

Milton Village View

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Milton Community Centre

The Annual General Meeting will be held online via Zoom on

Wednesday 9th December at 7pm

To book a place at the meeting, please email Andy at mcc@miltonvillage.org.uk before Friday 4th December.



Ekisa Online Quiz

The quiz has moved to Saturday January 30th January 2021, 7-9pm. This will be an online quiz using Zoom.

Teams will be able to play in the usual way and there will be raffle prizes to be won. Details and ticket booking at:

bit.ly/ekisa-virtual-quiz

Why not get together a team (up to six people) of family and friends, and book now?



November

Sat 28th Virtual St. Andrew's Day Ceilidh, bit.ly/ekisavirtualceilidh

December

Weds 9th	Milton Community Centre AGM, 7pm (See p.2)	
Sun 20th	Carols by Candlelight, 6.30pm (See p.6)	
Tues 22nd	Blue Christmas, 7.30pm (See p.6)	
	A service for those not looking forward to this Christmas	
Thurs 24th	Midnight Holy Communion, 11.30pm (See p.6)	
Fri 25th	Holy Communion, 8am (See p.6)	
	Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion, 10.30am (See p.6	5)

Advent Windows



Christmas 2020 is not going to be the same as normal. And we have to face another lockdown before we get there.

So in an attempt to cheer us all up, I am organising a Village Advent Calendar. The intention is that every day in Advent (from 29th November to Christmas Day) one house in the

village will 'open' a lit window decorated to depict a Christmas scene.

The Church of England's theme for this Christmas is 'Comfort and Joy' and I am hoping the windows will bring a bit of both to Milton.

If you would like to take part, please call me on 440781 or email <u>kmenglish55@msn.com</u>.

Kathy English



Pantomime Postponed

It is with a heavy heart & great disappointment that Waterbeach Theatre Company have to announce the January 2021 pantomime Robin Hood has been postponed until January 2022.

We know this decision isn't what everyone wanted to hear, but we need to do what is best for cast, crew and, of course, our audience! Meanwhile we will continue waiting patiently in the wings.



Tesco Collections

This year, being such a peculiar year, we wanted to try and do something different this Christmas.



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Tesco Milton is starting a collection point for gifts for those individuals in local residential care homes. We are hoping that we will be able to provide a gift for all the residents at Christmas and are hoping to receive donations of new, unused items that would be suitable.

Items such as biscuits, chocolates, toiletries or even hats/scarves!

These items will then be fully sanitised before donating and presents for the individuals made up of the generous donations we hope to receive!

This will start on Monday 23 November and will be situated at the front of the store!



In September, Rebecca Ostler snapped this image of skywriting overhead.

Display pilots were commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain by spelling out "Remember the Few", and simulating the vapour trails of a dogfight from the 1940s.













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Christmas Church Services

Dear friends,

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As we approach the Christmas season in lockdown, it is difficult to imagine how we might celebrate the Nativity this year. However, we will be doing all we can at All Saints' to capture the essence of celebration that we would normally enjoy.

Assuming that the restrictions that applied before lockdown will resume through December, we will be limited by the number of people we can accommodate in church, and it will be necessary to book places for all services. Depending on the situation at the time, it may be possible to repeat popular services such as Carols by Candlelight so that more people can participate, and we will be live streaming all our services over the Christmas period via <u>www.allsaintsmilton.org.uk</u>.

Whatever happens, we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus, the light of the world, at a time when we all need that light in our lives!

With every good wish for a happy and healthy Christmas,

Rev David Chamberlin, Rector of Milton



Prayer Cairn at All Saints, Milton



A cross and prayer cairn was set up outside All Saints Church for the Services of Remembering at the beginning of November.

In previous years people lit candles during the service to remember a loved one. As this wasn't possible this year, people were encouraged to bring a stone with them and place it on the cairn before entering the c h u r c h .

People who didn't come to one of the services could also put a stone on the cairn. Many person being

stones had the name of the person being remembered on them, or were decorated.

In a year when life has been uncertain, it was good to remember and give thanks for those whom we have loved and who made a lasting mark on our lives.

Jackie Metcalfe





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One of the city's hidden gems is now open to the public.

With recycling now mainstream, Cambridge Re-Use is selling good quality second hand furniture to all.

Founded 30 years ago as Cambridge Sofa, the charity has been providing a full range of furniture and furnishings to those on low incomes. This will continue, with discounted

prices for those in this situation but at the same time, anyone can now visit the warehouse off Cherry Hinton Road to find bargains.

Cara Moorey, Cambridge Re-Use manager, said, "We are lucky as we have some beautiful furniture donated from the Cambridge area. There is a real mix of modern and antique

pieces, often items that would cost a lot more elsewhere."

Cambridge Re-Use is largely staffed by volunteers and is always interested to hear from people looking to volunteer for half a day or a full day per week on the van or in the warehouse helping customers.

Open 10-4pm Mon-Sat (currently closed due to lockdown – check website for latest info. A selection of stock can be also be found on Gumtree.)

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New Country Park Toilets

Visitors to Milton Country Park are to get a completely revamped toilet block thanks to a $\pounds78,000$ grant from FCC Communities Foundation.

This year in particular has highlighted both the value of parks to people and the need for improved hygiene. The new facilities will include touch-sensor operated cisterns and sinks and better ventilation throughout. New floors and walls will be easier to clean and the building will be redecorated inside and out.

Work will begin in November and it is hoped that the new facility will be ready to use early in the New Year.

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Self-isolating? Need support?

The **Milton Covid-19 Support Group** has been running since March, to support people in the village during the Covid-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Over 170 people have volunteered, and the group has responded to 140 requests for help so far, many on an ongoing basis.



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If you are vulnerable (e.g. over 70s), ill or self-isolating, and you need support at this time, please:

call: 07933 550989 or email covidmilton@gmail.com

We can offer support in the following areas:

- a friendly phone call
- grocery shopping
- picking up medications
- posting mail
- dog walking

Please be ready to give us your name, address, contact number and what you need help with. We will try to put in you in touch with a volunteer who can help you.









Prescriptions

You can get prescriptions delivered directly to you from Waterbeach pharmacy (01223 564422). There are other online pharmacies available, as well as the Nuffield pharmacy in Chesterton (01223 425090), who will deliver to those who are shielding.





From the Archives

25 Yrs Ago: Dec '95

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10 Years Ago: Oct 2010

KIDS R US

Out of School Club Launched

This club was launched with an open afternoon on Saturday 18th November at the Community Centre Annex.

This was well attended and enjoyed by children and parents who were offered the opportunity to sample some of the activities that the club would offer.

The table tennis was in frantic use with the ball making surprise visits to some of the other activities. These included puppet making, badge production, boxed games and Play Doh. Also very popular was a video of "The Lion King" and a computer. It's funny how long some parents took showing their children how to play the games!

We wish the club every success as a welcome addition to child care facilities in Milton. J C

Milton Colts Under 8s

Now in their first year in the Cambridge hire Mini Soccer League, Milton Under 8s have had a great first 6 league games.



Although the focus at this age is on fun and development, the team enjoy their victories with relish and learn valuable lessons when games don't go their way. Thanks must go to the many supporters who continue to cheer the team on in all weathers manning a tuck shop to keep everyone, including the coaches, topped up with tea. *Nick Watkins, Coach*

Here are a couple of pictures of Benet Farm taken on 2 Feb 1971, almost 50 years ago. Martin, Old School Lane







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New Team for Milton News

There's always something going on in Milton and I know that many of us have appreciated the regular updates from Milton News, whether you get these via email, Facebook or from the website itself (<u>www.milton.org.uk</u>). Writing up all of these comings and goings is no small task and for the last few years, Milton News has almost single-handedly been run by the amazing Liz Cook. Liz is now taking a well-deserved step back from the website to focus on her other commitments and I am hoping to carry on her great work as the new Managing Editor of Milton News.

I moved to Milton about two years ago after falling in love with the local pubs! I've found the people here so welcoming and friendly and I've been very proud to live here after seeing how everyone really rallied together during the pandemic. So when Liz called for volunteers for Milton News a few months ago, I saw it as the perfect opportunity to give something back myself.

We now have a small group of volunteer editors working on the website, who take it in turns to compile and write each week's news. Our team comes from a rather diverse range of backgrounds – from myself who has worked in publishing for several years to those with almost no previous editorial experience. However, we all recognise the value of Milton

News to the village and want to keep it going for the community.

We are a friendly bunch and always looking for more volunteers to join the team. If you're interested in helping out or if you have a piece of news that you'd like us to report, please do not hesitate to email us at news@milton.org.uk!

Sarah Holmes







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Council

Milton Parish Council

My first draft of these notes began with thanks to the Milton Community Centre Management Committee and particularly the Centre Manager for the intense work that made it possible to reopen the facilities on 5th September. Several groups have restarted their activities. However, we now know that the Centre must close again for the month of November. At the time of writing the guidance is that the daily children's group in the Annex and the outdoor play areas can remain open. Parish and MCC continue to monitor the guidance to react quickly to any changes affecting their respective areas.

Parish Council: In October we welcomed Andrew Latchem as a member of the Parish Council. There is still one vacancy to fill. The Parish Council continue to meet online, and the Office remains closed to the public, except for the most urgent appointments that cannot be handled by phone or mail/email.

Consultations: The flow of consultations continues from the summer. Council agreed to support a joint letter with other affected Parishes objecting to the proposed green-belt sites for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Council submitted a detailed response to the Cambridge Shared Planning Service on the draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan. A joint letter of common objections was also agreed with neighbouring Parish Councils.



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Recreation areas: The Motorbike Springer on Froment Way has been replaced and the swings on Coles Road repaired. Parish Council have provided a new outdoor defibrillator at The Sycamores Pavilion. Our thanks to Pro-Serv for the installation work (free of charge).

Other maintenance: Maintenance continues throughout the Village including repairs to the Cemetery gate and work by the Tree Surgeons around Coles Road car park, Tomkins Mead,



Allotments and The Sycamores recreation ground.

Please check the website for additional information - www.miltonvillage.org.uk



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Paddock Tree Planting

In 2019 Milton Parish Council (MPC) were successful in applying for two tree packs from

the Woodland Trust to transform the old paddock into a new woodland area. These have now been delivered ahead of schedule, and the plan is to plant them during November.

Tree planting is an important part of action on climate change and helps to protect and enhance Milton's natural resources and rural character. Not only can trees make us feel more connected with our world, they are essential to the survival of our planet. They help to balance our carbon footprint, provide a



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habitat for pollinating insects and other wildlife, and support greater biodiversity.

Decision to Refuse Incinerator Upheld

Earlier this year the Secretary of State upheld the decision to refuse planning permission for the incinerator at Waterbeach. Lucy Frazer MP said, "This decision was made upon the recommendation of a planning inspector appointed to consider an appeal made by the developer. This is the right decision, and one residents across South East Cambridgeshire worked hard to secure. I was pleased to speak in support of the objections raised by local residents, having written in opposition at every stage.

"I was greatly troubled by the points residents raised with me including air pollution that would be caused by the facility, and the likely effect upon public health, local wildlife, and crops. A vital principle is that large-scale or significant projects enjoy the consent and support of the local community. I look forward to continuing to work with residents to ensure that our area enjoys growth and development, whilst at the same time leading the way when it comes to protecting the environment."



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Organisations

Virtual Music Groups

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Rebecca Moulton is offering online music lessons. All sessions will run using Zoom. The following groups are available:

Virtual Children's Choir: Monday 4:30-5pm

Virtual Children's Recorder Group: Wednesday 4:30-5pm

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- Ideal for children in KS1 & KS2 at Primary School.
- Aimed more for beginners and Pre Grade 1.

Virtual Adult Choir: Monday 7-7:30pm

- Ideal for adults learning to sing or wanting to build confidence.
- A Aimed at beginners or students wanting to return to singing.

The price is ± 5 for one session or ± 20 for 5 sessions. For further details please contact Rebecca at <u>rebeccamoultonsoprano@gmail.com</u>

Emmaus on eBay

Phoenix Milton

Phoenix Milton are *currently closed* due to staff shortages and will re-open on Tuesday, November 17th, as an essential service, supporting vulnerable adults.

They will be closed to customers for the remainder of lockdown, but can continue to take orders and organise collections by appointment.

Christmas trees will be on site at the beginning of December. Pre-ordering will ensure that you have a tree reserved for you, so please let them know if you would like to be added to the ever-growing list.

Your support and custom is very much appreciated - and needed!

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of

our wonderful customers and supporters who have helped us during this year. It is because of you that we are able to continue providing a home and support for 45 formerly homeless people.

Our doors may be closed to the public for the next few weeks but don't worry, you can still shop online! If you would like to continue to support our community during this time, check out our eBay shop at www.ebay.co.uk/str/emmauscambridge where there will be lots of great items for sale!

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1st Milton Brownies are Zooming

Because of the current Covid19 situation, face to face meetings for Girlguiding groups have had to be deferred but it isn't stopping the units from keeping in touch with the girls. In 1st Milton Brownies, some challenges were sent out by email and we invited the girls to hold a sleepover in their homes or gardens which was very successful with tents being erected in unusual places, campfires and even smores (and probably snores too?!) Since September, we have been holding virtual meetings on Zoom and it's lovely to be able to see the Brownies again and do some games and activities from the programme. Resource bags have been delivered around the village to support the activities going ahead.

One of our Brownies was particularly busy during lockdown and, so far, has achieved the amazing total of 12 Interest badges ranging from Aviation to Zero Waste and all points in between, well done Olivia. We had a virtual badge presentation on Zoom. Thanks to Mum for helping us do that! Please see a picture of Olivia with her many badges (*right*).

We look forward to meeting face to face again as soon as we feel we can do this safely but, in the meantime, will "Keep calm and Zoom".

If you would like your daughter to be involved in Girlguiding and haven't yet applied for them to be on a waiting list, please visit <u>www.girlguiding.org.uk/</u><u>information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/</u>. Milton has 2 Brownie units, meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 2 Guide units meeting on Mondays and Thursdays. Contact details can be found in the Milton Village Directory at <u>www.milton.org.uk</u>.



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NCT Walks for New Parents

Volunteers have started a new walk in the village to help parents get out and meet each other during the pandemic. NCT, a charity which offers information and support to new and expectant parents, is able to continue to running the walks during lockdown under

a government exemption for parent support groups.

"It's fantastic to be able to offer new parents in the village a way to still get out and support each other during lockdown. We're incredibly grateful to the Milton Country Park team for their help and support in hosting them." - Catherine, NCT Volunteer For more information about upcoming walks please check out the NCT Cambridge F a c e b o o k p a g e o r e m a i l firstaid.cambridge@nct.org.uk.



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Hello again from us all at the Lion & Lamb, hopefully we are about to, or have just escaped from lockdown2, we sincerely hope you are all keeping safe and well xx

Please come and visit and see the wonderful outside space – our Secret Garden Marquee - created outside to enable you to enjoy safe, socially distanced socialising in a dry warm space whilst still enjoying the outdoor fresh air. Coupled with the outdoor real fire Chimenea and infra-red heating, we hope to keep you warm whatever the temperature outside!

Inside we have created comfortable COVID safe spaces for you to enjoy a delightful meal or just a drink by the fireside – separated by screens but not too intrusive, you can relax and savour a night out safely!

However, whatever stage of unlocking we find ourselves in, we are still continuing with our Delivery & Takeaway Service as we understand that not everyone will be ready to get back to the pub. You can also order via Just Eat, but remember if you order direct with us we offer a great 10% OFF all food prices when you collect.

Our team continue to adhere to the highest of COVID safety standards: as a business, we hold Good To Go COVID Safe certification. Reviews, feedback and recommendations on our safety and service continue to reflect how hard we strive to keep everyone safe whilst providing a comfortable community hub for you to all enjoy - whether you are just popping in for a drink, out to enjoy a meal or simply collecting your takeaway.

We hope you are enjoying the Christmas decorations and of course our tree, needed this year more than ever to lift our spirits, a beautiful display for the festive season.

It is our aim to hold a few small events in December: hopefully the Carols will go ahead on the 4th. We aim to offer a Christmas Menu too - including a Christmas Day Takeaway! However, as this situation is ever changing, we would ask that you keep a close eye on our Facebook page "Lion and Lamb, Milton", our website where all information can be found - or just call us and we will be delighted to help.

Finally, we THANK YOU, our amazing community, for the overwhelming support this year. We are so appreciative of each and every one of you. We sincerely wish you a Merry Christmas and the best ever 2021.

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may do so by contacting me via my website. I am well stocked with cards, wrapping paper, coasters, tea towels, original prints and advent calendars (*left*). I also have a new A3 digital print of my popular Bread & Baking design, which would make a great gift for any fans of Bake Off. Go to: <u>www.hullyer.co.uk/shop</u> (promo code MILTON for free delivery). *Alison Hullyer*

Local Interest

Wildlife Notes

As I write this at the beginning of November, the ash trees have nearly lost their leaves and there are some lovely autumn colours around. It feels as if it's been a fairly wet and windy autumn.

About the only thing better in 2020 than 2019 was my sightings of hedgehogs. I had them visiting the feeder until late October, although I've not seen one for a few days now. Sadly in September we had to take a small one to Cambridgeshire Wildlife Care in Soham that a neighbour had found; it had had a non-lethal close shave probably with a strimmer but, more worrying, was having trouble breathing which was probably lungworm. Sadly they couldn't save the poor thing. Unfortunately there was also a large squashed one near the Brewers Inn in early November. As they start to emerge from hibernation in the coming Spring, if there is food and water for them, they stand a better chance of surviving. If there is a mild spell in late January, they may wake up too soon as there will be no food unless kind people put it out (dog or cat food, NEVER milk or bread). Keep an eye out, both in your garden and out in your car.

By the time the next Village View comes through your door, I think at least some blackthorn should be beginning to shows hints of flowering both in the village and in the surrounding area. I've a slight challenge for readers as I can't be everywhere every day. I've mentioned previously that blackthorn actually seems quite heterogeneous in its flowering time. I wonder if genetics, position and weather all play a part. I normally start to see blackthorn flowers in a few places by mid-late February. My earliest sighting of flowers was 2nd January in 2016 in the Country Park with other places following by the end of January that year. The usual large clump on the Long Reach that's always later than the rest along the river was still in flower in early April this year. What was interesting was a new place for me, walking to Landbeach and along the Mere Way. There was a lot of blackthorn still in flower on the road to Landbeach in early April although it suddenly "went over" a few days later, but there was still masses in flower on the Mere Way in nearly mid-April. The hawthorn was already starting to bloom by then. Hawthorn was in full or near full flower in most places just after the middle of April.

Heather Coleman



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Dash

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How can a tiny little mite Not be afraid of large dogs bite? Yet he will bark and "tell them off" And they will bow, or scarper off

For his authority and gait Underpins the Nanny State Of UberPooch and El Supreme No one can best Dash Harradine

Mirror Mirror on the Wall Prove his outfits "on the ball" Red Hoodie modelled a La Dash Is worn with flair and such panache

So, Little Man, how can you be So large a personality? You're proof a canine mini-moke Does not denote faint hearted folk



I had the idea of producing a book with true stories about pets, and it is now available on Amazon at <u>amzn.to/355IF2H</u>

Because I live in Fen Road, it turned out about 50% of them are about Milton pets and the rest from environs like the Cambridge Science Park. All the owners agreed for me to publish as I include a *portrait* of their pet for them to keep. Dash is one example of a real local character pet who belongs to a Milton Resident.

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Milton Colts

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Community library

Here is the progress so far: from inspiration through design to partial completion! Becky Munns





Sport

Eddies TV: Free fitness sessions



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Eddies TV was created over lockdown to ensure that people with a learning disability could connect and engage with others. We are now working to maintain that opportunity as a fun and safe way to interact with friends. Eddie's are delighted to have teamed up with Healthy Fenland to support people who would like to get active and may be more isolated during this time. From March to October, Eddies TV delivered over 1000

online sessions and are growing every week to make

sure that people can still meet their friends and partake in activity which gives daily structure, predictability and routine. 100% of people accessing the service said they would highly recommend the sessions to others. We currently are offering free sessions to anybody living in Fenland to engage in daily fitness activity. It's easy to access. Email us and we can send you the Zoom link for the variety of sessions to meet everybody's needs from dance, yoga, Zumba, high and low impact activity options. To take part in any of the activities, participants will need an internet enabled phone, tablet or laptop.

Mark Briggs from Eddies TV says, "These sessions have been really special to the people we support and to the wider community, they have given people a platform to see each other and interact together."

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