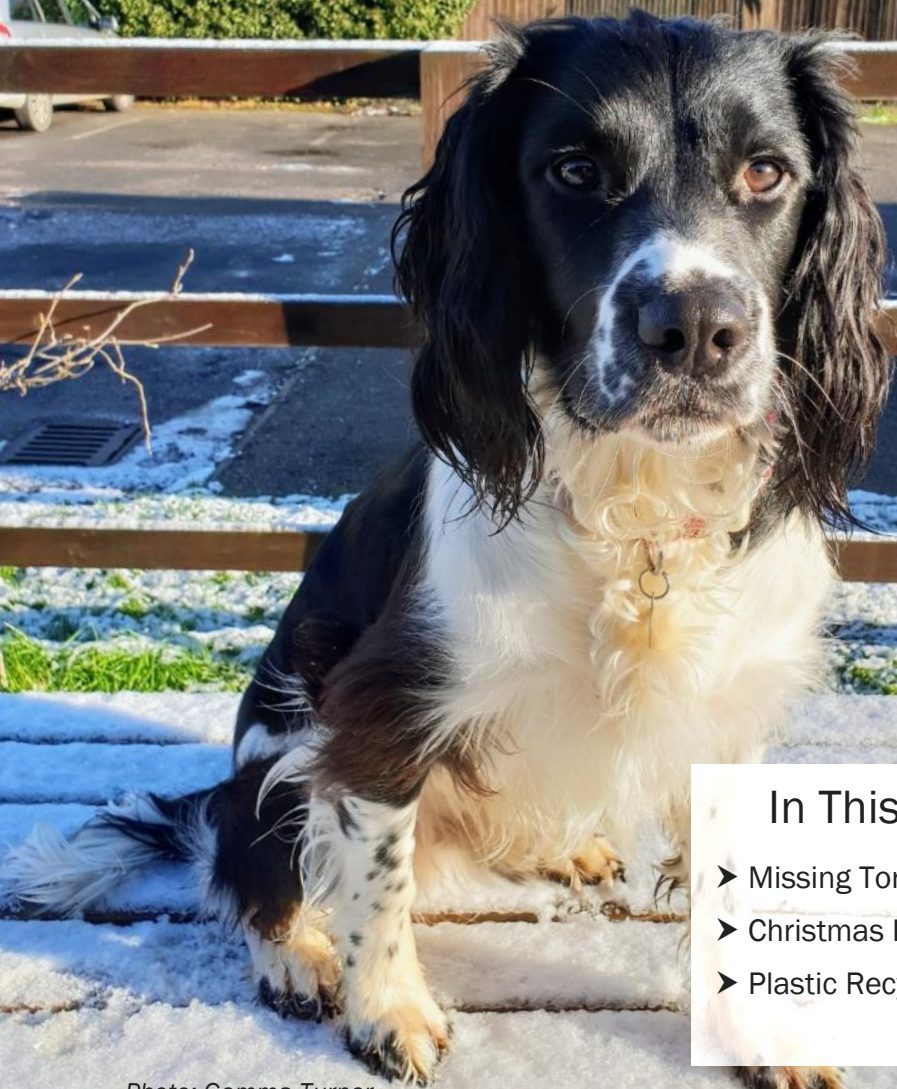




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Sat 30th Santa Evening Visit with CAMSAR, around the village



December

- Sun 1st** Christingle Service, All Saints' Church, 4-5pm
 Advent Evening Service, *choir music and carols*, All Saints' Church, 6pm
 Santa Evening Visit with CAMSAR, around the village
- Tues 3rd** Exam Stress Workshop, All Saints' Church Hall, 7.30-8.30pm (p.3)
- 5th-7th** Winter Open Studios, 6 Cambridge Road (p.2)
- Fri 6th** Carols Under the Tree, Lion & Lamb car park, 7pm (p.18)
- Mon 9th** Create for Christmas, All Saints' Church, 7.30pm (p.5)
- Weds 11th** EACH Carol Service, All Saints' Church, 7pm (p.4)
- Sun 15th** Messy Christmas, *A celebration for all ages*, All Saints' Church, 3.30-5.30pm
- Weds 18th** Carols by Candlelight, All Saints' Church, 7.45pm
- Thurs 19th** Winter Solstice: *Mindfulness Around a Campfire*, Country Park, 7-9pm (p.4)
www.miltoncountrypark.org/events
- 19th-20th** 'A Christmas Carol' Art & Craft Workshop, ages 5-11, Community Centre, 9am-5pm, £40 per day, www.maxwellandscott.co.uk
- Fri 20th** Blue Christmas, All Saints' Church, 7pm (p.3)
- Fri 20th** Carols Round the Pubs, from 7.30pm
- Sun 22nd** Café Church: *Christmas around the world*, All Saints' Church, 10.30am
- Tues 24th** Crib Service, *A Christmas treat for all the family*, All Saints' Church, 4pm
- Tues 24th** Midnight Holy Communion, All Saints' Church, 11.30pm
- Weds 25th** Holy Communion, All Saints' Church, 8am
 Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion, 10.30am
- Sun 5th** Epiphany Carols *with the Wren Choir*, All Saints' Church, 3.30pm



More pub events: see pp.18-19. Regular events: www.milton.org.uk/clubs-societies

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Cost £10 (to cover materials). Accompanied young people aged 11+ welcome. There will also be an opportunity to buy some unusual gifts from Uganda being sold in aid of Ekisa.
Book online: www.allsaintsmilton.org.uk / Call 01223 441007



Hallowe'en Fun

We decorated our house on the 31st October for the little Hallowe'eners this year. A thank you from us to all the villagers who safely and respectfully participated and on approach to our house were so polite on receiving their little treats. We hope everyone enjoyed the house!

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10 years of Milton Produce Show

In 2009, some Milton residents decided to organise a village show. The Country Park was happy to host, we sent out some emails and printed some posters and waited to see if anyone would enter. Lots of you did and the annual Milton Produce Show was born!

Every year sees a cornucopia of delicious preserves and cakes, beautiful handicrafts, stunning photography and of course the stars of the show, the vegetables.



The Cook Cup, which is awarded to the winner of the most points overall, was donated by Liz Cook in memory of her mother, Vivienne. Vivienne believed that keeping up rural customs gives people roots, and felt keenly that

effort and participation in our communities should be rewarded. The friendly rivalry that has grown up around the Cook Cup is a great part of the show. There is also a mini cup for each category, which the winners can proudly display until the next year. It's lovely to think of all the Milton mantlepieces those trophies have lived on over the last decade. *ctd...*



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We always wanted the show to be relaxed and informal. In one year, which was particularly bad for leek growing, the one person who managed to come up with an entry won 1st place, despite their leek looking more like a spring onion... it just goes to show, anyone can enter and maybe win a prize!

Thank you to all of you who support the show. Here's to the next 10 years!

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Visit www.pifgiftvouchers.org to order vouchers for your Christmas shopping season.

Tithe Barn Repairs

The Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust is ecstatic that they have secured the final funds needed for the urgent repair works to begin on the Tithe Barn in Landbeach, with a £98,900 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, adding to money from the Amey Community Fund, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the October Fund and the public.

Gemma O'Shea, Chair of Tithe Barn Trust, says "It is incredibly exciting that the restoration works can now start to the Barn, saving it before it is lost."

To get involved in the Tithe Barn project, visit do-it.org/organisations/tithe-barn-trust, email tithebarntrust@gmail.com, or visit the website:

www.tithebarntrust.org.uk

Incinerator Appeal Hearing

The application to build a waste incinerator near Waterbeach was rejected in 2018 by Cambridgeshire County Council. The developers are now appealing the decision. The appeal hearing began on 5th November, and runs until the 29th November, after which the appeal inspector will send a final report to the then Secretary of State for Communities and they alone will decide the fate of the incinerator.

Objectors to the proposals include Historic England, local residents, parish councils from surrounding villages and the community campaigning group CBWIN (Cambridge Without Incineration, www.cbwin.co.uk). The plans for the incinerator are available on planning.cambridgeshire.gov.uk: search for reference number "S/3372/17/CW".

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Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme: bigger than ever!

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity will be running their annual Christmas Tree Recycling scheme once again in January.

On Thursday 9, Friday 10 and Saturday 11 January 2020 their team of volunteers will be collecting trees from postcodes including Milton, and in exchange they welcome a donation to the hospice.



The trees are then taken to the waste management park near Waterbeach for composting.

If you would like your tree to be collected, or if you can spare a few hours to volunteer, visit:

arhc.org.uk/treerecycling

or call the Hospice fundraising team for further information on 01223 675888.

After costs, 90% of the monies raised will go to the hospice and the remaining 10% will be donated to other local charities.

Last year the hospice's volunteers collected 1800 trees and raised over £26,000! Feel good about saving yourself the hassle of disposing of your tree and take part! Registrations close at 1pm Wednesday 8 January 2020.

Hallowe'en First Aid



Children participated in a Junior First Aid Workshop in Half Term with AG First Aid Training and had brilliant fun with bandaging pumpkin heads in keeping with the Halloween theme time of year!

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NHS Big Conversation

Local residents are being encouraged to have their say on the future of local NHS services as part of The Big Conversation.

Funding for healthcare across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is under pressure. At the moment, the local NHS is buying more than it can afford which means that some difficult decisions need to be made about the services it can afford to provide in the future.

The Big Conversation has been created to help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to understand what is most important to the local community. Feedback received will be used to create a set of principles that will inform our future plans and help shape our local NHS.

Local residents can give their feedback by completing a short survey online at:

bit.ly/NHSBigConversation

Tesco Petrol Closure

The petrol station at Milton Tesco will close for 6 weeks from Thursday 2nd January – Wednesday 12th February for the tanks to be relined.

From the Archives

25 Years Ago: Dec 1994

Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Sunday, those of us who are old enough looked back to the days of the Second World War and remembered our friends and relatives who were killed and maimed in the fighting, the nights we spent in air-raid shelters during the Blitz, the long separations from our loved ones when they were in the armed forces and the children who were evacuated from the cities to strange homes and surroundings. All days of terror, sadness and a longing for peace.

As we grow old, the memories fade and become less painful, but let us never forget those days and hope and pray it never happens again.

Iris Chilton

10 Years Ago: Dec 2009

Equine Therapy Centre Opens



On November 18th Olympic bronze medalist Sharon Hunt and her horse Tankers Town helped with the official opening of a new Equine Therapy Centre at The College of West Anglia in Milton.

Sharon performed the official ribbon cutting while Tankers Town demonstrated the benefits of some of the new equipment.

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Fine for Blue Bin:

- ✓ Empty, clean, dry plastic film/bags (e.g. bread wrapping, junk mail outers, cereal packet inners, multiwrap packaging, cling film, thin moulded plastic from toys/batteries)
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Separate plastic from cardboard packaging
- ✓ **ALL** household plastic bottles (e.g. from kitchen AND bathroom)
- ✓ Plastic tubs & trays (separate film; put absorbent layer in black bin; wash)
- ✓ Labels — you don't need to remove these; they are removed by the recycling process
- ✓ Wrapping paper (if it stays in a ball when crunched)



So what plastic can't be recycled?

- ✗ Items made from mixed materials (e.g. toothpaste tubes, plastic/foil pouches, nappies, crisp packets, disposable paper cups, wrapping paper which springs back when crunched)
 - ✓ Crisp, nut, popcorn and pretzel packets can be taken to the **school** office or **church hall** for recycling (no food pouches, please!)
 - ✓ Pens, clothes, shoes, batteries and branded print cartridges can also be recycled at the **school**
 - ✓ Take toothbrushes & toothpaste tubes to the **Orchard Community Centre**
- ✗ Polystyrene (e.g. takeaway containers, packaging)
- ✗ Black plastic trays
- ✗ Hard plastic (e.g. buckets, toys, storage boxes)

To check which bin to use for specific items, SCDC have an easy-to-check list here:

www.scamb.gov.uk/bins/what-goes-in-which-bin

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Open arms Making Connections

There's thought to be 50,000 people at risk of loneliness in Cambridgeshire, so chances are some of them live near you. With winter approaching, life may get lonelier; we all tend to stay indoors for longer. For some people, ill health and bad weather may confine a greater number to their homes: the fear of falling in icy weather and darker nights means they're too nervous to go out. Working neighbours may be out all day, so they'll see few people during the week.

Villages are great at keeping the community connected, though it's easy to overlook the impact of seasons. In winter, timing events or meetings in daytime, or providing door to door transport, can help to prevent isolation. Helping with shopping, especially bulkier items, gives an opportunity for a chat, or sharing a treat.

So, making connections, however small, can mean so much, whether it's smiling, chatting at the checkout, catching up with friends by picking up the phone or contacting them through social media. Keeping connected by knowing what is happening in your community gives a sense of belonging, which improves wellbeing.

The Open Arms project supports action against loneliness, so if you have an idea that could help build connections in your community we can help you to make it happen.

Please contact us on 01954 211919 or sarah.b@care-network.org.uk

Drive iQ: Young Driver Course

Registration is now open for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's online driving programme, set up to support young people as they prepare to get into the driving seat.

Cambs Drive iQ's online learning platform is designed for students aged 16+ and aims to help reduce the number of young people involved in incidents on the roads.

Students who complete a minimum of 8 modules will automatically be entered in a lucky draw for either a free two-hour driving session or a chance to spend a day with the Fire and Police Service.

Delivered by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership in schools and colleges, it provides a virtual experience of different driving situations they may find themselves in, preparing them to become better and safer drivers once they have passed their test. The virtual course uses examples of local roads so young people can experience specific challenges they might face around the county.

For more information visit www.cambsdriveiq.co.uk

Milton Country Park Whitelining



At the end of October, the guys from A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon and WJUK did their bit for the community by adding white lines to the car park at Milton Country Park.

The great team did a really fantastic job!



Parish Council News

“Lest we Forget”

I am writing these notes during this year’s Poppy Appeal.

On Remembrance Sunday the Guides and Scouts muster at the Community Centre at 10am and parade their banners to All Saints’ for the Service of Remembrance. The congregation moves to the war memorial, joining others from the village for the silence at 11am and the laying of wreaths as we remember those who suffered and still suffer as a result of conflicts around the world.

It must be about 25 years since the parish restarted the short Annual Remembrance gathering that takes place on Remembrance Day itself. I am looking forward to Monday 11th when I lay a wreath on behalf of the village.

Continuing the theme of memorials, I walked to the cemetery to look at the new hardcore path laid by contractors for the Parish Council improving the access across the cemetery. I noticed one of the two graves that are listed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. You can find the records by searching for “Milton (All Saints) Churchyard Extension” at www.cwgc.org/find/find-cemeteries-and-memorials.



Village Maintenance

There is always work to be done. A fallen tree was cleared on Tompkins Mead. The cemetery gate will be repaired and the fence painted. Around the village the grass is still being cut.

Tree and shrub work can take time to organise. Advice from the Tree Warden and Tree Surgeons maybe needed. The work needs to be done at the right time of year. Quotations have to be arranged for larger works. However, first we have to check that the parish owns the land. Some strips of land between footpaths and garden fences are the responsibility of the house owner. Together we can keep the village tidy.

Parish Council

Yes, there are still a couple of vacancies!

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Phoenix Milton



The undoubted highlight over the last couple of months at Phoenix Trust has been the opening of our new kitchen by Councillors Douglas de Lacey and Anna Bradnam (left). For those that work in the kitchen the improved facilities have made a major difference to their day. Kitchen manager Alie Rowbotham observed, "Increased accessibility means that trainee co-workers can work more independently and the open-plan design has resulted in the kitchen becoming the hub for everybody".

For Phoenix, following the award of a five-star hygiene rating, the new kitchen provides an opportunity to expand into

selling refreshments to the public. At the opening event, manager Jude Tustian thanked all the many organisations and businesses who had donated specifically to the project, and praised the whole Phoenix community, saying "community for us means co-workers, volunteers, support workers, carers, parents, trustees and staff – all had a part to play, and we are all so very pleased with the end result – thank you everyone".

Our focus now is on Christmas, and once again, we will be selling premium cut Nordmann firs, and other festive items, such as Christmas Eve boxes, wreaths and a range of wooden gifts. We are open from Tuesday to Friday between 8:30am and 3:30pm at Unit 8, Milton Trading Estate, Cambridge Road.

Additionally, we have a special Christmas Weekend Opening on December 7th and 8th, from 10am to 4pm, with delicious seasonal refreshments also on sale.



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Milton WI

In October, we welcomed Cheyenne Smith from Wood Green, who gave us a fascinating insight into the way the charity looks after and rehomes small animals, mainly cats and dogs. We learned that the centre in Godmanchester is where The Dog House on Channel 4 is filmed. We also had a craft sale of items that members had made including some beautiful greetings cards and needlework. In November, we'll be having a return visit from Amanda Sutherland who will follow-up from her previous talk with a showcase of changing trends of costume design in the 20th Century.

Following the Christmas festivities, in January we'll be having an 'in-house' meeting with a quiz and discussion on the WI resolutions. It will also be a good time for socialising and getting to know one another. We are a large group with over 60 ladies and it is not normally possible to chat to more than a handful of people.

New members are welcome. Contact our 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 (except December meeting) at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Anne Newman

Milton Primary SIAMS

In September, Milton CE Primary School had its Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). The Overall Judgement of effectiveness of the school's distinctive Christian vision was Excellent, with an additional judgement for the impact of collective worship also Excellent.

Key Findings in the Inspection Report included:

- Pupils and adults flourish because the Christian vision makes a positive impact on every aspect of school life.
- Provision for mental health and wellbeing is seen as a priority.
- Collective worship is valued by the whole school community who recognise its impact on their lives.
- The strong relationship between the church and school has enabled the school to celebrate and build on its Christian foundation.

Areas for development included:

- To increase age-appropriate opportunities for pupils to plan and lead acts of collective worship using self-chosen themes.
- To extend pupils' opportunities to take roles as courageous advocates, particularly in the context of the school's engagement with EKISA and Global Neighbours.

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Scouting in Milton

Beaver Scouts (6 to 8 years old) have been having fun with geocaching, board games and achieving our science badge! We can't wait to have our Christmas Party!

Cub Scouts (8 to 10.5 years old) have had another busy term with activities like baking, learning about world Scouting and working towards our chef badge! We have also learnt about mental health and made poppies for Remembrance Sunday.

Scouts (10.5 to 14 years old) had two great camps, summer camp at Thriftwood and District Camp at Broham. Throughout both camps Scouts learnt many skills, from fire lighting to pioneering, while enjoying kayaking, crazy golf and crossbows. This term we have played volleyball, been busy cooking and have lots more planned.

Explorer Scouts (14 to 17 years old) had a great summer this year, our main event being heading up to the Lake District for a week! Whilst it reached record temperatures here...we were drenched in rain! Nevertheless, that did not stop the fun! Hiking around the Lake District, pioneering, ghyll scrambling and cooking on fires filled our week with great fun!

Contact Details: email gsl@50thcambridgescouts.org or visit the web site at www.50thcambridgescouts.org. We now have a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/50thCambridge) to show how you could get involved and the adventures we get up to...



Whist

The whist drives will be running again on Tuesday November 26th and December 17th - starting at 7 pm in the Community centre. *But if we do not get a few more players then this activity will close.* The whist

drive has been running in the Community centre since it opened and numbers have dwindled dramatically, hence the decision to call a halt if we do not get a few more participating. After all this time it will be a shame but I suppose habits change.

Ray Daniels

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The Lion and Lamb is looking absolutely beautiful and festive and we do hope you are all loving the Christmas Tree and lights! We have some fabulous events throughout December for all the family to enjoy and we look forward to welcoming you to our delightful pub.

The log fire is lit in the bar and it's very festive and cosy. Enjoy a delicious meal while you catch up with friends and family. We are serving our Christmas Party menu from 28 November - 23 December alongside our regular menu, but do call ahead and book. Even when we have entertainment on, the restaurant is still available for a delicious meal.

30th November - LDC Christmas Dinner & Wine Tasting A great evening of food and wine hosted by Lawrence. Enjoy some sparkles on arrival followed by a tremendous selection of wines to accompany your delicious 4 course Christmas meal. Tickets must be purchased in advance - £45 per person, includes all tasting wines throughout the evening and dinner.

6th December – Carols under the Christmas Tree Start the festive season off with a sing-along with the Milton Carollers, complimentary Mulled Wine & Cider and warm Mince Pies. We are also participating in Alzheimer's Society ELF DAY!, so come along in your best Elf costume and help raise funds for this fabulous cause.

13th December – 80s Christmas Super Soloist PHIL WATTS is back with some of the best tunes from the 80s – Christmas style! In the bar from 9-11pm.

20th December – it's our CHRISTMAS Party Night! Join us for dinner followed by a boogie to some great Christmas tunes from DJ Nigel Barrett – in the bar, 9pm 'till late.

Traditional Christmas Eve in the bar Don your best Christmas Jumpers and join us in the bar – Mulled Wine & Cider, warm Mince Pies and the tinkle of Santa's bells!

Christmas Day MERRY CHRISTMAS! Sorry, but we will be closed today and New Years Day.

Boxing Day Open from 12-6pm, meals available all day, booking highly recommended. Showing all the sports on SKY & BT in the bar.

New Years Eve Dine from the sumptuous NYE Chef's Specials Menu, toast in the New Year with some delicious wines and champagne – advance booking required. Music in the bar from 9pm 'till 1am.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – Lawrence, Sally and the team

Jolly Brewers is reopening (as Brewers Inn) before Xmas!

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We are a traditional village pub with a great selection of lagers, 7 rotating real ales, gin and everything in-between. We now open at 3pm Monday–Thursday, 9:30am Friday & Saturday and 10:30am Sunday. Choose from our breakfast, main & pizza menus with weekly specials. Pizzas available Friday & Saturday noon–8:30pm (takeaway available).

NEW!! Monday Beer Raffle 4–7pm. Pint of Beer = Raffle Ticket = Chance to win up to 4 free pints to use over the next week.

NEW!! Happy Hour Tuesday–Friday 4–6pm. Up to 10% off all lager and ale. In addition we continue with our ‘Ale Tuesday’ deal: from 4–8pm, all ales £3.20 a pint.

Every **Wednesday** we continue to have Garfield and his food truck ‘Chicken ‘n’ Ting’ serving the finest buttermilk chicken and much more. On **Thursday** we have a food truck 6–9pm, including ‘The Cooks Nest’, ‘Steak & Honour’ and many more.

BT and Sky Sports showing all of the games on our large televisions. Thanks to the local teams that support us and return before and after games for a few pints and pizza.

Although we won’t be offering a Christmas Day menu this year we will open from 11am–2pm and 5–8pm. Our official opening hours will be posted very shortly. For the latest up and coming events including Christmas and New Years please pop in or keep a look out on our Facebook page.

George and the Waggon team

White Horse

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www.facebook.com/whitehorsamilton

As the colder weather is now upon us you may prefer eating and drinking indoors (although the garden is of course available for those hardy types who prefer it!); don’t forget you can park in our large car park behind the pub.

Eat with us! We are proud of our 5-star food hygiene award, and as always our food is cooked by our qualified chefs (Adam and Ava), is locally-sourced and freshly prepared, and includes vegetarian and vegan options. We offer Sunday roasts plus Adam’s Thais & Pies and his daily Chef’s Specials. You can phone or call in to book – please tell us about any food allergies – and booking is advised for special occasions and at weekends. We are taking Christmas bookings now for the end of November until 21st December.

Drink with us! Enjoy our Amazing Ales! We have 6 rotating ales plus Punk IPA (a craft ale), there are 2 gluten-free beers and 3 non-alcoholic beers; we always have at least 5 ciders.

Have fun with us! Our entertainment line-up for December includes:

- ★ December 6th – Karaoke
- ★ December 31st – New Year’s Eve Karaoke Party (no Karaoke on January 3rd)
- ★ December 20th – Carol singing (helped by All Saints’ Choir)

As always we have bar billiards and a dart board in our Games Room, and of course Alan’s free-to-play Quiz Night every Thursday from 9pm (with free chips!)

Enjoy the Festive Season with us! We are open for drinks only (kitchen closed) on Christmas Day from 12–2pm (last orders 1.30), and on Boxing Day (times TBC). On New Year’s Eve the bar will be open from 11am until late, and the kitchen from 12–2:30pm and 5:30–8:30pm; on New Year’s Day the bar will be open as usual (kitchen TBC).

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ava, Alan, Adam, Gemma, Nikki and all the staff

Clay Animation Workshop

The Bird & Cage Cinema event on 8th December will be a plasticine/clay work animation workshop where children will be taught how to make figurines and create a short one-stop animated sequence.

During the workshop we will be screening short animated films using the same technique, and after the workshop we will screen the Shaun the Sheep Movie.

The event will be at Milton Primary School. It will run from approximately 2pm to 5pm and tickets will cost £8 (free for accompanying adults). Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

To book your place (by 6th December) please visit birdandcagecinema.wordpress.com.

CLAY ANIMATION WORKSHOP (6-10 years)

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WORKSHOP LINE UP

- Basics of Stop Motion
- How to Animate Clay
- Simple Story Telling
- Making a Short Film
- Short Film Screening



Clelia McElroy

Landbeach & Milton Baptist Church

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For full details of all these and more please visit:

allsaintsmilton.org.uk

Level Crossing Notes



It's been a little while since a steam rail tour passed Milton level crossing. These always draw a big crowd, but there have been some interesting changes in the trains passing the crossing everyday.

The class 700 Thameslink trains now run to Ely, stopping at Cambridge North. Since early summer these have been direct trains running through to south London and Brighton, following the opening of a new tunnel at Kings Cross. This is a really useful service, offering direct access to other parts of London without needing to use some of the busier parts of the underground network.

Another eye-catching train to appear at the crossing (*right*) are the class 755 bi-mode units that have recently entered service on the Norwich to Cambridge route. These red and grey units built by Swiss company Stadler use both the overhead electric power and have a diesel engine, enabling them to use the more efficient overhead power when it is available.



Returning to steam, if you want to see some there is one before Christmas, but you'll need to be up early. On Thursday December 19th the Railway Touring Company is running 46233 Duchess of Sutherland to the Chester Christmas market, passing Milton at 6:15am and returning at around 9:30pm.

Nat Johnson



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Milton Hooting Owls

I read with interest the Wildlife Notes and would like to assure the writer that there were at least 3 owls hooting the last week of August and first week of September. One was at the back of our garden in Milton Hall. There was one in the country park and another towards the church. I saw one as I stood in my garden, over from the green corridor that runs along the drain halfway down Old School Lane. It saw me and went back to the country park, I wish could have seen it clearly. They were very noisy! *Jane Rozier*

Tortoise Missing from Butt Lane

In September, Tootsie escaped from our garden in Butt Lane. She is 60+ years young(!), fairly large, has a blue spot on her shell and a small hole at the back of her shell. Years ago she managed to wander over to Gunnell Close so she could be anywhere. Now is the time when she will hibernate so please just keep a look out in your gardens. If you find her, please contact me on 07878559214.



Sylvia Wright

Pot Planters - Faith Restored

I would like to make you aware that in September some kind soul thought they would help themselves to my 2 Pot Planters outside my front door [in Coles Road].

I was very upset as these were my favourite planters given to me by my late husband who passed away in July this year. These were of no actual value, but to me they were irreplaceable: my late husband gave them to me 30 years ago.

On a happier note, I arrived home to find two pots on my drive. Through your newsletter I would like to thank my wonderful family, friends & neighbours for all their kindness & support during this difficult time, in particular to Mick who I discovered put the pots outside my home. This act of kindness restores your faith & is uplifting to think people's generosity to go that extra mile can ease the bereft emotion when one suffers the loss of a loved one.

Ros Robbins

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Milton Colts: U11 Navy Team

Milton Colts U11 Navy are a newly formed Milton Colts team. They're very enthusiastic, as you can see from these photos.

The team is sponsored by Hexcel and Gabbit and Go Couriers, the team manager is Yoko Watanbe (yokowtnb@hotmail.com), the assistant manager is Neal Patel (nealpatel81@hotmail.com) and the team coach is Scott Holliday.

Neal Patel



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Let's Run Girls



Let's Run Girls is a ladies only friendly running group. Starting from Tuesday 12th November there will be a steady 5k social run each week starting at 6:45pm at Milton Community Centre. All paces welcome: this run is suitable for ladies who can already run for 30 minutes continuously.

We also offer regular beginners couch to 5k programmes and will be starting one in January 2020. More information is available on the website at letsrungirlscambridge.uk or mailing letsrungirlscambridge@gmail.com

Danielle Guy

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