



EACH Gala Day 2012

On Saturday 12th May, EACH held a gala day in the grounds of Milton Hall. There was plenty of entertainment, with singers and dancers, a bouncy castle, various stalls, a barbecue and more.

As you can see from the photos, it was a lot of fun!



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Milton School Head Retires



Miss Sue Dorrington, our well loved and respected Headteacher, is retiring at the end of this school year. Miss Dorrington has served the school and the many children in our community with commitment and passion over the past seven years. Although we are all sad to be losing her wisdom and expertise, we would like to wish her well for a long and happy retirement.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Anna Reeder. Ms Reeder has had previous experience of being a headteacher: her current appointment is at St Lukes CE Aided School in Cambridge. Ms Reeder will take up the post of Headteacher at Milton School on 1st September 2012.

Governing Body of Milton School

Milton Summer Fayre

The summer fayre takes place on Saturday 14th July, on Coles Road recreation ground. It promises to be a great afternoon and evening for all with a host of stalls and entertainment lined up, plus great music from the Melody Beats, Caroline Langford and The Undercovers.

All we need now to make the day perfect is the sunshine and your company. We hope to see you all there and wish you an enjoyable day.

The booking form for stalls can be picked up at Milton Community Centre.

If anyone is interested in helping with the fayre next year, or has any ideas or talents that they would like to bring to next year's fayre, please let us know by emailing us at miltonfayre@yahoo.co.uk or contacting Lynda on 01223 862093.

The Summer Fayre committee are particularly looking for someone to help with our programme next year.

Open Studios 2012

July heralds the start of Cambridge Open Studios and this year there are three artists in Milton opening their studios to the public. One can be found at the Visitor Centre in the Country Park. Kye Sook Park originates from South Korea and her dynamic oriental paintings portray the moving world of human life. Her work can be seen on 7th & 8th July. In Hall End, off Fen Road, photographer Chris Thomas and illustrator & printmaker Alison Hullyer can be found in their studios on the weekends of 14th - 15th and 21st - 22nd July from 11am until 6pm.

Follow the yellow flags to see Chris's dazzling photographs taken through a microscope. He will have a variety of postcards and large prints for sale plus the chance to view everyday objects through a microscope. His common and unusual subjects reveal hidden beauty and structures. New for this year are his Chinese Brush paintings. Chris also designed the logo for the Village View.

Alison will be exhibiting for the 17th year. She will be showing new paper drypoints inspired by patterns in nature, including striations in smooth pebbles, seed heads and silver birch trunks — also, collographs depicting quirky birds, hares and foxes. Pictures are available framed and unframed. Also this year she has screen-printed tea towels and coasters as well as a large selection of her cards and wrapping paper, by award-winning publisher Phoenix Trading. There will be demonstrations and a quiz for children.

www.camopenstudios.co.uk

To find out more see: www.alisonhullyer.blogspot.com

www.miltoncontact.com

Milton Produce Show 2012

The 4th annual Milton Produce Show will be held on Sunday the 16th of September 2012. 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 general categories are:

Vegetables	Fruit
Flowers and Plants	Home produce
Creative food	Handicrafts
Photography	Children's



So start planning and show us what you can do, and if it all goes horribly wrong there's always the ever-popular 'Ugliest/most misshapen vegetable' option! Finally, if you're a business interested in sponsoring the show please get in touch for a no-obligation chat. We'd be glad to hear from you.

For more information, please visit www.milton.org.uk/produceshow/ or email produceshow@milton.org.uk.

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WHAT'S ON: June—September

June

- 13th-16th Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Iolanthe', Swaffham Bulbeck (See www.sbst.uk.com)
 Thurs 28th Supatra's Big Night Out, Anstey Hall, 6.30-midnight (See below for details)

July

- Thurs 5th EACH Go Karting Event (See p.4 for details)
 14th Summer Fayre, Coles Road recreation ground (See p.1 for details)
 7/8, 14/15, 21/22 Open Studios weekends (See p.2 for details)
 Sun 15th Parklife, 11am (Adults & children can try new outdoor sports for free, plus live music & entertainment)
 Weds 25th Senior Citizens Outing to Sheringham, £10 per person, leaving Milton at 9.30 a.m.
 For booking please telephone Marie Davis on 520061 or Daphne Linsey on 862804.

August

- Thurs 2nd 'Sleeping Beauty', Country Park (Tickets available from the Visitor Centre or the ADC Theatre)
 Sat 18th EACH Tandem Skydive Day (See p.4 for details)
 Sat 25th Paralympic Torch Relay & Festival, 11am-3pm, Country Park

September

- Sat 8th Cambridge Dragon Boat Festival, in aid of EACH (See p.4 for details)
 Sun 16th Food, Farming & Countryside Day, including Milton Produce Show (See p.2 and below for details)

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



Supatra's Big Night Out June 28th, Anstey Hall, Maris Lane, Trumpington CB2 9LN 18:30 - Midnight

Please join us and our M.C. Ricky Groves, best known as Garry Hobbs in Eastenders (schedule pending), at the beautiful Anstey Hall for our fundraising evening. Tickets include an authentic 3-course Thai buffet; half bottle of wine per person; live music by Deja Gruve; for-fun Casino (chips extra); silent auction; children's entertainer. All money raised will go towards treatment for Supatra Adler, a seven year old girl with cancer.

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Happy 30th Birthday to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

It is now 30 years since Hearing Dogs was launched as a charity and it is 29 years since the first hearing dog was placed with a deaf recipient. Today we support over 750 working partnerships around the UK, and as more and more people suffer with various degrees of hearing impairment the work of the charity has become more and more important.

Later on this year there will be a 30th anniversary "Strictly Come Walkies" sponsored walk in the grounds of Wimpole Hall. In conjunction with Milton Country Park we will again be having a fun dog show and many other dog activities and games – more details of both events will be published later in the year but please mark **16 September** in your diary as a day out for you and your dog.

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EACH Fundraising Events

East Anglia's Children's Hospices Milton fundraising team has organised events on land, in the sky and on water this summer to keep everyone entertained!

If you're looking for speed enter The Go Karting Endurance at Kartsport in Caxton on Thursday 5th July. It's a two-hour team outdoor karting event open to anyone. Teams can consist of 2- 6 members and it's £200 to enter a team.

If you're a thrill seeker take part in the TEAM EACH Tandem Skydive Day at Sibson Airfield in Peterborough on Saturday 18th August. Experience freefall from 12,000 ft reaching speeds of 120 mph before your instructor opens the parachute and glides you back down to the airfield!



If you've always wanted to get out on the River Cam, but never had the opportunity, you can sign up to the Cambridge Dragon Boat Festival at Fen Ditton Meadows on Saturday September 8.

The Festival is open to everyone and over 40 crews are expected to battle it out over the 200m race course, watched by several hundred spectators. There will be plenty of bankside family entertainment including funfair rides, children's activities, inflatables and Chinese lion dancing plus bar and food stalls.

You won't earn your Cambridge blue - but you'll have great fun while raising funds to provide care and support to local life-threatened children and their families.

For more information about these events visit www.each.org.uk, call 01223 205180 or visit us at EACH House, 42 High Street, Milton.

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Round the Pubs

The **Jolly Brewers** has just reopened, after a long period of closure. It has had a major refurbishment, including four double en-suite rooms in the renovated Stable Block with wifi.

The dining room has a large log burner, and local producers are showcased in tasty dishes, for a hearty business lunch, a quick snack or a social dinner with family and friends.

The Public Bar provides a relaxed and comfortable environment, for enjoying cask ales, chilled lager, wines, and traditional pub beverages.

Nick and Mandy Winnington will soon be retiring from running the **Waggon & Horses** and moving away from Milton. As a result Mandy has resigned from parish council and there's a "casual vacancy" which will need to be filled (see p.7).

Those of us who have enjoyed the stewardship of the Nick and Mandy over the years, both at the Waggon and before that at the Cambridge Blue, will miss them both, and wish them all the best for the future.



The **Lion & Lamb** will be running a Beer Festival for the Jubilee Weekend at the beginning of June featuring 18-24 real ales, including a good selection from Milton Brewery.

The event will commence with a private tasting for regulars, Milton villagers and CAMRA members on the Thursday evening (31/5) from 5pm.

There will also have a limited edition Commemorative Jubilee Glass available for tasters.

There will be other entertainment available over the long weekend too, including a Hog Roast and BBQ.

The **White Horse** are holding a programme of celebratory events over the Jubilee weekend. It starts with a Jubilee bingo (Sat 2/6, 3pm), continues with a Jubilee quiz (Sun 3/6, 6pm), and finishes with a Jubilee breakfast on the Monday (from 11am!).

Also, at the end of the summer, the White Horse will hold their annual beer festival, from 5th-9th September.

Behind the Scenes at Village View

Milton is a wonderful village, which maintains its village identity despite being so close to Cambridge. Village View is an independent community magazine that aims to support community activities within Milton. The magazine is entirely paid for by the advertisers that you see at the bottom of the pages.

The new Village View team has now been running the magazine for over a year. Mary-Ann Johnson is the editor and main contact. You can email her at vv@miltonvillage.org.uk. There is also a small team looking after typesetting, managing the advertising, running the website, and coordinating all the deliverers who get the magazine through your door.

The adverts are run yearly, with a waiting list for those who contact us during the course of the year. Where possible, preference is given to long-standing and Milton-based advertisers. Please contact miltonvillageview@gmail.com for any further details about advertising in Village View.

Village View is run for the community and we'd like you to share your news or photos with the village. Anyone is welcome to submit a short article. Tell us what you're doing! The deadlines for each issue are printed on page 2. Please send submissions to vv@miltonvillage.org.uk.

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Luckily there are safe places you can borrow money from, even if you have financial difficulties. These lenders stick to the law, make it clear from the start the total amount you will need to repay and collect your repayments in a lawful way. Your local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) can advise you which lenders are most suitable for you. You can find your nearest Bureau by visiting www.citizensadvice.org.uk or by calling 08444 111 444.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team was set up because of the misery and fear that loan sharks cause. Cambridgeshire County Council are working with this team and local District Councils, to tackle loan sharks in the county, raise awareness of them and to support their victims.

If you know of any loan sharks operating in the area, the England Illegal Money Lending Team wants to hear from you. Call 0300 555 2222, text 'loan shark + a message' to 60003 or email reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk. Lines are open 24/7 and your details will be kept confidential.

New Opening Hours for Phoenix

The Phoenix Trust would like to thank all who attended our open day last month and made it such a success; we really appreciate the local support we receive!

Given the amount of custom we had on the day, and due to high demand, we shall now be open regularly on Saturday mornings from 8am–12pm. This may be extended should demand dictate — and don't forget we are here Tuesday–Thursday 9am–4pm throughout the summer.

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MILTON W.I.

At our March meeting we had a talk entitled 'Fun with science'. There were lots of amusing and amazing things, including fun with balloons and knitting needles, where the balloon is blown up and a needle is pushed through it but the balloon does not burst. In April we had a completely different theme. Pauline Blackburn told us how she and a friend got into pressed flowers and how it became a thriving business, producing very beautiful cards using their pressed flowers.

At our June meeting we shall have Mike Petty as our speaker and in July we have the Federation Players coming to entertain us. As usual there will be the odd lunch and walk to go on. Also in July we are having our annual outing: this year we are going to Cromer to the Pavilion Theatre to see 'Seaside Special'. There will be time to go around the town to see other places of interest and have a nice lunch. Events and outings arranged by the County Federation include a hog roast and steel band, a trip to Adam Hensons farm in the Cotswolds and a trip to the Savill Gardens in Windsor Great Park. There will be the final of the darts tournament in July. Milton teams are doing their best to be there again. The WI also has a marquee at the East of England show at Peterborough and some of us will be there. As you can see it is an excellent and very varied programme organised by 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. You can also 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., which happens to be the largest ladies organisation in the UK, with 215,000 Members.

We meet at the Church Hall on the third Tuesday in the month at 7:30pm (except for July and December when it is the second Tuesday). Please contact our President Gill Offley on 293231 or our Secretary Bridget Crow on 441755.

Jan Chessum

**Milton CE Primary School
Science Day 2012**



On Monday 12th March all the children in the school took part in a Science Day to celebrate Science Week. The children completed a wide range of scientific learning from taking part in action-packed assemblies to carrying out exciting experiments. The children got to work with adults and children that they would not normally get to work with and in a wide range of classrooms. The children had a great day and learnt a lot about science.



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It was nice to welcome everyone back after our Easter break. Just before the start of the Easter holiday, thanks to help from our volunteers, the members made Easter cards. The photo shows some of them proudly displaying their handiwork at the end of the session.

We have a busy summer, with a celebration for the Diamond Jubilee, an outing for lunch at the Dolphin Hotel in St Ives and visits from various musical entertainers, and also from the children at Milton School to sing songs from their school production.

For enquiries about future membership, or if you would like to be a volunteer, please contact Margaret Nunn (Chairman) 860829 or Pauline Waters (Secretary) 860620.

Pauline Waters

Message from PCSO John Mason

Dear all: summer is here and hopefully it will be a warm and sunny one for all of us to enjoy. Please be aware that the new non-emergency number is now 101. Call 101 to contact the police to report less urgent crime or to speak to your local officers. Calls to 101 cost 15p per call at any time and from any phone. In an emergency always call 999. You should call 999 if: a crime is in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, there is danger to life, or violence is being used or threatened.

With improved weather and people going on holiday, we see an increase in the number of burglaries so I have included some guidelines below that will help you to avoid being a victim. Residents are advised to take the following precautions:

- Always keep doors and windows closed and locked or in a ventilated but locked position, even when you are inside the house. Always lock doors with a key - never assume that just pushing up an internal handle will lock the door.
- Remove keys from window and door locks, but keep them in a familiar and safe place where all members of the family know where to find them in the event of an emergency. Consider the position of key racks or shelves next to a door and ensure that they cannot be reached through the letter box.
- Use timer switches to turn on lights and radios when you are going to be away from your house at dusk. Consider the use of lights at the front and rear of your property that are activated when someone approaches.
- Consider the use of bolts and padlocks on side gates: place the bolts at the top, middle and bottom of the gate. Also consider chaining together all high-value items stored in outbuildings. A visible intruder alarm box is a big deterrent to an opportunist burglar, so consider installing a DIY or supplier-installed system.

For more information on how to secure your home and property, log onto the Home Office website: www.homeoffice.gov.uk. Alternatively, please log onto the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website: www.cambs.police.uk or the Crime Reduction Website: www.crimereduction.gov.uk.

If you wish to speak to myself or anyone on the Safer Neighbourhood Team please call 101 and ask to be put through.

PCSO John Mason 7146

Supporting Milton Country Park

In April 2008, Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust (CSLT) took over the management of Milton Country Park (MCP) from South Cambridgeshire District Council. CSLT have been able to secure major grants for improvements to the Visitor Centre and the play equipment, but they receive no regular council or government funding for the day-to-day running costs. This means that MCP now has to be entirely funded by the Park users. There have been many ways you can do this: the car-park fee, using the café, attending MCP events, and hiring the facilities.

People see the benefit the Park brings to them and want to contribute something back to the Park; it is now possible to donate to MCP online. See www.miltoncountrypark.org/donating.html for more details. You can also show your support for the Park by joining the Friends of Milton Country Park at www.miltoncountrypark.org/join.html. Friends of MCP are a volunteer group, created in 1993 at the same time as the Park, with the aim of promoting education, conservation and recreation at the Park.

Stephen Bennett, Friends of Milton Country Park.

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Write it down and pass it on!

Stop for a moment in your busy day and cast your mind back. Your memories and experiences may seem mundane but they are unique to you and the times and places that you have lived through. I pulled out the Milton 2000 daily photographic record and that alone triggered reminiscences of our village. Yet if we do not pass our memories on, a little bit of history disappears from the world.

My plea is: put some of your memories down on paper and share them with your family, your friends, or even the wider world. The most important thing is to start writing. Pencil, pen or keyboard: whatever suits you best. At first, just write and don't judge. You can always go back and edit. If you can, writing on a computer, laptop or tablet is an advantage: the text is easier to use further, for example by a local history group, or for possible publication.

Writing is a very personal matter. At some point you may want to seek advice on what you have written. Choose someone you can trust to give you *constructive* advice. Others can help you with editing and proofreading: I certainly ask for help with the latter!

If you want to publicise your writing further there are lots of opportunities in newsletters, writing groups and books. You can work alone or together with others. You can either take on the help of professionals like myself or do it yourself.

Why delay? Start writing your story down and pass it on!

Chris Thomas

Augmented Reality

The Milton Village View logo (plus the first word Milton) now triggers an augmented reality video, where the logo is transformed into a little slideshow of Milton scenes. Readers with smartphones/iPhones can download the "Aurasma Lite" app. Then search for and subscribe to the free "Milton Village View" channel. Then view the top of the MVV newsletter using the app.

As a new Aurasma Studio pro and a Milton resident, I thought our Village Voice could be part of the future: this could be a first for a village magazine!

More information on Aurasma here: www.aurasma.com. I have created more auras here:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/107595387761034666575/AurasByMiltonContact>.

If people create videos and a picture to go with a future story, I can combine them to create another aura (example photo of winning Netball initiates a video of Netball team cheering).

Any queries etc. – give me a call on 01223 440024.

Chris Thomas

Parish Clerk's Farewell

As I've been Jim's assistant for the last three years or so, I just wanted to thank him for all the kindness he has shown me as well as all the work he has done for the village. I'm in a good position to see how much time and interest Jim takes with residents to ensure that their concerns are cared for. I've also seen him work with councillors and other government officials, always having the best interests of the village at heart. I'll miss him and wish him all the best in his retirement. Just in case he has some time on his hands, I'll leave him with a few anagrams for good measure (hint: they all have to do with Jim and/or the village):

1. STILL HAS A CRUNCH
2. JAIL DENIMS
3. TRY CHIC QUAIL NAIL SOUP
4. RENEWS BLOG
5. CLEAR EXIT A KIND ERROR
6. I GAMBLED IN SHORT CRIME

For answers, visit the parish council website www.miltonvillage.org.uk and click 'Parish Notice Board' from the left hand menu.

David Geasor, Assistant Clerk to Milton Parish Council

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Where Are The Nightingales?

Looking at the Country Park's bird sightings board the other day I was struck by the sheer variety of sighted species. However, one joyous birdsong seems to have totally disappeared of late: the resonant, crystal-clear beauty of the disarming nightingale. There is though nothing quite like the soulful trill of the nightingale so memorably recorded in the BBC archives of years ago. Can they ever return to the Milton environment? Odd 'hearings' have been reported but certainly nothing on the scale from the past when there was a regular colony of up to some 19 birds providing a distinctive chorus that was unique to the area.

It is doubtful they could make a comeback on this scale and indeed they are among our endangered species, generally scarce across the country. They like a quiet seclusion in remote surroundings and such sites are rare, especially in a big built up area. Even in their heyday these coy songsters were heard more often than seen, hence the novelty of the popular ballad.

What can be done to provide a suitable habitat is difficult to say. At least nature has brought other joys, not least the kingfishers which have made the park their home. But let's keep an ear open for the nightingale. You never know your luck.

David Waterson

Wildlife Notes

After such a wet and cold April and beginning of May, I do feel as if spring is somewhat held up this year. Up until the first Saturday of May, I'd only seen one or two swallows. Luckily they are now properly back, and have been putting on an amazing display at the north end of Dickerson's Pit in the Country Park, almost touching the water as they fly low catching insects. I've also finally seen some housemartins and also some swifts overhead.

However, we do have some returnees who've been back for a while, reminding us that summer is coming. I heard my first chiffchaff on 23rd March, and they've been "chiffchaffing" ever since. I saw some bats at dusk above the river and near the Country Park at a similar time. I'm glad to see that the Common Terns have returned to the river and there's definitely a pair, as I've seen both patrolling various areas on several occasions. The yellowhammer is still cheerily calling on Fen Road with his "tweet, tweet, tweet, Bzzzzz" call, although I don't tend to hear him if it's too dismal a morning. The whitethroats finally returned at the beginning of May, attracted to the same bushes as the yellowhammer below the rail line towards the river. There are also roe deer in the area. I've heard an owl, probably a tawny, in the north of the Country Park several times in the last couple of months.

But the best news of all is that we've had a hedgehog visit our garden! Be careful with strimmers, avoid slug pellets and think about having a small ground level gap into neighbouring gardens as hedgehogs wander a long way in search of food nightly.

Heather Coleman

Milton Youth Club

Nothing to do on a Tuesday evening? Are the long summer nights too much to bear? Then you need to get yourself along to Milton Youth Club (Milton Action For Youth). For boys and girls from years 7 to 11, the Youth Club runs every Tuesday evening term-time from 6:30-8:15pm in the youth building beside the Sycamores recreation ground (50p entrance). Activities range from XBox, table tennis and sports to crafts, healthy eating and outside trips. Here's what some of the young people say:

- "...somewhere you can socialise and have fun with your mates..."
- "...a good place to relax and make new friends..."
- "...lots to do, especially creative things and making stuff!"
- "The leaders are really nice; they are down-to-earth and really easy to talk to."

So stop dreaming and get going! Tuesday nights will never be the same again!

Date	Activities planned
12 th June	Giant Games: Connect 4, Jenga etc. Arts and crafts
19 th June	Girls Beauty Night: nail art and facials. Boys football match
26 th June	Do-it-yourself: plan, bring & set up activities for the evening!
3 rd July	Wimbledon Theme: Tennis, Strawberries & cream Potato heads
10 th July	Trip to Milton Country Park: details TBC
17 th July	BBQ, Giant games, Football, Water games. PARTY

Note: the Youth building is available for private hire throughout the year. For more information contact Ian Tyes on 574394.

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New Fitness Equipment for Sycamores Rec

As the parish chairman mentions in his annual report, the parish council has secured funding from AmeyCespa (former Donarbon) for new outdoor fitness equipment for The Sycamores Recreation Ground. The equipment, which includes a Leg Press, a Body Twister, a Pull Down Exerciser, a Space Walker and a Skier, comprises an all body circuit designed to improve overall fitness. The equipment is scheduled to be installed in early June (except for the Skier which will be installed in July).

Have a look on the parish notice boards and www.miltonvillage.org.uk for info about the Opening Ceremony. You can also have a look at the equipment on www.wicksteed.co.uk/xerscape-c56.html

Whist Drives

Fourth Tuesday in Community Centre, 7:30-10pm.

Admission £1.50. Good Value, with prizes & refreshments organised for the community centre (since January 1980)

Mary Daniels

Scrabble

Can you spell? If so, come to the church hall, second Friday at 7.30-10pm.

Admission 50p, with tea & nibbles, plus small prizes.

Good for the brain.

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MILES FOR SMILES WEEK: 18-24 June 2012

How would you like to do ANY sporting activity or exercise of your choice ANYwhere at ANY time on ANY day in Miles for Smiles week and raise much needed funds for Blue Smile?



All you have to do is register on www.bluesmileproject.org. There is no fixed fee, just make a donation or raise sponsorship for your activity.

Once registered and the week begins, you simply exercise or race to your heart's content, safe in the knowledge that not only are you improving your personal mental health through physical activity, but you are also improving the lives of Cambridgeshire children.

Any kind of sporting activity is welcome: give your dog an extra walk, ride with friends, swim more lengths, play an extra round of golf, go on a Blue Smile ramble, organise a tennis match or row—the list is endless! Get together with your friends, family, running group, tennis and golf partners, local school, gym and exercise class to take up the challenge.

Blue Smile is a registered Cambridgeshire children's charity (1139279) which provides counselling and support in schools to help children fulfill their true potential and have happier childhoods. Contact them at info@bluesmileproject.org or 01223 872619.

Be a Sport Maker!

Are you someone that enjoys sport and physical activity? A club that could get more of your members involved in local sport? Or need help running a local activity/event? Sport Makers is part of the official London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games legacy. It is about inspiring people to do the simple things that make sport happen, whether that's booking a court, planning the route or encouraging people to take part. Here's how to become a Sport Maker:

- Register on www.sportmakers.co.uk and book a FREE place on one of your local Sport Makers workshops.
- Attend the event where you will get the skills, knowledge and opportunities to get others active and enjoying sport. You will also receive Adidas goodies to keep and identify you as a Sport Maker.
- Put what you've learnt into practice by encouraging others to get active and have fun. You can come up with your own activity or search through lots of opportunities on www.sportmakers.co.uk
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