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And much more!

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Milton Primary School Summer BBQ

Friday 6th July, 6pm-8pm

Everyone welcome

The evening has something for everyone - entertainment & delicious food - including Milton Scouts BBQ, fun and games, bouncy castles, licensed bar, craft stalls, etc.

Entry £1 per adult, under 16's free

Milton Produce Show

Our tenth annual Produce Show will take place at Milton Country Park on **Sunday 9th September**. With categories for fruit and veg, handicrafts, baking, photography and more, there's something for everyone, so why not give it a go? Full details will be posted on the Country Park website soon - in the meantime contact produceshow@milton.org.uk with any questions.



Please note that this year the Produce Show is taking place separately to the Autumn Festival, which will be on **23 September**.



June

- Mon 11th** Charity Artworks Open Morning, 10am-12, Youth Centre (p.11)
- Sat 16th** EACH Gala Day, 11.30am-5pm, Milton Hall (see below)
- Sat 16th** Gospel Sounds of V'Soul (Ekisa Fundraiser), All Saints', 7.30pm (p.4)
- 16th-17th** Nordic Walking Crash Course, 10.30am, Country Park Car Park (p.17)
- Sun 24th** Steampunk at Denny, Denny Abbey, 10.30am-5pm



July

- Sun 1st** Parklife, free family sports day, Country Park, 10am-5pm
- Fri 6th** MSA Summer BBQ, Milton Primary School, 6-8pm (p.2)
- Sat 7th** Charity Garden Party, White Horse, 12-5pm (p.18)
- Sun 8th** Countryside—Past & Present, Denny Abbey, 11am-4pm
- 7th-8th** Open Studios, 11am-6pm (p.6)
- 14th-15th** Open Studios, 11am-6pm (p.6)
- 21st-22nd** Open Studios, 11am-6pm (p.6)
- Sun 22nd** 'The Importance of Being Ernest', Country Park, 4.30pm
- Thurs 26th** Children's Archaeology Day, 11am-4pm, Denny Abbey
- Sat 28th** 'Grease' Sing-a-long, Country Park, 7-10pm

August

- Thurs 16th** 'Peter Pan' Theatre, Country Park, 2.30-5.30pm
- Mon 27th** Denny Time Machine, Denny Abbey, 11am-5pm

September

- Sun 9th** Milton Produce Show, Country Park (p.2)
- Sat 22nd** Ekisa Quiz Night, All Saints' Church Hall, 7pm (p.4)
- Sun 23rd** Autumn Festival, Country Park, 10.30-5pm

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More pub events: see pp.18-19.

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

EACH Gala Day, 16th June, Milton Hall

This year's East Anglia's Children's Hospices' annual Gala Day will be held on the 16th June in the grounds of Milton Hall. The day will run from 11:30am – 5pm 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, serving cream teas, running stalls, and much more! If you are interested please contact Ellen Bing - ellen.bing@each.org.uk or 01223 204 916.

Events



Ekisa UK is a village-run charity supporting the work of Miltonian Emily Henderson. Ekisa supports children with special needs in Jinga, Uganda. They believe all children should grow up in a loving family environment, so they support families to care for their children with special needs at home through their community care programme.

Ekisa has also established a school for special needs children and, for those children who can't be cared for by family members, they have a residential home.

Ekisa UK is run entirely by volunteers and all funds raised are sent to support the work in Uganda. We aim to organise a variety of different fun, social, community events that can be enjoyed by everyone.

Upcoming Events

All Saints Live: Gospel Sounds of V'Soul

Sat 16th June, 7.30pm, All Saints' Church

Licensed bar & snacks available

Tickets £5, available from the church office (441007) or on the door.



Ekisa UK Annual Quiz Night

Saturday September 22nd, 7pm, All Saints' Church Hall

3rd Annual Gift and Food Fair, November 17th, 10am-3pm, All Saints' Church & Hall.

We have over 20 stalls already booked, including handmade crafts, cosmetics, delicious food and drink, health products, silver jewellery, pottery products, bags, and more!

Refreshments will also be served on the day, so please do put the date in your diary, come along and treat yourself or buy some gifts and enjoy a drink and cake with friends and neighbours.

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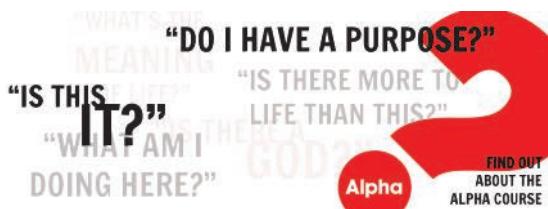
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Got Questions about Life?

All Saints' Church will be hosting Alpha this autumn, starting Monday 10th September. Alpha is a ten-week introduction to the Christian faith, and offers the opportunity to explore life's big questions in an informal, non-judgemental setting.

Participants can ask anything - no question or comment is too simple or too controversial! To discover more about Alpha, visit alpha.org. To register your interest in trying Alpha in Milton, email office@allsaintsmilton.org.uk or call 01223 441007. Details of venue will appear on allsaintsmilton.org.uk later in the summer.



Services, Dancing & Singing

Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church holds **Sunday Morning Services** at 10.30am, to which all are welcome.

We would welcome new members to our **Line Dancing** sessions on Tuesdays at 6.30pm. at Landbeach Baptist Church, High street Landbeach, and also to the **Sing to Remember** group on Thursday mornings at 10.45am, also on the premises. This is mainly for people with slight memory loss and their carers but anyone who enjoys singing is welcome. We also need a few more helpers to take turns making the tea etc. We sing all kinds of songs under the leadership of a talented musician, and have a lot of fun.

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6 Cambridge Road: 14/15 & 21/22 July



Cheryl Bird & Linda Bartlett will be exhibiting divine handmade silver jewellery inspired by the four elements - fire, earth, air and water in their Garden Studio at 6 Cambridge Road.

3 Hall End: 14/15 & 21/22 July

Jane Thomas will be exhibiting prints of her owl and bird watercolours whilst Chris is going to have an interactive sculpture as part of his microscopy art this year!



**Smallstone, Hall End,
7/8, 14/15 & 21/22 July**



Professional artist Alison Hullyer is excited to be opening her new garden studio to the public for the first time. She has dry points

depicting nature, birds and local scenes. Plus published cards, screen-printed tea towels and her popular range of coasters. This is her 23rd consecutive year participating in Cambridge Open Studios.

**31 Cherry Close,
14/15 & 21/22 July**



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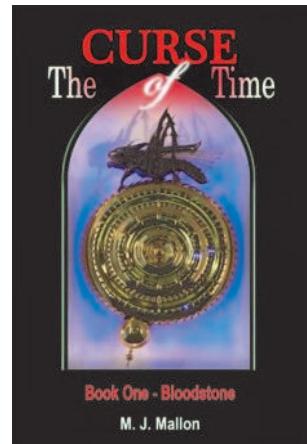


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The novel features the Corpus Christi Chronopage clock on King's Parade designed by the world-renowned inventor Dr John C Taylor OBE, who I had the pleasure of meeting in September 2017.

Reviewers have described **The Curse of Time Book 1 - Bloodstone** as: *highly readable, unique, imaginative, uses crystals, myths and folklore in such an interesting way, inspired by fairy-tales, though in quite a twisted way, a brilliant book for young adults interested in magic, supernatural, paranormal, fantasy and myth.*



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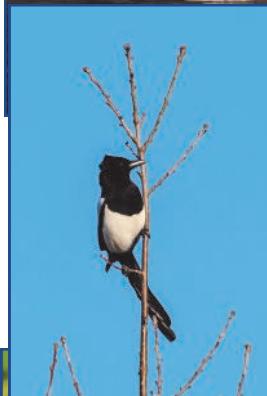
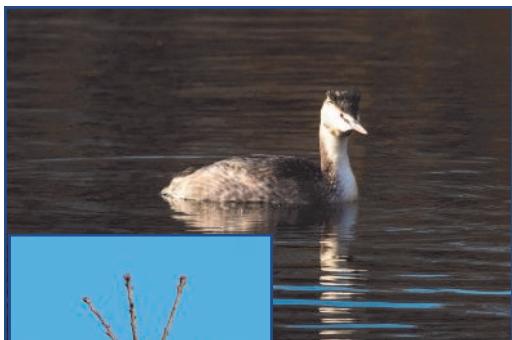
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Bird Spotting



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Calling all mums, mums-to-be, carers & families: The Mother Side Cambridge Meet up is back from 10.30-12.30 on 12th June with a BRAND NEW VENUE - All Saints' Church Hall!!!

Come along for an informal chat over tea and coffee with other local parents and parents-to-be to talk all things parenthood, listen to guest speakers & enjoy monthly baby wearing/infant first aid/infant feeding information support sessions! Bumps, babies and toddlers welcome: after all, they help us learn; they are the real experts!

There will also be fun for your little ones including Sensory play, Sing Alongs & Water Play.

Our new location does ask for a small donation; they suggest £1, but whatever you can spare goes back to the church and is gratefully appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Payphone is Back!

The public telephone on Coles Road has been reinstated, although apparently not yet connected. The new phone is a cashless phone but will allow 999 calls without charge.

BT have variously claimed that the telephone box is not up for adoption and then that it is up for adoption by charities or local government, but the Parish Council have pressed for it to remain in active service.

District Council Results

In the recent South Cambs District Council election, Anna Bradnam, Hazel Smith and Judith Rippeth were elected as our District Councillors for the next term. All three councillors represent the Liberal Democrats. Particular congratulations to Hazel and Anna, who have both served Milton for many years already.

Congratulations also to Milton's Eleanor Crane (Green Party) who received the most votes for her party in this election.



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From the Archives

25 Years Ago: Jun '93



At last the 85 acres of Milton Country Park with over two miles of winding footpaths is officially open.

The park, which has been planned for over 20 years was

originally gravel pits which were excavated between 1930 and 1960. During this time the site revealed some interesting evidence of earlier inhabitants, possibly Romano British settles and included skeletons, beads and domestic pottery.

Top: Two Milton members of the working party, Roger Day & Richard Summerfield

10 Years Ago: Jun '08

Milton Country Park under new management

An official ceremony was held on the 23rd May 2008 to mark the hand-over of Milton Country Park to the Sport Lakes Trust from South Cambs District Council.



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Milton School – 60 years in Butt Lane

Milton Church of England Primary School opened in Butt Lane in September 1958, 60 years ago this year, after being in Fen Road since 1836.

To commemorate these 60 years, I am writing a brief history of the school, both in Fen Road and Butt Lane. I am working with the school, where I have located a few historic documents and photographs and with the Milton Local History Group, where we plan to display these items at a meeting of the group in September.

Did you know that in 1957, the year before the School moved, there were only 44 children on the register, or that today amongst the 400 children, there are 36 languages spoken!

Please contact me if you have any memories, photos or artefacts that you want to share with me.

I can be contacted via email at andrewlatchem@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 01223 440642.

Andrew Latchem, Governor, Milton C of E Primary School



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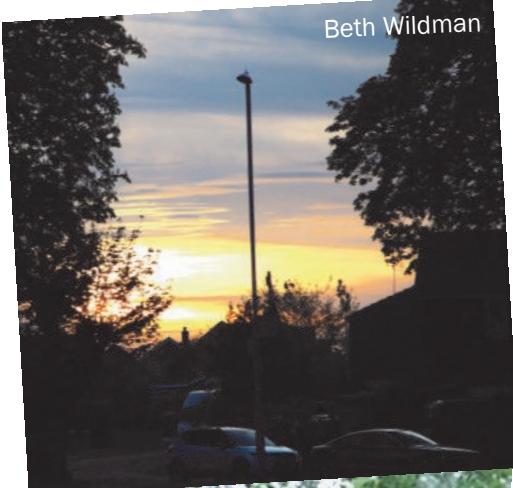
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EACH News

Help At Home

We're currently looking for lots of new volunteers across Cambridgeshire, North Essex and Suffolk to help families with day to day tasks (such as cleaning/gardening/sibling support and homework help) or one-off tasks (putting up a garden shed, or some DIY) whilst their lead children are receiving other support from EACH. There's more about the service at:

www.each.org.uk/support-us/volunteering/help-at-home

Interns Required

East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) are looking for interns to work in our offices for 2-5 days per week over the summer to help with our exciting events, particularly EACHfest - a new family friendly music festival we will be launching this year!

All interns will receive training and will be supported by EACH staff – if you're interested in learning a bit more then please contact Ellen Bing - ellen.bing@each.org.uk or 01223 204 916.

Volunteer Gardeners Needed

EACH are looking for volunteer gardeners to assist with the maintenance of the Milton Hospice grounds. There are lots of ways to help, mowing the lawn, weeding, pruning and planting. They would like to hear from you if you can spare as little as an hour a week, although of course more would be very welcome. Call 01223 205183 or email volunteerservices@each.org.uk

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Organisations

Milton WI

Before the August break, our speakers will include Amanda Sutherland who will be sharing her life story "From Costumier to Running an Accessories Empire". Amanda has had an exciting career in film, television and theatre costume design, and her talk in June will include insights into running her business along with some amusing tales. Geoff Evans' talk in July on "Alaska - Bears, Bears and More Bears" promises to be an interesting evening.

As well as our usual monthly meetings, we have had some very enjoyable strolls, and a few of our members enjoyed an exciting Federation trip to London to see "42nd Street" starring Lulu.

The White Horse will be having a Summer Garden Party again this year on 7th July. Together with serving cups of tea and coffee, the WI will be having a home produce (cakes, savouries etc) and bottle stall. The event has increased in popularity each year and will be a fun afternoon for all. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month in the Church Hall and new members are welcome. Contact our President Gill Offley (01223 293231) or Secretary Bridget Crow (01223 441755) for further details, or just come along for a taster session.

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Places for children at Beaver Scouts

Milton Beaver Scout group has places available for 6-8 year old boys and girls who go to Milton Primary School. We meet every Monday (term time only) 6:15-7:30pm in the Community Centre Annexe. We are also on the lookout for adults who would like to come and support the colony. Please email billythebeaver50@gmail.com for more information.

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Garden Volunteers Needed

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More on the “Red Cross Photo”

Here are some additional comments on the photo shown in the past two *Village Views!*



Elizabeth and I agreed that the Polish lad front left is “Swavek Deragovski”: that is how his name was pronounced. His family lived where Roger and Judith Lemon live. Elizabeth also said that Judith Matthews (now Ostler and lives in Landbeach Road) is at the front next to Marlene Hall (as Brian Wilkin said).

Interesting snapshot of the size of the village - Bene’t Close, Cambridge Road, High Street, Butt Lane and Fen Road. There were just two other roads at that time: Church Lane and Landbeach Road both with few houses/cottages.

Jim Daniels

Coulson Close Name?

“Can you advise please why the road Coulson Close was named. I was born in Milton at Byhill Close, Fen Road or No 43 as I believe it is now numbered. My father was called Lesley Coulson and was the Parish Clerk until he moved away in 1960, and his father was called Isaac.” - Andrew Coulson

Derek Booth gives a history of street names on the Parish council website: www.miltonvillage.org.uk/a-history-of-the-road-names-in-milton but the information about Coulson Close is brief.

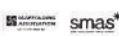
The Parish Council named Coulson Close specifically after Jim Coulson, a market gardener who had a stall on Cambridge market. He lived in the Green House in Butt Lane, since demolished, on the opposite side to Coulson Close. He lived to be 100 and Beryl Waterson took him a bottle of whisky from the Parish Council on his birthday. That would be in the 1980’s.

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Milton School Success in Chess Megafinal

Jian Zhou Mei wins regional chess

championship for Milton in 2018 Megafinal
Six players from Milton entered the West Anglia regional chess megafinal for school champions, held at St. Faith's on Sunday 6th May. In the 40 megafinals held across the country about 6,000 children (mainly school champions or runners up for their age group) participated out of an original 300,000. About a tenth of these qualify for one of the three gigafinals, which represents the top hundred or so from each age group in the country.

5 of the 6 Milton players qualified and *Jian Zhou Mei* (pictured right, receiving the Supremo trophy) was champion in his game group for the second year running with a perfect score of 6 wins in 6 matches.

Nivedh Vinodhkumar scored 4 out of 6 in the Under 7 boys. *Daniel Weglowski* scored 3.5 out of 6 in the Under 11 Boys. *Isabel Weglowska* scored 3.5 and was the 3rd girl in the Under 8 girls. *Sal Amato* scored 3.5 in the Under 10 boys.



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Our **BEER FESTIVAL** is on July 4th to 8th, where you can try our lineup of 18 cask ales and 6 ciders, and our **CHARITY GARDEN PARTY** on the Saturday (July 7th, 12-5pm); local groups are invited to run a stall to support their organisations – please contact Ava to book a free pitch. We shall have a live band from 8.30pm. We also hope to take part in the local **Breast Cancer Race Night** event, probably in early June: keep a close watch on our Facebook page for our latest events. We have **Karaoke** on the first Friday of each month, and Alan's free-to-play Quiz Night (with free chips) every Thursday from 9pm.

We have a varied menu and regular Chef's Specials. Booking is advisable: phone us to book and notify us of any food allergies. We serve food 12-2:30pm & 5:30-8:30pm (Mon-Sat) and 12-8:30pm (Sunday). As well as the main dining area we have a separate room behind the fireplace where we can accommodate parties of up to 25. We also take small to large bookings for buffets for all occasions. You can enjoy craft ales and a craft lager (Purity Longhorn), draught ciders (Rosie's Pig and Old Rosie), John Smiths and Birra Moretti, plus our weekly ale specials and the regulars. We will soon have Shed Head, an American-style Pale Ale from Sweden. We are proud to have our entry in Camra's Good Beer Guide.

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Karaoke Night: Our regular karaoke on the last Friday of the month is hosted by Zenning Karaoke. Come along and have a sing-song to your favourite classic tunes.

£3 Ale Tuesday: Every Tuesday from 4 - 8pm all ales are £3 per pint. We have 5 ale pumps, three of which rotate on a weekly basis so there is always something new to try.

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Father's Day, 17th June, 12.30pm/2.30pm sitting – Treat Dad to Sunday Lunch: he'll get a free pint and, thanks to John Sharkey of Cambridge Golf Driving Range, he may win a free bucket of balls!

Charity Draws - 100 squares at £1 each, winning number is drawn every Monday at 7pm. 75% of funds to the winner & 25% to the local Milton based Charity: Milton Good Companions in June, Scouts in July and Milton Youth Football Team in August. Milton Men's Football Team were our first Charity and many thanks to them for having their Player of the Year Presentation evening with us.

Ladies Pamper Night – free entry and raffle – see Facebook for details.

Over 60s lunch on a Wednesday – 2 courses £9.95, 3 courses £12.95 with tea/coffee.

Sunday Nights – 2 x Sizzling Fajitas for £20

Restaurant Specials - Italian Night (19th July), Spanish Night (23rd August); Country & Western Night (27th September).

Uckers Challenge Cup - we invite all Milton ex-forces personnel who play Uckers to register their interest.
Steve & Bridget

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Let's hope for a long hot summer! We open at 10am (Sun-Thurs) and 9am (Fri & Sat) so you can enjoy a fresh cooked breakfast or savour a delicious Barista coffee with the papers while the children play in the Pirates Lagoon! Our Bouncy Castle will be available every day throughout the school holidays – providing the weather is suitable of course.

FIFA World Cup 2018 - we will be showing all matches in the bar and on the outside TV. Win some great prizes and enjoy various offers throughout the World Cup. The restaurant will remain football-free throughout the games. ☺

17th June - **FATHERS DAY** Always a busy one and we do take bookings for the garden tables as well as inside tables – just call us to reserve yours.

12th July -Join us at the pub after **Newmarket Ladies Day** at the races, for another **FUNK & SOUL SESSION**, 7-11pm.

24-27th August - **Gin, Fizz and Cocktails Festival** - save the date for the fabulous event. All the gin you could desire and plenty of fizz and cocktails to go with it! 30+ gins available in the garden gin tent; great choice of Champagne, Prosecco, cocktails and pitchers; gin & fizz tastings and masterclasses on how to mix those perfect drinks!

7th Sept – A new musical collaboration from those masters of music, **The Indietones!**

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Wildlife Notes

It feels, after the awful cold March we had, that spring is rather late. Looking at my rather unscientific notes on arrival of migrating birds (as I'm the only observer in my notes, and I have to be in the right place at the right time, the chances of missing things are quite high) over the last few years, the swallows arrived roughly the same day as in 2016 and 2017 and I saw the common terns over the river the same time as last year, but earlier than in 2016. I've first heard swifts on roughly the same day in early May, and a few housemartins have also started to be seen at around the same time each year. However, it does feel that so far, as I write this on 10th May, that there are fewer of each of these birds than I've seen other years up to this point, and my sightings of the terns over the river have been very intermittent.

The hawthorn, or May as some call it, actually started to break buds on May Day. There have been years when it's been in flower from mid-April around Milton and along the river and Cowley Road, but I think those years are the exceptions. I've not yet seen many bats in my garden but I cycled home along the river on the 18th April at dusk, and there were bats out feeding all the way from the Long Reach to the Milton Fen Road.

The hedgehogs have also been out and about since mid-March, so very shortly after 'the beast from the east'. I'm not sure how much natural food would have been around so soon after such cold weather, so those of us putting out supplementary food were probably more helpful than ever. Since then, there have been several fights at my feeding station. Unlike in many areas of the country, where people are reporting that they've seen no hedgehogs at all, at least on the western edge of Milton, near to the Country Park, we do still seem to have a population. Hopefully of both sexes! If every garden is as hospitable as possible with overgrown areas and no poisonous slug pellets or other hazards, and linked to all the other gardens by small holes or gaps in fences and walls, maybe we'll stay as an island where this endangered species can thrive.

Heather Coleman



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Milton Tennis Club

Milton Tennis Club held their first in-house tournament of the year on 8th April – the Dant Cup. Angela Crick and Karen Momber were the joint winners of the Ladies Cup and Barrie Crick won the Mens Cup. The very damp winners are shown in the photo.



The ballot for Wimbledon tickets was held on 25th April and seven lucky people had their names drawn out of the hat - Rosie Eggo, Suzanne Webster, Joanna Pugh, Sue Griffin, Angela Crick, Fiona Nimmo, Greg Ryder - Wimbledon 2018, here we come! See our webpage for information on tournaments, matches, coaching and social events.

Sue Griffin, MTC Secretary,

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Milton Cricket Club Junior Programme 2018

Milton Cricket Club announce their new Junior Programme for 2018. Children aged 8+ can train between 6pm and 7pm on Mondays until 23rd July. Practice will be at The Sycamores Recreation Ground and the subscription is £25.

Milton Cricket Club are also running the All Stars Cricket programme for boys and girls 5-8 years old. www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars For more information on either of these programmes, please contact cricketclubmilton@gmail.com.

A photograph of a young girl wearing a pink t-shirt, white trousers, and a black helmet and pads, holding a cricket bat. She is standing against a solid red background.

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Milton Colts FC are recruiting

Milton Colts (www.miltoncoltsfc.com) is recruiting players and coaches. The following teams are actively looking for new players (age groups are as of season 2018/19):

Girls: Wildcats, ages 4-11 (see below); U10 (recruiting new team) play 7v7 Saturday mornings; U14, play 9v9 Saturday mornings; U16, play 9v9 Saturday mornings

Boys/mixed: U6/7 (Rangers), train Saturday mornings; U12, play 9v9 Saturday mornings (looking for a goal keeper); U14 (see p24), play 11v11 Saturday mornings; U16, play 11v11 Sunday mornings.

All teams except for the U6s (Rangers) and Wildcats play matches on weekend mornings and train on one weekday afternoon or evening per week. The U6s, U7s and U10 girls are also looking for volunteer coaches. There are also opportunities for Duke of Edinburgh students.



Milton Colts are a Charter Standard registered club (affiliated with Cambridgeshire FA) that provides a safe and fun playing environment. All coaches regularly undergo CRC checks and child safeguarding and first aid training. At least one coach per team is at minimum FA Level 1 qualified.

Please direct all enquiries to me at birgitmeldal@gmail.com. Please state your child's date of birth so that your message can be forwarded to the correct team manager.

Wildcats

Wildcats girls football is now taking place for ages 4-11 (primary school years) every Saturday, 2-3 pm, at the North Lodge Park Rec (except for when Milton Cricket Club 3rd team have the ground and we'll move to another Milton Rec). £1 per session. Email me with your daughter's name, age and if she's played before so I can plan for numbers. Bring a water bottle, shin pads and boots if you have, otherwise trainers will do for the first week.

Birgit Meldal, Milton Colts Secretary


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Milton Colts U13s: Cup Success & Sponsorships

Milton Colts FC U13s have had a fantastic season, culminating in winning The Cambridge & District Colts Saturday 9v9 League Cup Final. After winning through 4 rounds, the team met Over Sports FC in the final at The Cambridge Stadium on 28th April where Milton triumphed 5-1. Manager Paul Yaxley said, "It was a fantastic achievement for the boys, most of whom have been together for 8 seasons, having attended Milton CofE Primary School". The team are pictured (right) celebrating with the cup after the final. This season the team have received generous sponsorship funding. Jasper Hulscher of Milton Chiropractic Clinic supplied new tracksuits, training kit & rain jackets (below, right), and Daniel Crockwell of Cambridge Scaffolding supplied the team with a new football kit (below, left). Paul Yaxley said, "It's great to receive



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