



Milton Village View

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Village View - Editor Needed

A small team of volunteers have come forward to help with the MVV for now, but we still need more – in particular, a new Managing Editor. More Editors would also be welcome. If you're able to help the team in any way, please get in touch via mvv@milton.org.uk. The future of the MVV is not safe.....yet!

My vision for Village View has always been as a community magazine, not owned by the parish council or the parish church, but run to support these and the many other village organisations, businesses, and of course residents that make this a thriving community with its own identity.

I'm proud of what I've done with the Village View for the last 10 years, and I know the new team share that vision of bringing the village together. I wish the all the best, and hope the team gets up to full strength soon, to allow the magazine to continue.

Mary-Ann Johnson

Photo Correction

The cover photo for the last issue of Village View was credited to Rebecca Ostler. It was actually taken by Rebecca Brodie. Apologies for the mix-up!



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April

Sat 17th

Milton's Got Talent, online, 7-9pm (p.3)

May

Thurs 6th

Local Elections, polling station at All Saints' Church (p.15)

Sat 22nd

Country Market, Landbeach Tithe Barn, 9am-12 noon (p.4)

Sun 30th

Art Exhibition, Landbeach Tithe Barn (p.4)

June

12th-20th

"Covid Dreams" **Art Exhibition**, Landbeach Tithe Barn (p.4)



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

Milton's Got Talent!

Milton-based charity Ekisa UK, which supports a children's home and school for children with special needs in Uganda, is holding a talent show on Saturday 17th April, from 7pm to 9pm. 'Milton's Got Talent' will be held via Zoom and the charity is calling for budding singers, dancers, magicians, musicians, comedians and all other entertainers in Milton to enter their event. Tickets to watch the event are £5 per individual or £14 for a family ticket and can be purchased via the following link:



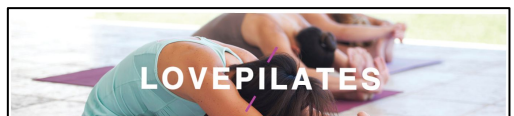
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All of the proceeds from the tickets sold will go to Ekisa UK and will go towards funding the children's home, school and associated community work in Jinja, Uganda. If you wish to enter the talent show or have any questions, please contact Michael English at menglish201116@outlook.com and give your name, contact details and a short description of your act. Please note that you will need to purchase a ticket in order to join the event.

By the way, a BIG THANK YOU for all those who supported our Quiz Night in January; that event raised over £400 for Ekisa UK!

Finally, an important piece of news about Ekisa: Emily Henderson has told us that this month it is exactly TEN YEARS since Ekisa was founded in Uganda. She says "Thank you for being a part of this story, and I look forward to seeing all Ekisa can achieve in the next ten years!"

Roger Lemon, Chair Ekisa UK



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Wildlife Notes

We are now in mid-March and I've been trying various walks to find one that isn't quite as muddy or actually under water! What a wet winter we've had! I think it was late February before I first was able to do my commute along the river not wearing wellies! Firstly, a blackthorn update. My feeling is that it's on the late side this year; it was just beginning to show some white on the buds by 23rd February in Cowley Road, with full flower a couple of days later. In the next week I started to see it flowering everywhere else such as the Country Park entrance on Shirley Close and along the river. I'm not sure if all plants have the same triggers to come into leaf or flower; maybe blackthorn needs a bit of sunlight which feels it's been in pretty short supply? The last weekend of February there was a peacock butterfly on some fully flowering blackthorn on the bund that separates the village from the A10.

Another sign of spring is willows along the river coming into leaf; from the first week of March there were distinct signs of this. My partner also saw a bat flying at dusk a few days ago. Interestingly on the same day, I thought I heard a chiffchaff. Some chiffchaffs now overwinter in the UK but most are migratory. We've seen a few bumblebees out and about too. By Mothering Sunday, there was definitely a chiffchaff singing in the Country Park. The evening before, we had our first hedgehog visitor of the year.

Last summer must have been a good one for developing plentiful berries; normally the fabulous pyracantha hedge in Fen Road is stripped of berries just after Christmas. This year there were still many berries at the beginning of March suggesting plenty of food around. Three redwings were enjoying them one morning just into March; a week later, the blackbirds seemed to have stripped the hedge bare. I had various other sightings of redwings in the Country Park during January and February. I've also seen a jay around.

At the end of January, there were 30+ fieldfares on the Rectory Farm field at the corner of the road to Landbeach; a highlight of that day. We saw several buzzards and a little egret too. So it's sometimes not been too boring having to exercise from the moment I left my front door which is how I interpreted "stay local".

