



Milton Village View

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Photo: Paul Capitain

With the imminent closure of Waterbeach Barracks the last plane has recently left the airfield. However, this was not a conventional departure via the runway but by road on a low loader transporter. The Hawker Hunter F2 (WN904) had been the airfield's gate guardian for many years but on August 2nd moved to its new home at Sywell Aviation Museum in Northamptonshire.

Waterbeach airfield has been an integral part of the local community for many decades and was home to the very rare radial-engined Avro Lancaster mark IIs of 514 squadron during WW2. More recently it has been home to 39 Engineer Regiment. The airfield is due to close in March 2013.

Paul Capitain



Photo: Ruth Brannan

The Flame Celebration for the 2012 Paralympic Games took place at Milton Country Park on 25th August. The Paralympic Lantern arrived across the lake at 1pm.

The Celebration included many activities for people to try out, including canoeing, archery, a wheelchair-accessible climbing wall, fishing, disc golf, boccia, adaptive bikes and craft sessions.

Four Paralympic flames travelled across the country to Stoke Mandeville - the home of the Paralympic Movement - and were then combined at a special ceremony ahead of a 24-hour torch relay to the Olympic Park in London.

For more photos of the Celebration see page 7.

Paul Oldham

Milton Produce Show CHANGE OF DATE to 23rd September

The 4th annual Milton Produce Show will be held on Sunday 23rd September (please note the change of date from the 16th). As usual this is a fun event, open to everyone, with a wide range of entries invited and plenty of prizes to be won.

The official closing date for entries is Wednesday 19th September, but we'll happily accept late entries as long as we can squeeze them in. For more information please visit www.milton.org.uk/produceshow or email produceshow@milton.org.uk.



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November

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1st November

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Closing date for articles - **1st September**

November Issue

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by sending us your photographs and news.

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EDF Site — Proposed Development

Bellway Homes Ltd. have put in
a planning application for a
proposed development on the
former EDF depot and training
centre, on Ely Road.

You may remember that the
previous planning application for
the site was for a retirement
village. By contrast, the new
proposal is for general housing
(89 dwellings), with a mix of
sizes and style of houses and
flats.

The application also includes a
new playground area and sports
pitches, as well as restoring and
reopening the area around North
Lodge.

No decision has yet been made on this application, but to see or comment on the
detailed plans, go to the South Cambridgeshire planning website at
<http://bit.ly/Qetdko> and search for application number "S/1388/12/RM".

Winter is Coming, So will the Flu

So why not come to the surgery and let us help to protect you?

Milton Surgery flu campaign starts end of September 2012. Please ring the surgery
during September to make an appointment for your flu vaccination with the nurse.

Most people who get flu recover after a week or two, but some develop life
threatening complications such as pneumonia, nerve or brain damage.

You are more likely to be at risk of complications of flu if you are in one of the 'at
risk' groups and your body is already weakened.

Flu vaccinations are especially important if:

- ⇒ **You are aged 65 or older**
- ⇒ **You have had a stroke or TIA (mini stroke)**
- ⇒ **You have reduced immunity**
- ⇒ **You are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person**
- ⇒ **You have diabetes**
- ⇒ **You have chronic heart disease**
- ⇒ **You have chronic kidney, liver or lung disease**
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WHAT'S ON: September—November

September

- Sat 22nd** Scouts Jumble Sale, 2.30pm, Community Centre
Sun 23rd Food, Farming & Countryside Day, including Milton Produce Show (See p.1)
Fri 28th World's Biggest Coffee Morning, 9-11am, Lion & Lamb (See below)
Sat 29th Women's Breakfast, All Saints Church Hall, 8.30-10am. *"The Life Scientific"* (See below)

October

- Sat 6th** Harvest Supper & Ceilidh, Community Centre, 7.30pm (See below)
Weds 24th – Sun 4th Nov Cambridge Festival of Ideas 2012 (See p.5)
Sat 21st Messy Praise, All Saints Church, 3.30pm (See below)
Sun 28th Service of Remembering, All Saints Church, 3pm
A special service to remember relatives and friends who have died.

November

- Sun 18th** Messy Praise, All Saints Church, 3.30pm (See below)
Mon 26th 'Create for Christmas', Church Hall, 7.30pm

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



Women's Breakfast – The Life Scientific

Saturday 29th September, 8.30-10am, All Saints Church Hall
 Women of all ages gather for breakfast and a short talk.

At the September breakfast we will be hearing from women from All Saints who work in the fields of science, medicine and engineering.

Harvest Supper & Ceilidh

Saturday 6th October
 Milton Community Centre
 7.30pm until late

Tickets £10 adults, £5 age 16 and under
 (includes supper)
 Licensed bar

Tickets available from:
 Milton Post Office, Coles Road
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Messy Praise

Crafts, songs, Bible story and tea.
 Join us for crafty, creative Messy Praise at All Saints.
 Sunday 21st October & Sunday 18th November at 3.30pm.

Milton Outdoor Bowls Club A Pre-Christmas Concert with Waterbeach Brass

at Milton Community Centre

Saturday 8th December 2012
 7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £8 for adults, £5 for under 16s
 Available from 1st November at Community
 Centre office OR contact Bob Waters on 860620

Light refreshments included
 Programmes £1 with a lucky number draw

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Join in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning from 9-11am on Friday 28th September at the Lion & Lamb, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The bouncy castle will be up if it is dry, and there will be a couple of table top stalls, a raffle and of course home baking!

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Pilates Classes 2012

Milton Community Centre - Monday Morning
 9.30am & 10.30am Mat/Ring Mixed Ability Class

Milton School - Tuesday Evening
 6.25pm Ball & Mat Mixed Ability Class
 8.15pm Mat Mixed Ability Class

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Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch

**PEOPLE WHO ACTIVELY CARE
ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT IN
WHICH THEY LIVE AND WHO DO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

So, What is N.H.W.?

Neighbourhood Watch is a country-wide voluntary organisation with the aim of making each area a better place for people to live, work and play. We encourage neighbourliness and provide reassurance to those who may come in contact with crime or antisocial behaviour. We provide a forum by which the public can have ease of dialogue with the police through which they can communicate their concerns.

By empowering a community through support and advice we actively prevent crime. This has been recognised by the police and we have a formal written working Agreement with them. They keep us up to date on their concerns and regarding relevant incidents by email, with news direct from our local officers that is locally specific to us.

How Does it Work?

We work closely day to day with our local officers. They need us to help them. This is a partnership against crime and to prevent fear of crime.

Villagers also ideally work as a team in order to be efficient. Ideally each village has a coordinator who encourages and

promotes crime prevention and each street has a person willing to act as a "good neighbour" to assist and advise when necessary, they are called street coordinators. Street coordinators communicate relevant messages to their neighbours by email. Each coordinator is registered with the police. All are supported by Cambs. N.H.W. It has been found that where there is such an arrangement, reporting of crime goes up and levels of crime go down! That a community is made stronger as it works together.



How Can You Help in Milton?

We are looking for a Village Coordinator for Milton and for further street coordinators. Please do make yourself known to us. Membership is free and belonging to a scheme should gain you a reduction in your household insurance premium. We would like your email address to communicate with you. All that we ask is that persons applying are honest, able to totally keep a confidence and have the desire to keep Milton a safe place to live.

Your Local Cambs. N.H.W. Area Rep.

My name is Polly Wilderspin and you can reach me at:

polly.wilderspin@btinternet.com

If you wish to know more, please do ask.

The Olympic Sound Collector

A stranger called this morning,
All dressed in black and grey
Put the Olympic sounds into a bag
And carried them away

The roar of the Veldrome
As Hoy collects his golds
That hush within the stadium
Before that glory night unfolds

The firing of the starting pistol
As Bolt lines up with Blake
The cheering of the crowd
And that magical atmosphere it can make

The oohs and aahs at the gymnastics
At such incredible and daring feats
The deafening noise in the Aquatic centre
In both the final and the heats

It's party time in the Copper Box
We will Rock You plays out loud
The beach volleyball is the place to be
It's like a carnival in the crowd!

The screaming of the spectators
Gathered early in the mornings
To watch our rowing boys and girls
Bring in the gold at Eton Dorney

The hysteria from the Olympic stadium
When Jess and Mo hit the final bell
They are sounds which will stay forever
So proud to be British as well!

A stranger called this morning
He didn't leave his name
Left us with only memories
Of a once in a lifetime Olympic Games!

Sonia Mair

Based on 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough

Dog Fouling

There have been a number of complaints recently of dogs fouling the village open spaces, particularly the Coles Road and Sycamores recreation grounds. We would like to ask dog owners and dog walkers to abide by the law by clearing up their dog's mess and placing it in the

dog bins around the village (please, not the normal rubbish bins).

We would also like to remind dog owners/walkers that their dogs should be kept on a lead whilst in public areas, which includes all the recreation grounds around the village.

Andy Gray, Community Centre Manager

Parish Council Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the parish council. If you would like to consider being co-opted to serve, please ring the clerk on 861447 or email:

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Cambridge Festival of Ideas

From the nightmare of global conflict and online Big Brothers to dreams of spiritual transcendence, this year's Cambridge Festival of Ideas will keep you wide awake, entertained and stimulated this autumn.

The theme of the Festival, which takes place from **24 October to 4**



November in University buildings, galleries and museums around Cambridge, is '*dreams and nightmares*'. The Festival aims to celebrate and promote the huge breadth of work covered by the University of Cambridge across the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and to invites experts from across the country to take part.

The Festival offers hundreds of free talks, hands on activities, film screenings and workshops for all ages. The main day of the Festival, on Saturday 27 October, is bursting with free events for the whole family to



enjoy on the University's Sidgwick Site.

For more information and a programme, please call: 01223 766766 or visit: www.cam.ac.uk/festivalofideas

New Fire Service Training Facility on Milton Industrial Park

CAMBRIDGESHIRE Fire and Rescue Service's new training facility was officially opened on August 31st by Chief Fire Officer Graham Stagg and Chairman of the Fire Authority Fred Brown. Guests were able to see some of the different training scenarios firefighters would be practising on the site.

The facility boasts a large training building which can be altered to simulate fires in a number of different properties including warehouses, houses and shops. The house can be filled with artificial smoke to make visibility poor, as it would be with a real fire.

"The location means it is easy to access by crews from a number of stations, and the fact that it is on a separate site improves resilience."

Graham Stagg



The drill tower allows for working at height training and within the compound there is plenty of space for other skills training, such as road traffic collision work, animal rescues and ladder work.

Sewer Replacement — Roadworks

Anglian Water is replacing an existing sewer rising main from Milton Church Lane pumping station to Cambridge Sewage Treatment Works. The existing 1500m long 150mm PVC main is being replaced with 180mm PE main by mainly pipe bursting with open cut in the field near A14.

The work started on the 10th September and will finish around 9th December. During the construction, the road (Ely Road, Cambridge Road, High Street, Cowley Road) is under lane closure 2 way traffic lights. The work is starting from the Milton Church Lane Pumping Station and continuing to Ely Road, High Street, Cambridge Road, Cowley Road, then to the Cambridge Sewage Treatment Works.

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SUMMER PHOTOS



Photo: Nat Johnson

Your photos in Village View?

We'd love to publish more of your photos of life in Milton. Photos don't have to be linked to articles — just send in photos of village events, or nice photos of the village or surroundings at any time of year. For contact details, see p.2.

The Produce Show (see p.1.) also has a photography section, so why not send your best snaps there as well?



Photo: Nat Johnson

All the Bells



Photo: Paul Oldham

As part of the Olympics Festival, Turner Prize-winning artist and musician Martin Creed created a piece called "Work No. 1197: All the bells in a country rung as quickly and as loudly as possible for three minutes". Sally Milligan encouraged people in Milton to take part, via the Milton-chat email list, and over forty people turned up ready to ring their bells.

The event took place all over the

country at 8:12am on Friday 27th July, with everyone ringing some kind of bell for three minutes. We all gathered outside All Saints' Church, and Barry Brown went inside to ring the church bells. He was in charge of timing, so when he started, so did the rest of us: on hand bells, bicycle bells, toy bells, bell apps on smartphones and tablets, and dancing bells.

The sound was wonderful, and there were plenty of children joining in too,

having a great time. The only shame was that it didn't go on longer, for the people who arrived just as the church bells stopped, marking the end of the three minutes.

Videos of the event, along with more photos, are available at: http://home.the-hug.net/photos/all_the_bells/

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EACH News



Terry Cutter, 65, of Barnabas Court, has raised more than £300 for EACH after taking part in a skydive which he saw advertised in Milton Village View! Terry completed the 12,000ft free-fall skydive at Sibson Airfield travelling at a speed of 120mph! Terry said: "I've lived in Milton for more than 12 years and I regularly see the children from EACH in the village and I wanted to do something to help. I was so nervous dangling my feet out of a plane at 12,000ft but it was worth it to support such a great charity!"

Upcoming events include our **Twilight Walk at Milton Country Park on October 27th at 5pm**. Dress to impress with prizes awarded for best dressed

individual, family and corporate team. 2km route, suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Children £5 to enter and sponsorship encouraged: remember a torch!

And don't forget the **Cambridge Santa Run on 16th December 16th at 10am**.

Starting and finishing at The Grafton, the Run is a sponsored event where you can run, jog or walk either the 1.5km or the 2.5km route. Prize for Best Dressed Santa. Route is wheelchair and pushchair friendly. Kindly sponsored by The Grafton, entry is £8/10 excluding/including Santa suit, or £5 child including Santa hat.

For more information and to register for these events please call 01223 205180 or visit www.each.org.uk

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MILTON W.I.

In May we were shown how to expertly dry flowers, grasses etc and then how to make beautiful cards using these lovely dried flowers. Then in June, Mike Petty kept everyone enthralled with his vast knowledge of Cambridgeshire and the Pickwick Cambridge Scrapbook. Come July we were Royally entertained by the Cambridge Federation Players in a Jubilee theme. It was an excellent and professional evening of entertainment that had us all laughing out loud.

Events organised by the County Federation include various outings, craft day schools and lunches with speakers. Yet again our darts team won the County Federation Darts Tournament Cup: very well done ladies! Our trip to the seaside was a success and the weather was kind to us.

Coming up we have 'Sarah the Plumber' coming to talk to us, a demonstration of Christmas Floral Arrangements and Belly Dancers: this is a very varied programme with thanks to Judy Milner and her team.

Any ladies who would like to know more about us please come along to any of our meetings as a visitor. Please contact our President Gill Offley on 01223 293231 or our Secretary Bridget Crow on 01223 441755 or you can visit our website, thewimilton.blogspot.com. On the website you will be able to see lots of pictures of our Members enjoying themselves and link through to the County and National websites to find out more about the W.I.: the largest ladies organisation in the UK with 215,000 Members.

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Jan Chessum

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Message from your PCSO

Summer 2012 is over now and fortunately, Crime and ASB-wise, it has been reasonably quiet. The summer events have hopefully inspired us all, and many of us may have decided to do more cycling. Unfortunately the issue of cycle theft remains a concern throughout Cambridgeshire. If you or a member of your family have a cycle please take note of the following advice

Register it: Register model, make and frame number to increase your chance of getting it back if it's stolen. You can do this at www.immobilise.com. Frame numbers can usually be found: near the handlebars, below the seat post, by or underneath the pedals, or towards the back wheel.

Security mark it: Use an ACPO-approved marking scheme. Make sure the security mark:

- Is clearly visible, highlighting that the cycle is security coded
- Is secure and difficult for a thief to remove
- Includes a registration log book, proving ownership

Buy a lock: Or even two. Expect to pay at least £40 for a decent lock. Locking your cycle securely:

- Lock 'tight' so that your cycle is hard to move around when parked
- Lock both wheels and the frame to a cycle stand or other immovable object
- Secure your lock so it does not touch the ground: a lock lying on the pavement can be easily sledge-hammered

Insure it: Add a standard cycle to your home contents insurance, ensuring it is covered for theft outside of your home. More valuable cycles should be insured separately.

Additional security measures

- Park your cycle where it can be seen but not in the same place every day
- Make sure the locks catch the cycle frame as well as both wheels and the post
- Face the lock to the ground (but not resting on it) so it can't easily be turned upwards for picking
- Fill the D part of a lock with as much of the cycle as possible to reduce the chance of it being smashed open
- Take removable items with you, for example lights, pump

PCSO John Mason 7146

Helping our communities celebrate together

The Diamond Jubilee and Olympic celebrations have inspired a new website — www.startnow.org.uk — to make it easier to bring communities across Cambridgeshire together for events. The website provides information ranging from how to get started with organising an event, including budgeting and grants, to publicity and helpful tips on whether a license and insurance may be needed.

Cambridgeshire Councils and their partners have teamed up to develop the new pages which aim to help increase the number of community events taking place by providing a step-by-step guide to turning an idea into a reality. The information on the new online guide builds upon a booklet launched by South Cambridgeshire District Council and stART, a partnership with the village colleges in the district.

Cllr Mac McGuire, Deputy Leader at Cambridgeshire County Council, said: "Local residents have come together for the benefit of the place they live - this is a fantastic thing and we hope this website will be a focal point of advice, help and information."

Tony Taylorson

Free Fire Safety Advice

Gary Dew works as a volunteer with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) in collaboration Cambridgeshire ACRE as part of the recently launched Community Champions scheme.

The aim is to have volunteers in rural communities who are able to give fire safety advice and act as a referral point for CFRS. If you are involved with a group in the village which would like him to give a short presentation on fire safety you can email him at garydew@btopenworld.com

Paul Oldham

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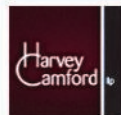
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From the Desk of the Parish Council Chairman: September 2012

The new fitness equipment on the Sycamores Rec was installed in June – and just in time for the Olympics! I encourage residents to make use of the new equipment as well as all the other play areas in the village. On the issue of recreation space, the parish council will be called upon to make a decision about the playing fields on the new general housing development on the former EDF site off Ely Road. Bellway Homes Ltd has purchased the site and intends to start building this Autumn. The parish has an option of accepting either two football pitches with changing rooms and pavilion or a lump sum of £200,000 to be used for recreation in the village. The parish council continues to consult with village sports clubs on this issue.



We have been concerned for some time about a traffic problem by the Milton Park & Ride site. Your parish councillors met with the County Council's Area Traffic Manager to discuss how to alleviate traffic missing the turning at the P&R site, then turning north along the A10 and doing a U-turn at Rectory Farm or the Humphries Way junction. Signage is the key to stop traffic taking the wrong route and needing to turn round. As a result of the meeting, an additional sign showing 'All Routes A14' will be added at the exit of the P&R car park and 'All Routes A14' will be added to existing signs.

A new village Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator is being sought to liaise with the various street-coordinators. Please see the article from Polly Wilderspin in this issue. There is also still a vacancy on the parish council. I urge anyone interested to contact the Clerk for more information (telephone 861447 or email clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk).



Finally, many thanks to the volunteers from Cambridge Building Society who performed a litter pick here in Milton on Sunday 17th June. Also thanks to our own parish Environmental Group who perform regular litter picks throughout the village.

Richard Summerfield, Chairman Milton Parish Council

Milton Summer Fayre

Well you certainly can't count on the British weather! We needed to change plans for the Village Fayre at the last minute as the recreation ground was too wet to use. Unfortunately, we had to cancel all arena events, but the rest of the stalls were placed on the car park, in the hall and on what little bit of grass we could use. We would like to thank the Melody Beats as they kept things lively for us outside by playing all afternoon. We had Caroline Langford and the Undercovers keeping every one on their toes in the hall during the evening. A great day was had by all.

Thank you to everyone who came to this year's fayre and supported it regardless of the weather. If anyone has any comments on this year's event please email us at miltonfayre@yahoo.com. We are looking for new committee members so if you are interested please get in touch. The date of next year's fayre is Saturday 13th July 2013.

Lynda Molloy

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'):

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Parish & District Councillors

Mark Hersom	07852 997771
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County Councillor

Michael Williamson	860899
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Relief Warden Sought for Community Care Scheme

A Relief Warden is needed for the Milton Community Care Scheme to cover for the warden during holidays, sickness, etc. The Community Care Scheme is a valuable service which provides assistance to elderly residents in their homes. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Clerk's Office on 861447, or email clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk

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Wildlife Notes

It seems a crying shame that Summer is practically over, given that we've barely had one! I think the swifts and terns agreed, as I've not seen any since the beginning of August. As I write this near the end of August, there still seem to be plenty of house martins around both in the village and further afield. Cycling along the river the Sunday before Bank Holiday, I noticed a lot of swallows flying over the river. Passing under the A14 bridge, I noted some were flying up into the pipe channel under the bridge and saw a nest with noisy young that two adults were incessantly taking insects to. Hopefully the warm weather will last into September/October to allow the young swallows, probably a second brood, to fledge and fatten up for their long journey to Southern Africa.

If you're interested in the fate of other summer birds, the BTO have tagged some cuckoos again this year, some from Norfolk but also Scottish and Welsh ones. The website is www.bto.org/cuckoos. Other birds of note have been two excellent sightings of a barn owl in the evening on Milton Fen, and being woken up by a very loud tawny owl the other night!

The hedgehogs are still visiting our feeding station, which is very pleasing. We've had three different individuals, all of whom look as if they're already a healthy weight to hibernate, but snuffling around our garden eating our slugs, snails, worms and beetles as well as the top-up dry cat food we put out hopefully will help them stay healthy through the Autumn until they decide to hibernate. We've got plenty of piles of vegetation under shrubs as well as a couple of commercial "hedgehog houses" given to us as presents, so we can hope to be host to these prickly beasts. A reminder, as the nights draw in, for drivers to be careful, not only for the sake of hedgehogs, but for all residents of the village, especially children and the elderly.

Heather Coleman

Buddy up for free computer help at Central Cambridge Library

Computer buddies could be just the help you need with free one-to-one sessions for those aged 50 and over at Central Library. The offer is part of Cambridgeshire County Council's drive to provide a range of services for the communities they serve, not just a place to find books.

In the one hour session buddies will explain and demonstrate basic problems such as how to operate Word, use email and web searching.

Maggie Brown, EngAGE Project Co-ordinator for the county council, said: "Computers can sometimes be daunting but we hope our computer buddy will help take away some of the mystery. This is a great opportunity for a novice computer user to advance their skills with someone at hand to help. Please also feel free to come and tell us what your computer problems are and we will do our best to help solve them if we can. Why not book your place with a buddy today?"

Please contact the library on 0345 045 5225 for more information.

The sessions cannot provide technical advice and support relating to people's equipment at home or give advice on purchases.

Please Support Your Mobile Library

Cambridgeshire currently has four mobile libraries stopping at 421 locations in 245 villages and communities throughout the county. It stops in Milton at the following times:

Post Office:	1st Friday of the month: 9:45-10:45am
	3rd Monday of the month: 3:30-4:30pm
The Rowans:	1st Friday of the month: 10:50-11:50am
Community Centre:	3rd Monday of the month: 2:25-3:25pm

- The service is **free** to join and use.
- Each Mobile Library carries up to 3,000 items of stock including fiction, non fiction, large print, books on CD & cassette, DVDs. Books for children of all ages.
- You can **request** books/cassettes/CDs/DVDs. We have access to all the books in Cambridgeshire Libraries.
- Any books borrowed from the Mobile Library can be **returned to any Cambridgeshire Library** and you can return books from other libraries to us.
- You can **renew and order books online**, please ask onboard for your 'PIN' to get you started.
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Milton Colts Under 8's Football Team Seek Sponsorship

This is the first season for the Milton Colts Under 8's Football Team in the local Mini League and we are seeking sponsorship to help us with our kit requirements.

If anybody knows of a business or individual who would be interested in funding the following items, please contact Paul Yaxley on the following e-mail address: hollyyak@btinternet.com

12 x Nike Training Tops (also to be used as our change kit) - **Cost £219.48**

12 x Hoodies (to keep players warm at training & at games) - **Cost £132**

12 x Kit Bags (for players to keep all of their kit together) - **Cost £75**

Any support would be gratefully appreciated.

*Paul Yaxley, Milton Colts Under 8's
Coach*

Whist Drives

Fourth Tuesday in the Community Centre, 7.30pm-10.30pm. Admission £1.50. Xmas whist will be the third Tuesday in December.

Mary Daniels

Scrabble

Second Friday in Church Hall, 7.30-10.30pm. Admission 50p. All profits from the November Scrabble are for the charity of the winner's choice.

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Opening Ceremony for Sycamores Rec Fitness Equipment



Parish Council Chairman Richard Summerfield officially opened the new fitness equipment on the Sycamores Rec on Saturday 30th June. Richard gave special thanks to Cambridgeshire Community Foundation and AmeyCespa (former Donarbon) for providing the generous funding which allowed us to purchase the equipment. Thanks also to local Handball coach Milosz Wrobel who demonstrated the equipment and Ryan Cullum from Sport Makers UK who gave a talk on the benefits of the Sport Makers project. Please visit www.SportMakers.co.uk and find out how you can make sport happen in Milton.



Milton Community Centre AGM

All villagers are invited to drinks and refreshments at

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