enough to see a kingfisher briefly. There are some gadwall, but not as many as I'd expect by the new year. It was good to hear both a great spotted woodpecker and the yaffle, almost like a laugh, of a green woodpecker. One thing I do love in these early dusks is the chip-chipping of the blackbirds just after sunset. Maybe that's my consolation for the lack of light in the evenings?

Heather Coleman

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Behind the Scenes

The black squirrel continues to be seen in Milton. I originally reported its presence in the Village View (Issue no. 68, June 2005). Recently in the Village View (Issue no. 129, September 2017), an excellent photograph of a black squirrel taken by Tony Onyett appears; and our daughter has seen a black squirrel in Willow Crescent. This autumn, a



lighter shade of black squirrel appeared in our garden in Fen Road (left) suggesting a cross between a black and grey squirrel which can occur as they are the same species.

Research at Anglia Ruskin University on the black squirrel, found mainly in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire has shown that black squirrels have a piece of gene missing controlling pigment. If both parents have the gene you get full black offspring, if only one parent has

the gene a more grey – black animal arises. Black squirrels migrated from Hertfordshire to Cambridgeshire in the 1990s, becoming dominant in Girton. The mutated gene has travelled 50 miles in 100 years (after arriving from America) – half a mile a year. How much further will the animal migrate?

Derek Booth

Church Bell Ringing

Do any of you have any recollection or archival knowledge of Milton church bells being rung? I mean rung full-circle, as in English church bell ringing, not just chimed as they are at present. If you do, please could you get in touch with me. I ask because someone told me recently that she learned to ring (full-circle ringing) at Milton in the 1980s. I was very surprised, as you cannot ring them full-circle now (they are now hung from a beam in a fixed manner). I would be interested to know when they lost their ringing fittings. Thank you very much.

Barbara Le Gallez, Tower Captain, Landbeach Bell Ringers, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk



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