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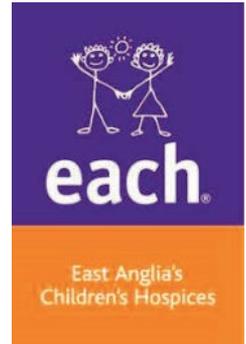
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EACH Gala Day: 22nd June

On the 22nd June, East Anglia's Children's Hospices will once again be holding our annual Gala Day in the grounds of Milton Hall.

The day will run from 11:30am - 4pm with a wonderful range of entertainment, food, drinks and stalls.



This is a great chance for the whole family to enjoy a (hopefully sunny!) day out, raising money and celebrating the work of EACH.

We will also need volunteers to help at this event, with a range of different things such as running games, stalls selling raffle tickets, helping on the entrance and much more! If you are interested, please contact Ellen Bing:

ellen.bing@each.org.uk or 01223 204 916



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April

- Sat 6th** Cygnets Easter Fayre, Community Centre, 2-4pm (p.7)
- 10,11,17,18** Family Craft Activities, Denny Abbey, 1-4pm (p.5)
- Sun 14th** Palm Sunday Service, All Saints', 10.30am
- Sun 14th** Family Fun Day, Community Centre, 12-6pm (p.8)
- 15th, 17th** Holy Week Reflections, All Saints', 8pm
- Thurs 18th** Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, All Saints', 8pm
- Fri 19th** Messy Easter, *explore the Easter story: crafty, creative, messy church for all ages*, All Saints', 10-11:45am
- Fri 19th** Hour at the Cross, All Saints', 2pm
- Sun 21st** Easter Sunday Holy Communion, All Saints', 8am & 10.30am
- Mon 22nd** Easter Monday Family Fun, Denny Abbey, 11am-5pm (p.5)
- Sat 27th** Women's Day, All Saints' (booking: womensday@allsaintsmilton.org.uk) (p.4)



May

- Mon 6th** May Day & 50th Birthday Celebrations, Denny Abbey, 11am-5pm (p.5)
- 15th-18th** 'Hi-de-Hi', *Waterbeach Theatre Company*, Waterbeach School, 7:30pm (p.6)
- Fri 17th** Milton Bounce, Milton Primary School, 3.30-7pm (p.4)
- Sun 19th** Parklife, *free family sports activities*, Country Park, 10am-5pm (p.9)
- 26th-27th** 1940s Living History Weekend, Denny Abbey, 11am-5pm (p.5)

June

- Sat 8th** Summer Garden Party *in aid of local charities*, White Horse (p.19)
- Sat 22nd** EACH Gala Day, Milton Hall, 11:30am-4pm (p.2)
- Sat 22nd** Pictures in the park: *Bohemian Rhapsody*, Country Park, 6:30-10pm

More pub events: see pp.18-19.

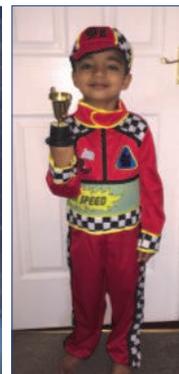
Regular events: www.milton.org.uk/clubs-societies

World Book Day at Cygnets

The Cygnets pre-school celebrated World Book Day in March, with many excited children dressing up as a character from their favourite book.

Photos, left-right:

- Eve Farrell as 'Stick Lady Love' from *Stickman*
- Joshua North as Zog the dragon
- Aarav Patel as the driver of *Roary the Racing Car*





Freedom

A Women's Day for the East of England

Saturday 27th April 2019

All Saints' Church Milton

With Nadine Parkinson and Kathy English

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to be challenged, inspired and to experience God's power,
as we explore the paradox of freedom.*

Milton Bounce

Friday 17th May, 3.30–7pm



Milton Primary School field

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Refreshments will be on sale.

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The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey opens its doors for the 2019 season on Tuesday 2nd April and we look forward to welcoming Milton residents.

A programme of special events runs throughout the year, including **Easter Monday Family Fun** on 22nd April; **May Day 50th Birthday Celebrations** on 6th May; and **1940s Living History Weekend** on 26th and 27th May.

We also run **Family Craft Activities** every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon in the school holidays from 1-4pm. For more information, find us on Facebook and Twitter, call 01223 860 988 or visit www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk.



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Waterbeach Theatre Company: Hi-de-Hi!

WTC's next production is Hi-de-Hi, based on the classic TV series by Jimmy Perry & David Croft, adapted for the stage by Paul Carpenter & Ian Gower, and will be directed by Julie Petrucci.



We look forward to welcoming you to Maplin's Hawaiian Ballroom.

It's the start of a new season, and founder Joe Maplin announces that he is setting up a camp in the Bahamas and needs female Yellowcoats to go and work there. The annual "Miss Yellowcoat" competition will decide who. Imagine the rivalry! Camp cleaner Peggy, meanwhile, is thrilled at the prospect of a vacancy for a new Yellowcoat and convinces Entertainment Manager Jeffrey that she is the ideal candidate for the job. Ted is forced to employ numerous money-making schemes when his ex-wife turns up at the camp with a bailiff in tow and Yvonne and Barry Stuart-Hargreaves send the rumour mill into its usual overdrive when Gladys is overheard escorting Jeffrey into his chalet late one evening.

Hi-de-Hi is at Waterbeach School **15 to 18 May**. Tickets are available in advance from 01223 880023, or choose your own seats by booking online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/wcp. Online bookings carry a small per-transaction charge.

After Hi-de-Hi, auditions will be held for our November production which is

The Diary of Anne Frank. **AUDITIONS: Monday 3 June Performances: 6 - 9 November.**

ADVANCE NOTICE: our pantomime in January 2020 will be **SNOW WHITE**.

You can find out all about WTC by visiting our website www.wtconline.org.uk

Correction: The cover photograph on the last issue of Village View (no.136) was by Heather Coleman, not David May as the caption suggested.



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Easter Fayre

Saturday 6 April
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Milton Community Centre

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Teddy Sale
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Easter Egg Wall



Tesco Petrol Not 24 Hours!

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Family Fun Day with Iggle Piggle and Paw Patrol

There will be a family fun day on the 14th April in support of Cardiomyopathy UK (www.cardiomyopathy.org) ahead of Ricky's first marathon attempt - London 28th April 2019!

Entrance fee for children (£2 per child), adults are free!

It will take place at The Annexe, Milton Community Centre from 12-6pm (indoor and outdoor so weather "won't stop play"!)!

Guest appearances from Iggle Piggle (In the Night Garden) and Marshall (Paw Patrol).

Bouncy Castle (free of charge for children)
Face Painting*
Glitter Tattoos*
Beat the Goalie*
Inflatable Game*

Cakes and Refreshments*

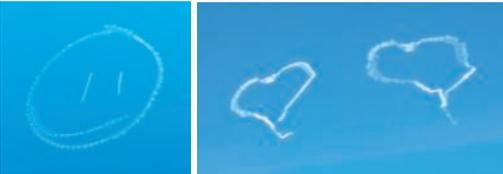
Raffle* - top prizes; Nintendo Wii complete with four games, restaurant vouchers for The Arundel House Hotel, The Royal Standard (Ely), Prezzo, The Robin Hood (Cherry Hinton), champagne and much more!

**additional charges apply*

Victoria Argent

Valentine's Day Skywriting

Miltonians had a Valentine's Day treat above their heads this year, as an aircraft painted hearts and a smiling face in the skies, to many people's delight. These photos were captured by Elizabeth Cook.



Snowy Day at Toddler Group

At the start of February, the "Little Rainbows" toddler group enjoyed playing with fake snow in the church hall. Of course, that turned out to be the day that real snow fell outside!



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Airfield entrance on the B1046 between Little Gransden & Longstowe, opposite Gransden Lodge Farm (enter SG19 3EB into your SatNav). More information online: www.camgliding.uk or via Facebook: www.facebook.com/CambridgeGlidingCentre

Parklife: 19th May, 10am-5pm

Our free and fun family event organised by South Cambridgeshire District Council in partnership with Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust is back for 2019!

Come and enjoy getting outdoors and active with plenty of sports and activities to try including paddleboarding, canoeing, kayaking, cycling, football, caving, climbing, archery and much more!



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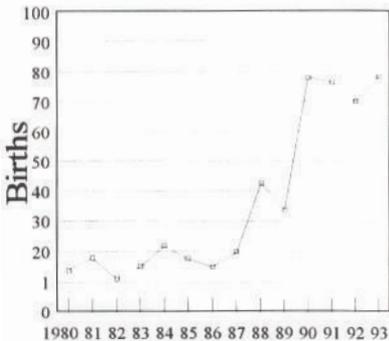
25 Years Ago: Apr '94

Baby Boom in Milton

In 1993 there were 78 babies born in the village and the birth rate does appear to be rising. Whether this is a temporary blip or a longer lasting trend remains to be seen. [...]

In the early 1980s, around 16 children a year were born in Milton. [...] A thousand homes have been built in Milton since 1984, with the total population rising from 1,700 to 4,000, so some growth in the numbers of children born could have been expected. [...]

The main reason for this is an influx of young couples into the village. The 1981 census recorded 380 people aged 20-34; the 1991 census recorded 1,405.



10 Years Ago: Apr '09

Colts Football



Milton Colts U8's



"Sunsets", Karen Aym

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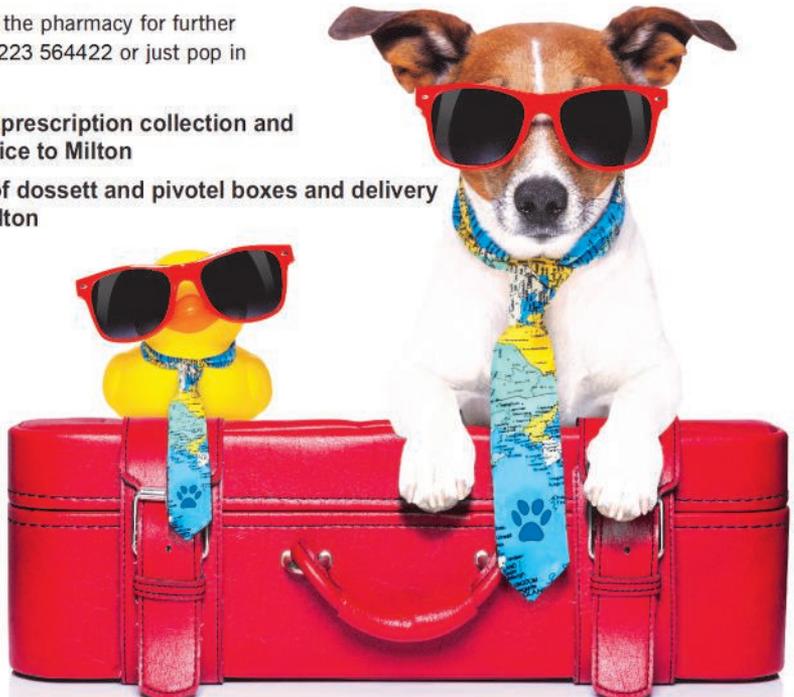
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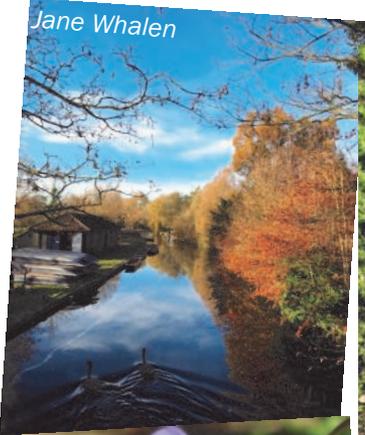
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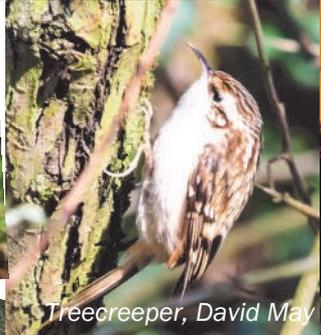
Wilfred,
Anna Jarman



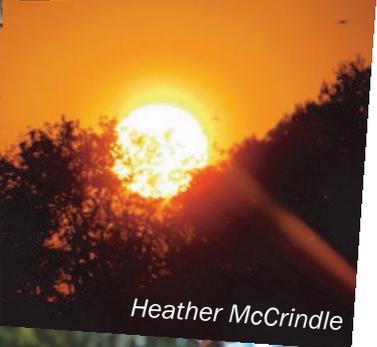
Amelia Williamson



Jane Thomas



Treecreeper, David May



Heather McCrindle



Clara helping with the litter pick,
Florence Markham



Erin Baker

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!
Send them to mvv@milton.org.uk, and we'll include as many as we can.

Survey on South Cambs Policing

We would like to know your thoughts on policing in South Cambridgeshire. Please help us shape the way we do things by completing the survey via the link below.

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SouthCambsSpring2019

It takes on average 6 minutes and it will provide us with a framework to ensure that we are fully sighted on what our communities want.

Sgt 0964 Emma Hilson

Police: Lost Property Changes

We've joined police forces nationwide by ceasing to take reports of lost property and accepting only certain types of found item.

The changes took effect nationally from 1st February after the Chief Constables' Council agreed it as a way of reducing non-essential demand and the associated costs and bureaucracy generated for call centres and front counters. The police service has traditionally accepted the responsibility of recording lost and found property, despite there being no statutory duty to maintain a system of recording non-evidential property. Found items dealt with by police have reduced and a consistent approach adopted across the country. This will help reduce call volumes and remove an unnecessary burden on policing.

If you have lost or found an item, visit the website (www.cambs.police.uk/information-and-services/Property-and-animals/Lost-and-found) for guidance on what to do.

Inspector Keren Pope

Police Volunteers

There is no doubt that the residents know their communities best.

- * You know the cheeky children that might need a word in their parent's ear.
- * You know the old boy that leaves the pub car park after having one too many to drive. You know the publican that serves him every night and watches him drive off.
- * You know the couple that have regular disagreements which can sometimes turn violent.

You are often able to make the links and spots the trends a lot earlier than we can because you are well informed. For those of you that would like more detailed information and are willing to act as ambassadors for your villages, I invite you to apply to become a Police Support Volunteer. We are looking to recruit volunteers to be based at Sawston, Histon and Cambourne police station to work alongside our neighbourhood team officers. We are looking for people with :

A genuine interest in policing local communities ★ Excellent communication skills
Excellent social media skills ★ The ability to disseminate information accurately
Ability to work as part of a team ★ Confidentiality ★ Diligence

If you are genuinely interested in this role please register your interest by contacting psv@cambs.pnn.police.uk, quoting reference PSVECOPS. Full training and ongoing support will be provided. All applicants will be required to complete security vetting procedures.

ARHC Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme

Over one hundred volunteers helped Arthur Rank Hospice Charity (ARHC) collect 1860 pre-loved Christmas trees in January, raising £26,500!

The Christmas tree recycling and fundraising initiative has grown quickly since it was first launched by the Hospice's fundraising team in 2016, when it raised £3500. Last year the scheme raised £12,600 with 1000 trees collected. This year registrations from postcodes CB1-5, and CB22-24 ballooned to 1860 by the time registrations closed.

Community Fundraiser Bec Beattie explains what happened next: "We quickly realised that we would need to increase number of helpers we had on board, so we put out an appeal and doubled the number of people and vans on our volunteer collection team within two days!! Thanks to them generously giving up their time, we were able to complete our 'treasure hunt' for Christmas trees."

90% of the funds raised will help fund ARHC's care to

those living with a life-limiting illness in Cambridgeshire, with 10% donated to a local cause nominated by those who volunteered to help with the tree collection.

ARHC thanks every single one of the volunteers and local companies involved in the collection scheme and its promotion; as well as Amey Cespa at Waterbeach and Cambridge City Council for their support in recycling the trees.

If you would like to volunteer for or sponsor the Hospice's next Christmas tree recycling scheme, please email bec.beattie@arhc.org.uk or call 01223 675885.



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Chairman's Report – Milton Parish Council

A10 Footbridge Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who responded to our questionnaire in the Village View. 70 responses were received, both on paper and by email; 48 for no change, 21 to prohibit cycling more forcefully, 1 abstain. A similar result was received from an unofficial poll on the Milton Facebook page. After careful consideration, council voted to take no further action.

Additionally the County Council has confirmed that the bridge still has the legal status of a footway and does not require a legal TRO cyclist prohibition order and signs.

Visual Improvements

A small group of councillors are investigating a range of ideas for visual improvements in the village which would utilize funds given to the council for this purpose. Ideas that are being discussed include replacing the signs at the entrances to the village with more artistic signs, the addition of Christmas lights and tree on the green area around the village sign and also on the green at the entrance to the Rowans, along with other improvements.

Internal Auditor

We are really pleased to have received an excellent report from our Internal Auditor who checks our processes and that we are managing the council correctly.

Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Bowls Pavilion, Coles Road
On Monday 29th April
At 7.30pm
All welcome

If you wish to contact the council: please email the Clerk: clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk, telephone 01223 861447 or pop into the office in Coles Road beside the Bowls Pavilion.

Jane Coston, Chairman of Milton Parish Council

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Milton WI

In April we will be welcoming Tracy Mackness, an interesting lady who will be talking about her life and the formation of the Giggly Pig Company that she set up after learning how to farm and look after pigs whilst serving a prison sentence. She went on to form this very successful company.

Upcoming meetings will also include Mr Potts, from whom we will be learning about furniture restoration, care and repair. We will then be into the summer months and we will be having an appropriate flower arranging demonstration.

This year will see the 100th Anniversary of the Cambridge Federation and celebratory events are being planned by them. We hope to take part in one or two of these and several of our members will be attending an Anniversary Dinner at Girton College.

New members welcome. Contact Gill Offley (01223 293231) – President, or Bridget Crow (01223 441755) – Secretary, for further details, or just come along. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Anne Newman

Milton School Eco Greenhouse

Appeal for 2 litre plastic drinks bottles!

Milton Primary School are revamping their eco greenhouse. In order to do this they are collecting 2 litre plastic drinks bottles. If you have any you can donate please rinse them out, take the label and lid off and take to the school office (Humphries Way) or All Saints Milton.

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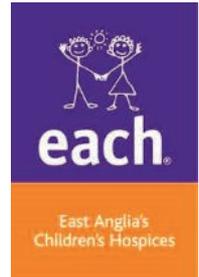
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EACH News

Last December, EACH welcomed our local supporters to All Saints' Church for our annual carol service, just across the road from the hospice! We enjoyed fantastic performances by the SOS Choir and Milton Road Primary School and we were delighted to see so many people come together to celebrate our work over the last year. On the night we raised an amazing £1,071.82 – thank you to everyone who donated and came along on the night to show your support for EACH. Your continued support allows us to care for children and families across East Anglia.

This year, the EACH Milton Hospice will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary! Over the past 30 years Milton has shown an amazing level of dedicated support which we are thoroughly grateful for. So we hope that you will join us this year in celebrating the Milton Hospice's anniversary by fundraising for us! You could save £30 in 30 days, donate 30 items to one of our charity shop or complete a 30k challenge by either running, walking, cycling or swimming!



Ballerina Classes for 2-4 year olds

After the successful Trial Lesson I am pleased to add Helene Petrina Ballerina for Children age 2 to 4 years in addition to our existing classes at Milton Community Centre on Thursday afternoons 3:30pm to 4pm.



I have also been asked for a Saturday class which would be 9:30am before our existing classes start at 10am.

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Our range of gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian and vegan dishes grows as we increasingly cater for intolerances and allergies. Our menu identifies all dishes in these categories. As we cook to order we can also tailor many further dishes to individual requirements. For a full breakdown of our menu and allergens please see our menus online or ask for our allergens list when you visit.

Weekday evening meal offers: Tues & Wed: 2 for £20 - handmade pie & chips; Thurs: 2 for £22 - fresh beer battered 8-10oz cod & chips. Available for take-out too: simply call ahead to book then come and collect. Enjoy a sneaky drink while you wait!

Easter Weekend, 19-21 April If you haven't already made a reservation do call now! Enjoy a meal on Good Friday & Saturday from 12-9:30pm, from 12-6:30pm on Easter Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday. We have some delightful treats made just for us from Pretty Little Sweets: a gift to all diners on Easter Sunday. Good Friday we have music in the bar from 9pm with The Semitones – Foxy & Max, on loan from the Indietones!

8th Annual Beer & Cider Festival, 23-27 May Come on down from 5pm on 23rd and sample some great ales and ciders from across the country in the beer tent in the garden. Hearty pub food available all weekend. Weekend music includes the amazing Indietones on Saturday evening and Soulful House & Funk tunes in the garden on Sunday afternoon.

Psychic Suppers Wednesday 24th April & 5th June – one-to-one readings including dinner

Father's Day Lunch Sunday 16th June, 12-6:30pm.

Ladies Day at Newmarket, Thursday 11th July Tickets for our fantastic day out to Newmarket Races are on sale now!

After a brilliant debut last year, our **Gin & Fizz & Soul Festival** is back on 23-26th August!

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Waggon and Horses Beer & Cider Festival 2019 is coming.

This year we open the festival on Thursday 16th May and serve until Sunday 19th May. This year we will have at 30+ beers, ciders and more on offer. Music in the evenings, large marquee spaces to keep dry or keep cool in the shade if it's a hot one.

Our decking area will be complete with roof and our outdoor bar will be open again.

Keep an eye of for our varying Thursday night themes. among our regular food trucks we will also be having some specials nights of our own.

We open from 9:30 daily and offer a selection of cakes and pastries to go with your tea or coffee. We have a new coffee machine and new coffee beans. The new coffee has been widely enjoyed by our customers so far.

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We should like to pass on our thanks to all who took part in our Christmas fundraiser for the British Legion; this initiative raised around £300.

Join us for a drink or a meal, either in our dining area or al fresco in our extensive garden. There is also a large children's play area in the garden. If you live too far away or are unable to walk to the pub, we have a large car park available. Our food is home cooked on the premises by 4 qualified chefs (Adam, Simon, Ava and Dan) and includes several vegetarian and vegan options. As well as our Sunday roasts there are Adam's Thais and Pies, plus his daily Chef's Specials. We also have our 5-star food hygiene award to recommend us. You can phone us to book (please tell us about any food allergies) and we are now taking bookings for Easter Sunday on April 21st. We have 6 regular ales plus craft ales and a craft lager, with 2 gluten-free beers and 3 non-alcoholic beers. We always have at least 5 ciders. Our weekly ale specials often include Fuller's ESB and Bath Ales' Gem.

Our entertainment line-up for the next few months includes:

- ◆ April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th - karaoke
- ◆ May 24th - live music from Split Whiskers
- ◆ June 8th - Summer Garden Party in aid of local charities (please contact Ava to book a pitch for your stall)
- ◆ June 21st - live music from So 80s

Don't forget that in our Games Room we have bar billiards and a dart board, and of course we still have Alan's free-to-play Quiz Night every Thursday from 9pm (with free chips!)

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Ava, Alan, Adam, Gemma, Nikki, Dan, Simon, Summer, Milly, Molly and Fiona

Volunteers Wanted



Can you spare an hour or two to support young people and adults with a range of learning disabilities and additional or complex needs in a caring and friendly community?

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Please ring 01223 420669 for a chat, check out our web site: www.phoenixtrust.org, email us; info@phoenixtrust.org or just pop in for a visit at Unit 8 Milton Trading Estate, Cambridge Road, Milton, Cambridge. CB24 6AZ.



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Landbeach & Milton Baptist Church

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For full details of all these and more please visit:

allsaintsmilton.org.uk

Wildlife Notes

The RSPB had a poll a few years ago which concluded that the hedgehog is Britain's favourite mammal. Sadly I conclude that in the area of Milton bordering the northern end of the Country Park, Britain's favourite mammal is now extinct. After the very mild weather we had in February, I was putting food out from mid-February, expecting them to come out of hibernation early this year; they normally become active in the last week of February. Unlike a colleague in another village who has had hedgehogs visiting her feeding station nightly for several weeks, my food station alarm hasn't fired and the food isn't going. Has a popular overgrown area used for daytime shelter been utterly cleared? Have fences been replaced with barriers that have no gaps at the bottom so hedgehogs cannot get through, cutting them off from part of their territory? Is there a new pond or pool somewhere which they cannot escape from if they fall in? Has poison been used against something, and they have become collateral damage? The People's Trust for Endangered Species in collaboration with Suffolk Wildlife Trust have written a very useful short leaflet on how to make sure householders are a help not hindrance to these harmless funny creatures: www.hedgehogstreet.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/HEMP.pdf. I'm sure hedgehogs will recolonise the area from other parts of the village, provided that conditions improve, but we have to hope all hedgehogs which are in Milton have a successful breeding season, so all of Milton can have a healthy population of them.

A good number of birds are visiting the garden, plus the black squirrel is now an established regular. More unusual visitors are a moorhen, which seems to come to peck around daily, and inspect our quite small pond, and we recently had a visit from a male pheasant, quite resplendent in his breeding plumage. Nice to see one at such close quarters; they look very large indeed when in a small garden rather than a hundred yards away across the fields on Milton Fen.

The willows by the river seem to be coming into leaf somewhat earlier than previous years, possibly as February was so warm. However I think the blackthorn has flowered at roughly the same time as other years, bar last year, when perhaps the Beast from the East stalled it. Since it came into flower, the mild weather ceased and we seem to have had a "blackthorn winter" of cold, rain and gales!

Heather Coleman



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College of West Anglia Rated 'Good' by Ofsted

The College of West Anglia (CWA) has received a 'good' rating by Ofsted, the government's inspection body for schools and colleges. The college's Cambridge campus, which is located in Milton, offers land-based programmes, such as agriculture, animal management and equine courses.

At the end of a 4-day inspection in January, a team of inspectors judged CWA to be good across all eight areas of inspection: effectiveness of leadership & management; quality of teaching, learning & assessment; personal development, behaviour & welfare; outcomes for learners; 16 to 19 study programmes; adult learning programmes; apprenticeships; and provision for learners with high needs.

Principal David Pomfret said: "I am delighted with this outcome. Since the last inspection two years ago, staff, governors and management have worked hard to deliver improvements in a number of areas and Ofsted's findings are a resounding endorsement of the progress we have made. I am sure that parents, students and employers will be reassured and encouraged by Ofsted's recognition of the inclusive and supportive culture at CWA and by the description of the college as a welcoming and friendly place to study, where learners feel safe, are well behaved and motivated, have high attendance and develop substantial new skills that they will need for their future. Inspectors also noted how well the excellent industrial knowledge and skills of our staff prepares students and apprentices for the workplace, and how the vast majority of our learners progress into employment, apprenticeships or higher education."

The inspection report noted that 'students and apprentices enjoy coming to college and many describe the welcoming, inclusive and supportive college environment as being like a big family in which they feel safe and develop a wide range of new skills and knowledge.'



CWA principal David Pomfret with CWA students from the Cambridge campus

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Football coach needed urgently

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If you think you could be able to help run and coach the Under 10s (shortly under 11s) football team, please contact the current coach on saj596@googlemail.com or the club secretary on birgitmeldal@gmail.com.



Milton 8 Ball

New Opening Hours

Milton 8 Ball is now open seven days a week from 12 noon every day on the Norman Industrial Estate.

Saturday Night Karaoke

Family entertainment venue and pool hall Milton 8 Ball on the Norman Industrial Estate has announced that Saturday nights will now be Karaoke night from 7pm. The whole family is welcome. The bar is licensed and also serves a range of snacks and soft drinks. Games of pool are just 50p. Owner Paul Denman said: "I want Milton 8 Ball to be a place where people and their kids have something they can do as a family, together. I'm out every night with my kids and that's where the idea came from."

Milton residents get free membership of Milton 8 Ball and pool lessons can be arranged.

More details are available on their new website at www.milton8ball.co.uk

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- 24th April – 22nd May: 5 weekly sessions (£75 per child)
- 3rd-17th July: 3 weekly sessions (£45 per child)

Activities include bushcraft and forest school, campfire cooking, woodland art and craft, nature watching, problem solving and team games.

For bookings and information please contact Lindsay at: lrae@findyourwild.org

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