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And much more!

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Three local designers are opening their studio doors this November. Visit The Garden Studio, 6 Cambridge Road, Milton on the evenings of Thurs 15th and Fri 16th November from 5-8pm and Sat 17th November from 11am-4pm.

Jewellers Cheryl Bird and Linda Bartlett are joined by artist Alison Hullyer, and they are looking forward to welcoming you with mince pies and mulled cider. They will be showing beautifully made items including necklaces, bracelets, earrings and cuff links plus their sparkling crystal snowflake decorations. Alison will have her popular range of screen printed tea towels and coasters as well as a selection of pictures and Christmas cards.

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September

- Sat 22nd** Ekisa Quiz Night, All Saints' Church Hall, 7pm
Sun 23rd Autumn Festival, Country Park, 10.30-5pm (p.3)
Fri 28th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Lion & Lamb, 9am-noon (p.19)
29th-30th Beginners Nordic Walking, Country Park, 10.30-5pm (p.23)



October

- Sun 7th** Harvest Festival, All Saints', 10.30am
Sun 7th Harvest Evensong, All Saints', 6pm
Tues 9th Community Centre AGM, in the Lounge, 7pm (p.23)
Thurs 25th Tennis Club AGM, Community Centre, 7.30pm, *everyone welcome*
Sun 28th Halloween at Denny, Denny Abbey, 11am-4pm



November

- Sun 4th** Service of Remembering, All Saints', 4pm
Sun 11th Remembrance Day, All Saints', 10.30am / Coles Road, 11am
15th, 17th Winter Open Studios, 6 Cambridge Road, 5-8pm (p.2)
Sat 17th Gift & Food Fair in aid of Ekisa, All Saints', 10am-3pm
Sun 18th Winter Open Studios, 6 Cambridge Road, 11am-4pm (p.2)

More pub events: see pp.18-19.

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



Autumn Festival, 23rd Sept, 10.30am - 5pm

Milton Country Park's Autumn Festival is the park's biggest fundraiser and a popular event which has become a highlight of the year.

Proudly committed to supporting local independent foodies, crafters and creatives, the Autumn Festival is not your average family fun day. With wild outdoor play, traditional craft, magical adventures and a hint of days gone by, this is a fashionably-old-fashioned event. Children can be found playing in piles of hay and climbing on tractors, dressing up and enjoying wood craft and magical workshops. Adults can enjoy some of finest local street food, real ales and cider and live music, all in an attractive park setting! All proceeds go towards the upkeep of Milton Country Park and helps to keep it open and accessible for everyone to enjoy!

Events

EACH News

We would like to thank both guests and volunteers who came along to support **Milton Gala Day** on 16th June. For the second year running, the Cambridge Round Table kindly organised the event to great success, raising close to £5k! The day included a wonderful range of entertainment, food, drinks and stalls for the whole family and was a lovely way to celebrate the work of EACH.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) are looking for an **office volunteer** to come in for a half day each week to assist the busy fundraising team. The role will include a range of admin tasks and computer based work. If you're interested in learning a bit more then please email Ellen Bing at ellen.bing@each.org.uk or call us on

01223 204 916.



Landbeach & Milton Baptist Church

Sunday morning Services at 10.30am

Sun Sept 2nd, 6pm: **United Songs of Praise**, with All Saints' Landbeach at the Baptist Church

Weekday Events:

Line Dancing, 6.30pm Tuesdays

Wednesday Club **Exercise Class**,
2.30pm [2 meetings each month]

Weds **Craft Meeting**, 6.30pm [Weekly]

'**Sing to Remember**' on Thursdays,
10.45. for 11am

The **EACH Milton Carol Service** will take place on 18th December this year at All Saints Church, Church Lane. The evening will begin at 7pm and include traditional songs, heartfelt readings and some wonderful performances that we know will be popular with our families, friends and supporters.

Every year EACH holds a **cake stall** at the Ely Cathedral Christmas Food & Gift Fair which runs from Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th November. In previous years we have received over 100 cakes to sell raising in excess of £2k. So if you are the next Mary Berry or simply love making cakes please contact Ellen on 01223 204916 or ellen.bing@each.org.uk

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The Greatest Show on Earth in Milton

At the start of August, Artworks performed their Summer show 'The Greatest Show on Earth in Milton'. The show took the audience on an adventure across the world discovering dancers, singers and dramas from different cultures. Mexican wrestlers, Hawaiian surfers, Samurai and some Latin tango dancers all joined forces to bring the Milton Circus to life.



Artworks, provided by Eddie's (www.eddies.org.uk), moved to Milton Youth Centre in June, running sessions Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm. They are an energetic group who provide an opportunity for people with a learning disability (aged 18+) to be creative and take part in arts and crafts. It also offers people the chance to socialise and build new friendship groups. This is a vital lifeline for many people, offering the chance for friendships and company, which really

improves people's wellbeing.

At the Artworks opening celebration, group members and community figures joined together to create a piece of artwork - a tree made up of fingerprints, to represent the charity rooting itself into the community. The artwork was then handed over to Milton Tesco to display, as a thank you for the warm welcome they've given the charity.



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At our last Farmer Tom's & CCAC Open Morning, lots of people came to see our animals during our lambing morning special event. This was a great success and we would like to say thank you to everyone that came out on the day to have a go at holding our lambs! We would also like to say thank you to Verrecchia's ice cream for being in attendance on the day.

We run **birthday parties** and **Fears and Phobias** sessions, which can be tailored for a variety of ages. For those that are slightly older, we run **Short Courses** such as PA1 (safe handling/application of pesticides),

PA2 (safe application of pesticides using machinery such as boom sprayers), **Forklift** and **Tractor driving**. For availability and enquiries, please check our website at www.cwa.ac.uk/camshop, or you can contact Cambridge@cwa.ac.uk.

Roger Day RIP

At our July meeting the Parish Council stood in silence to remember former Parish Councillor Roger Day who died in May this year. Roger had been a councillor for 32 years, retiring in 2011, and was chairman from 1990 to 1992.

During his time as a councillor he was very involved in the provision of community facilities for the village when it expanded in the 1980's and was also involved in the development of the recreation grounds at the Sycamores and Coles Road. Roger was tree warden for many years and helped plant many of the trees on Coles Road Recreation ground as well as elsewhere in the village. His voluntary work and knowledge of the village will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with his wife Christine and his family at this sad time.

Jane Coston, Parish Council Chairman

School Governors Needed

Would you like the chance to make a real difference to young people? Milton School is looking for people with a range of skills and experience to join the governing body. You do not need to be a parent to be a governor, just the interest & time to contribute. Plenty of training is provided to help you with the role.

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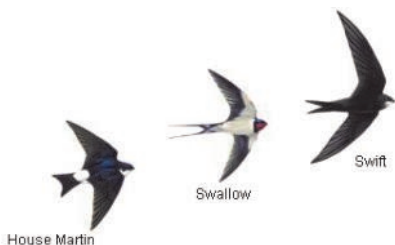
Swifts in Milton

About 87,000 pairs of swifts come to the UK in summer from Africa to breed — down 50% in 20 years.

Around 10 pairs nested at my house this summer. I got my first pair of swifts in 2012, yet they would fly around the area before that. Newer houses tend to lack any suitable nest-places - perhaps this is the cause of the alarming decline in swift numbers. There are swift nest-boxes on the back of a house in Goding Way - you can just about see them by looking from Fen Rd. near the 'blue tree house'. I've also seen them get under the fascia board / bargeboard at the gable end of the EACH offices in High Street nearest the Lion & Lamb.

eaves, it's a house martin. If it nests on ledges in barns / porches / garages / under bridges, then it's probably a Swallow. Nothing wrong with either of those - I'd welcome house martins at my house - but they're not swifts. You could have swifts, and hardly know - they disappear into any small holes, make a very minimal nest inside near the entrance, and don't make any mess at all.

What you can't help but notice is that at certain times of day, groups of them fly around nest-colonies making their 'screaming' calls. As mentioned on Springwatch, they might be the world's fastest bird in level flight - 70 mph maybe? One gets the impression that they show off their flying ability just 'because they can...'.
Clarke Brunt



Many people - on mention of swifts - say "We have those" or "They make a mess" - it soon becomes evident that they are talking about House Martins. If it makes a mud-cup under

Old Village Views!

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Chairman's Report – Milton Parish Council

New play area opened in Coles Road



After weeks of children pressing their faces up against the fencing longingly, the new play park on Coles Road opened. Around 150 children and adults attended the event and children swarmed onto the equipment.

This new play area is a great success with many children now enjoying this new facility.



Council have expressed their thanks to the Play Working Party members (L-R on photo) Sarah Corder, Jane Coston, Will Munns, Edel Gower, Joelle Garden and Alison McKeegan for all their hard work on this project. We hope children will enjoy this facility for many years to come.



Members of the working party each cutting one of the six ribbons to officially open the new play area.

Graffiti

Unfortunately we are suffering with a spate of graffiti in the village and at least 3 of our bus stops have been affected. We have contacted various specialist cleaners and they have all advised that although they can clean off the graffiti it will make the polycarbonate milky. In the past we have also had posters stuck with tape to these shelters and this has caused a similar

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problem when cleaning off the sticky tape. The cost of cleaning or replacing these polycarbonate panels is expensive. We will be making every effort to try to clean off this graffiti as soon as possible. We have also had the brick bus shelters interiors repainted.

Allotment Entrance

We have just completed work at the allotments to improve the entrance with a new road surface and safety rails. We have also arranged with South Cambs District Council for an old culvert to be repaired where it has collapsed into the ditch.

Travellers

Travellers with vans, trucks, a horse box, horses and dogs set up camp on the recreation ground at North Lodge and arrangements were made for them to be removed immediately. We were also grateful to South Cambs who helped clear the site afterwards so the pitches etc. could be used.

Local Highways Improvements

We have been successful in getting some small improvements approved. These are a short length of new pathway on the line of the muddy path near the Tesco roundabout and the addition of bollards, extending the tarmac by the Landbeach Bus stop and

improvements to the Winship Road entrance.

Presentation to Richard Summerfield

I was very pleased to be able to present a signed and framed certificate to Richard Summerfield on behalf of the Parish Council to record our sincere thanks for almost 50 years as a Parish Councillor.

Richard did not seek re-election in May this year.



New Councillor

I am pleased to say we have had a new councillor, Colin Duff, join us this month.

Agendas for meetings

We often have around 20 – 30 agenda items for each meeting as well as updates and planning applications for comments so my reports only cover some of the items that may be of interest to you. If you would like to view our agendas they are published on the Parish Council website as well as on the 2 notice boards located in Coles Road by the Post Office and outside the Parish Office.

Jane Coston, Chairman of Milton Parish Council



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25 Years Ago: Oct '93

Day Centre Opens Its Doors

Milton Day Centre opened on Friday 3rd of September. Its aims are to provide a day of company and activities.



Some of the first day helpers
Margaret Deer Cecilia Jones Margaret Sandford
Judith Dalton Jackie Strickland

10 Years Ago: Oct '08

Top Prize in Maths Competition



We were delighted when the Milton School team of four - Renzhi, Mihir, Om and Sijia - won the 2008 Cambridgeshire Y5 Maths Challenge. There was strong competition from around two thirds of the county's junior schools leading to the final held at The Imperial War Museum at Duxford.

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Amelia, founder of AG First Aid Training, says: "Children can save lives! With opportunities and support to develop that little "spark" of confidence in a child to be able to do something rather than nothing, then in an emergency, more lives can be saved. Teaching children first aid requires an understanding of how children react and respond quite often in emergency situations. Our programme is specifically tailored with age-appropriate activities that encourage confidence and the subject delivered with careful consideration and empathy to a younger audience."

Booking information will be available shortly. For more information, contact Amelia on 07795 680 733 or email agfirstaidtraining@btinternet.com.

Join the Milton Online Team!

"The mission of Milton Online is to improve the quality of life in Milton through opportunities for people to work together in information, media and technology."

Milton Online is the group that runs the village website (www.milton.org.uk) and the Milton News & Milton Chat email lists, and is affiliated to Milton Village View.

We need more help to keep all these running, and for new projects. To find out more, join us at our next meeting at the White Horse on 11th October at 8pm.



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The new playground in the Country Park was opened on July 1st during the annual "Parklife" event.. The £130,000 project was made possible thanks to many sponsors—the full list is available at www.miltoncountrypark.org/playground.

Anna Jarman

Rachel Owen
& Sally Thorne

Lin Macpherson



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!

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Milton WI

This year for our annual summer outing, we journeyed to Southwold for a day at the seaside and to see the tense drama 'A Daughter's a Daughter', written by Agatha Christie, which centred on the relationship and trauma between a mother and her only daughter when the mother wanted to remarry. We also joined Bottisham WI on their trip to Attleborough to visit Peter Beales' Rose Garden. Over coffee and cake, we had an interesting talk on the care of roses which was followed by a tour where we saw blooms of many types and colours. Following the August break, upcoming speakers will include Dr Wreghitt on 'Making a Stand for Chelsea', Helen Green 'From Home to the Western Front' and Sue Stephenson 'The Swinging 60s'.

In addition to our monthly meetings, we have regular lunches, walks and board game afternoons. We also have two very successful darts teams who regularly practice and play against other WI teams.

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

Anne Newman

Milton MU

In June several of us joined Mothers Union members from across the Ely diocese in the Bishop's beautiful garden, for an evening of strawberries and fizz with Lynne Tembey, our world wide president. Lynne is a naturally gifted speaker who inspired us all by sharing her Christian faith with us and telling us stories from her time with different MU groups around the world.

July saw another gathering with members from Stapleford, but it was definitely not a case of third time lucky! Heavy rain on 9 August, Mary Sumner Day, brought a quick change of location from garden to house for our afternoon tea party. Nonetheless, a most enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Every year MU members remember and give thanks for the life and work of our founder, Mary Sumner. She was a Victorian woman with a remarkable vision that sought to transform Victorian family life and society.

Through prayer, raising money and campaigning we support a variety of MU projects both in this country and abroad. We also look to get involved in more local initiatives such as prison visiting, supporting local refuges and knitting twiddle muffs and clothes for premature babies. For more information of what we do please access the church website or find us on Facebook!

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To attend the meeting or for more information, please contact Sandra on 07891 872836 or prater@ntlworld.com

*Sandra Prater,
Alzheimer's Society volunteer*

Local History Group

Milton Local History Group meets at the Community Centre on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Recent talks have included Milton School, church clock and history of the Midsummer Fair at Cambridge. Posters for latest events appear at the Community Centre, Post Office and Tesco. Refreshments included.

Contact Chris Thomas, 440024

Cambridge Writers

Are you an aspiring novelist or short story writer, but feel you need to hone your writing skills, or maybe you just enjoy writing your own stories? Then a group like *Cambridge Writers* might be for you, where members bring pieces of their own writing and read to the group for constructive criticism. They also publish the best entries in the annual short story competition in compilations, available on Amazon.

Whilst Cambridge Writers is not a Milton Group *per se*, Milton residents are heavily involved: indeed, local writer Mike English won the 2017 short story competition and was highly commended in 2015 and 2018 and Kathy English (the membership secretary) was also highly commended in 2018. In fact, in 2018, the standard of entries was so high that the judge, the well-known agent, Julian Friedmann, commented, "I'd bet on your writers' group in competition with any other." Finally, another Milton resident, Ian Osler, is publicity secretary and has a novel, "The Compound Fracture", available on Amazon. Cambridge Writers also organise monthly talks about aspects of writing. For a full schedule and more info, take a look at the website: www.cambridgewriters.net.

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Last year, Jason, who is deaf, told us about visiting A&E and not getting a British Sign Language interpreter for 7+ hours despite a serious lung condition. Thanks to Jason and others, we challenged the local NHS to do better for disabled people. Have you got a story to share? No matter how big or small the issue, tell us about it. Sharing your opinions with Healthwatch is easy and could make a big difference.

Volunteer as a Community Listener and help us find out what people who live locally think about their health services. You will get training, support and out of pocket expenses.

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Ofo bike area changes

At the beginning of August, ofo announced two important changes to how they operate, which could be costly for Milton residents!.

The first change is that the operating area in and around Cambridge is reduced: so that the *only part of Milton covered is Tesco*.

The second change is that now all bikes parked outside of the operating area will *trigger a £10 service fee*. This will be automatically applied as soon as a bike is parked and locked outside of the zone. Bikes can still be ridden outside the geofence but trips must be completed inside.

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Interested parties should contact Margaret Nunn on 01223 860829. We will visit and discuss possible membership.

Barbara Brown

A Lucky Fish!

Another hot summer with reservoirs, ponds and rivers running dry; this year is similar to 1976. That year, my brother and I walked into the land off Fen Road where today is an entrance to the Country Park. Soon we came across a small gravel pit on the left, but with only a bathful of water present and a floundering medium size tench! Fortunately, we found an old bucket nearby and transferred the fish into the Deep Pool close by; the site of the small gravel pit was never restored and is now rough ground in the trees.

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Why not come to us for your office party? We are taking bookings now for Christmas meals from 28th November; menus and booking forms on Facebook and in the pub; you will need to pre-order your menu selection and provide £10/person deposit. We shall be open on Christmas Day (12-2pm) and Boxing Day (12-6pm) for drinks.

We serve food 12-2:30pm & 5:30-8:30pm (Mon-Sat) and 12-8:30pm (Sunday).

We are proud to have our entry in **Camra's Good Beer Guide 2018**.

We continue to have Alan's free-to-play Quiz Night (with free chips) every Thursday from 9pm.

*Ava, Alan, Adam, Gemma,
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Every first & third Wednesday from October is Quiz Night through the winter months.

Now taking bookings for Christmas Parties & CHRISTMAS DAY! Please contact us for the menus and prices.

14th September – Splash Band from 9pm

4th–7th October – **The Waggon & Horses 1st Birthday Beer, Cider & Gin Festival**

3rd November - Patrick and Paul 'get up and do one' Bandaoke Night from 9pm

16th November – Blue Thunder from 9pm

1st December – 'So Eighties' Christmas fancy dress party from 7pm

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New in the Bar - Jolly Brewers Gin Menu, many flavours available with a wide selection of tonics as recommended by Fever Tree. We are Cask Marque accredited and have 5 real ales on tap at any one time.

Sporting Events - Sky and BT Sports showing all the major sporting events. Enjoy some snacks from the bar whilst the games are on!

Restaurant Themed Evenings

Spanish Night – Thursday 27th September

All Hallows Dinner – Thursday 1st November

New for Thursday: Hot Buffet Night. Eat in the Restaurant or at the Bar - £13.95 per head.

Sunday Lunch - A choice of 3 meats with homemade crackling, Yorkshire puddings and all the trimmings – 1 course £9.95, children's portions available.

Over 60s Lunch - Why not join us for lunch on a Wednesday – 1 course for £7.95, 3 courses available.

Christmas Party Menu join us 4th-21st December 3 courses £19.95, with the option of lunch or dinner. £10 per person deposit required to secure your booking.

Private Functions catered for with hotel style B&B accommodate for those wish to stay – call Bridget and the team to check availability. Check our Trip Advisor reviews.

Steve & Bridget

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We hope you are enjoying the new menu – it's been going down a storm! Due to customer demand we now serve fresh delicious meals with vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten-free dishes as standard. Children's meals are homemade and come with a free ice lolly!

After the roaring success of our Gin, Fizz & Cocktail festival we will offer 30+ ever-changing Gins from the bar – it can be Gin & Fizz Day whenever you want! Our **Gin & Cocktail** bar area is also available to book for Birthday Parties and get-togethers.

We are holding our Annual **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** on Friday 28th September from 9am-noon. Tea, coffee and delicious treats along with craft & gift stalls will be available for you to enjoy. Come along and enjoy a relaxing social morning.

Our **HALLOWE'EN PARTY** will take place on Friday 26th October. There will be a FREE children's party from 6.30-8pm in the Ghostly Pirates Lagoon with Apple Bobbing, Yucky Dip, Piñata, Cake Decorating, Sweet Hunt and prizes for the best Hallowe'en Costumes, with the adults taking over from 9pm for the Fancy Dress Disco till the wee hours!

We have changed our Christmas Dinner & Wine Tasting to Saturday 1st December – this is a fantastic night and always a sell-out! Book your tickets from the pub well in advance.

Ladies Dinner Club: Tuesday 2nd October & Tuesday 6th November

Psychic Suppers: Wednesday 17th October 21st November.

Christmas Carols under the Tree – Friday 7th December – kick-start the festive season with a traditional night of Carols under the tree with a warm mince pie and mulled wine/cider with our compliments! Everyone is welcome, please come and join us from 7pm.

Christmas & New Years Eve menus and events can be found along with everything else on our website.

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allsaintsmilton.org.uk

Wildlife Notes

I think I said in the last Village View that spring seemed rather late. From my rather unscientific jottings, I'd say I first saw significant numbers of housemartins nearer the end of May than April, and some people who regularly have them nesting in their buildings have commented that they just never came this summer. When I was over in the Humphries Way area of the village in early August, there were some, but possibly not as many as other years. Elsewhere, the yellowhammer still seems to be hanging on in the Fen Road, although whether his singing leads to a mate and a nest, I don't know. I see deer sometimes down there. In mid-July there was an adult with a youngster in the field just before the railway, which rather held up my commute as I stopped to look at them.

There were a couple of Country Park highlights. In early June I heard a cuckoo calling a couple of days running; once in the very early morning, and the following day at dusk. In late May I took a circuitous walk from dropping my car off at the garage which turned out rather well when I saw three kingfishers simultaneously from the jetty on Dickersons pit. I'm sure I could hear another one from a different direction too. More amusingly, I managed to corner a squirrel at the end of the jetty, and then saw a coot and moorhen fighting each other. The moorhen won.

It's wonderful how many swifts there are over Milton now. The efforts of the local swift enthusiasts have really paid off, making summer days and evenings in the garden a pleasure, with the twittering of the housemartins combined with the fast flight and screaming of the swifts above the garden.

The hedgehog feeding station has been busy most of the summer. I suspect worms were in very short supply as it was so dry, hence really enthusiastic taking of the hedgehog food by the blackbirds too. Birds were also drinking out of the hedgehog water bowl, as there were no puddles and the pond was totally dry. There was less activity in late August probably as we'd had enough rain that there was some decent natural food available. Do remember when driving to moderate your speed so you can stop if you spot one crossing the road as the evenings draw in.

Heather Coleman



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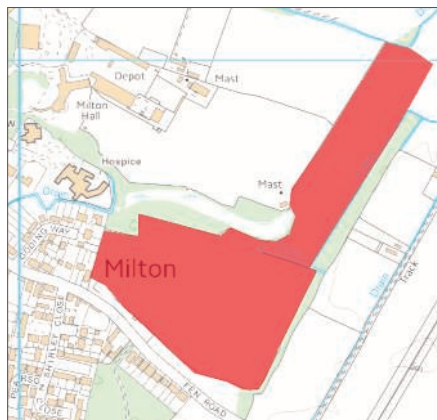
Two fields, Hill Close and Long Meadow north of Fen Road, have been preserved by Historic England as Scheduled Ancient Monuments prohibiting any future housing or industrial development here. The Secretary of State decided to add the fields to the Schedule of Monuments in June 2018.

Crop marks, geophysics, finds of pottery, glass and coins showed that a typical Romano-British farmstead settlement had been present in Long Meadow. The finds in Hill Close showed that this field is uniquely a multi-period site from the prehistoric to Roman in the east, to medieval and Saxon in the west, the latter where the proposed housing development was to occur.

There is more information about the sites and their

history on the Historic England web site at <https://tinyurl.com/milton-settlement>

Dr Derek Booth, Parish Archaeological Warden for Milton



Q&A: Lynhurst or Lyndhurst?

Here is something that I have puzzled over ever since I moved into Butt Lane. Opposite BALLACRAINE & slightly to my left are #46 & 48 with LYNHURST COTTAGES carved into the stonework above the front doors. Also opposite but slightly to the right is LYNDHURST CLOSE... If the cottages are the oldest... is LYNDHURST CLOSE a spelling mistake?

Alan Bishop

As you may know, Harold Easy sold the land at Lynhurst Farm for the Lyndhurst Close development I believe in 1960. The Parish Council minutes dated 23 May 1961 report that the developers wanted to call the road North Close. The PC recommended Lyndhurst Close. It has always been my understanding that this was a simple spelling mistake. Lynhurst Cottages and Farm were there long before Lyndhurst Close.

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Milton Cricket Club News

This season was a successful one for Milton Cricket Club with the first team gaining promotion back into the senior league, the third team getting promotion to Junior 4, and the second team coming a respectable 4th in their division. Particular highlights this year were Will Conlon breaking a club record hitting 172 in our match against St Ives and Nathan Sivajoti hitting 167 for the third team against Burwell & Exning. Once again a big thank you to all our sponsors this season. If you are interested in playing for or sponsoring the club please email cricketclubmilton@gmail.com

James Drummond

Milton Colts U13

After a very successful season last year, Milton Colts U13 are looking for 1 or 2 additional players to strengthen their team for this season. We play 9v9 on Saturday mornings in the U13 Cambridge & District Colts League (City division) and train 7-8pm on Thursdays at the Abbey Leisure Complex (from beginning of October till end of March) and at North Lodge Park the rest of the time. North Lodge Park is also where we play our home games. If you are interested, please get in touch with Arnaud Miede (arnaud.miede@gmail.com).



Community Centre AGM

All villagers are invited to drinks and refreshments at the Annual General Meeting of Milton Community Centre to see how this charity is managed and how it plays a large part in the village of Milton. To be held in the Community Centre lounge, 7pm on 9th October. The AGM will start at 7.30pm.



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