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# Shanks to bury carcasses?

BY PETER HINSON

Local fears over the possible use of landfill sites for disposing of foot and mouth infected carcasses have gained momentum as the need to address the situation reaches crisis point.

The Intervention Board (responsible for the culls and disposal of carcasses on behalf of MAFF) have contacted all landfill operators and required them to be prepared to accept carcasses at any time.

Shanks have responded to what they know to be a national emergency by offering disposal facility at Stewartby and Calvert in Buckinghamshire. Calvert has recently accepted sheep carcasses and at time of writing an unknown quantity of deer is expected at Stewartby.

Worries that the process could introduce the disease into a currently disease free Bedfordshire has been expressed by local councillors who are angry that they have not been consulted over the possible movement of infected carcasses.

John Shaughnessy, spokesman for Shanks Waste Solutions, told the Cranfield Express ...

"We feel that it is right to respond to the Intervention Board's requisition in a responsible way and, as this is a national emergency, have agreed to make our facility and expertise available. At the present any carcasses to be accepted are of animals culled in what is referred to as the fire break zone and also animals that have had to be destroyed because they cannot be moved, fed or bedded down and are in a distressed state."

Disposal of the carcasses is also a subject raised in the local press - with horrifying stories of bloated corpses 'floating' through the covering to the



surface ... Cranfield express asked Mr Shaughnessy what method of disposal did Shanks consider to be correct ...

"The carcasses will be buried in specially created trenches (to MAFF specifications) and not with the normal landfill face drops. The trenches will be contained in a restricted area and accessible only to the minimum number of staff necessary to complete the task. Vehicles carrying the carcasses will be segregated from all other traffic into marked off areas, fully cleansed and disinfected after unloading and before leaving the sites. Having said this I would like to point out that, because of operational disruption and the close proximity to residential areas (such as the Arlesey site) we do not intend to take the carcasses at Brogborough unless,

of course, central government tell us we have got to."

Parish Councillor Alan Bastable told Cranfield Express ... "I am pleased to see that Shanks have taken notice of the letter this Parish Council sent to them, Jonathon Sayeed and to MAFF, expressing our concern at the possibility of infected animal carcasses being transported on the public roads."

It is always going to be difficult for local people to accept that a disease free area should be put at risk by methods and movement that are out of the control of local authorities. It is, however, currently necessary to put our trust in the landfill companies, their procedures and to accept that they do listen to the local voice and respond responsibly.

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## Cranfield's 39 steps, or so...

BY JACQUELINE REEVE

On Saturday 22nd April, there was an open day at the Parish Church, with 'tours' of the bell tower. Only one or two people at a time were allowed to climb the spiral staircase to the top of the tower with Jim Ewen, the tower captain, as their guide.

There were 30 odd steps up a very steep staircase, and although the steps were very old, they were not too deep or well worn. I have an acute fear of spiral staircases, but managed the climb none the less.

On reaching the bell chamber, I saw the contrast between the old wooden bell frame, so loved by English Heritage, and the new steel frame put in by Taylor's to sit our incremented bells in. I felt a bit claustrophobic though, and had to leave quite quickly, and descend down that spiral staircase to ground level - very carefully.

I felt very sorry for the tower captain, as he is obviously proud of the bells, and wanted to explain the history of them, and how they got to their new home.

Both my daughters also made the climb, and were given the guided tour - which they found extremely interesting. Not only did my older daughter visit the bell tower, but climbed further to the very top of the tower - rather than me.

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- **Sat Apr 28th** Brogborough Village Hall Jumble Sale, starts 2pm
- **Sat Apr 28th** Don't Forget! Holywell School Spring Fayre 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lots of attractions - bring the family.

### Cranfield Baptist Church Jesus is Alive!

You are warmly invited to join with us:

- Sundays - 10.45am Fellowship & Sunday School  
 Wednesday - 7.45pm Home Group  
 Thursday - 7.30pm Youth Club (1st Thursday each month)  
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#### ALL WELCOME

For further information contact:  
**Steve Lloyd on 751495**  
 (Transport can be arranged)

- **Fri May 11th** 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wharley End WI are holding a cake and plant stall outside Cranfield Lower school, Court Road. For further information contact Pat Peat 01234 751421
- **Sat May 12th** 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. Cranfield Methodist Church Lunch. Menu: Grapefruit and Orange cocktail. Roast Beef and Yorkshire puddings, Seasonal veg. Roast and creamed potatoes. Trifle. Tea or coffee. £4. All very welcome

### Coach Outings

There are still seats available for the two coach day trips. Saturday May 5th Spalding Carnival and Flower Festival. Wednesday May 16th Yarmouth. Both £10. For more information phone Joan Last 01234 750738

## Classic Car/ Motorbike Show at Cranfield Lower School Summer Fete

On 23rd June, the Cranfield Lower School will be holding their annual Summer fete and this year they hope to attract even more visitors with the addition of a small classic car/bike display.

So far we have had an excellent response from motorcycle enthusiasts, but are sadly lacking in the number of cars offered. So, if you own or know someone who owns a col-

### Cranfield Methodist Church

Sundays

10 am Morning Service and Sunday School  
 6 pm Evening Worship

Tuesday 1st, 8th & 22nd

2.30 pm Women's Fellowship

Thursdays

6 pm Sunshine Corner (for children up to 8)  
 7.15 pm Thursday Club

(for children 8 to 12 years)

#### ALL WELCOME

For further information contact:

**Rev Paul Chesworth 751886**  
**or Peter Meadows 750587**

- **Sat May 26th** Cranfield Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Association are holding a plant sale at 11 Merchant Lane, Cranfield (not Cross Keys car park)
- **Sun May 27th** Bank Holiday Sunday. Swan Annual Charity Bike Ride. Oil up your bike, sort out your fancy dress gear and grab a sponsor form from the Swan asap. All proceeds to local Children's Groups. Meet at 11 a.m. at the Swan, pedal off at 12 noon. Any enquiries: Tel. Harry or Glenda 01234 750332

**STEWARTBY BOWLS CLUB.** New members wanted to join us. Free tuition for beginners. Tel: 01234 768534 or 767319

## Acorn PreSchool Ladies Night Success

The Ladies Night organised by Acorn Preschool held on 26th March in the Village Hall proved a great success - a staggering £411 was raised which is to be used to purchase some new outdoor play equipment for the children.

A big thank you to all those who supported us. A special mention must be made to Leigh Hall who donated a wonderful "appropriately" decorated

cake for our raffle and also to Hazel Moran for the massage vouchers.

We hoped you all enjoyed your chance to have an aromatherapy foot massage, your nails manicured and your fortune told as well as looking at all the craft and beauty stalls.

Look out for our next one!! Be sure not to miss it!

(And yes Ann Summers will be returning!)

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir

I write concerning your front page article of last month. It is always heart-rending to hear of the death of a young person, but even more so when that life was cruelly taken by drugs.

I wish to express my thanks to the family, for being willing to speak up about their own feelings, and how this has affected them. It shows a great deal of courage, and I can only hope that others take a lesson from the story of Andrew, and remember that life is worth more than a few hours of pleasure.

My own cousin died from an Aids related illness, after using an infected needle, and it still affects my family today. I know the heartache of loss, and of watching a young person plan her last Christmas with her family. Please, let the young choose not to try these substances, which promise

the earth, and deliver death by the numbers.

Name and address withheld

Dear Cranfield Express

It was great to read about people in the village raising money for Comic Relief. All those eggs!! Well done James and to both the Annas.

I also enjoyed your April story, about the effects of the reactor and the badges we will be given soon. I especially enjoyed visiting your web site to read more about it!

Keep up the good work.

E Morris

Have found a distinctive fashion watch at the playing field on 18th March 2001, the owner can claim it on the following phone number 0585 317766 - with the correct description.

## Pre-school closure

After running for over 20 years, it is with deep regret that Cranes Pre-School has to announce that it has closed. Despite continuous advertising we have been unable to replace the two qualified members of staff who left in February and our third staff member who left at Easter. We therefore have no option but to close.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the years; the staff, committee members, local businesses, the parents and everyone who attended the various fundraising events.

We have suspended trading for the summer term and if we still haven't found staff by July we will be arranging for the disposal of all our equipment at the end of July. If any local groups are interested in any equipment could they please contact Karen Jobbling on 01234 751725.

## Obituary

Dr. John TD Street, aged 85 formerly Medical Practitioner, Cranfield, Bedford, beloved husband of Lilia, father of Daphne, Charles and Barbara-Lou, stepfather of Nick Wenham, grandfather of Madeline, Charlotte and Jonathan, died suddenly and peacefully at home on Saturday 14th April.

Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Woburn Sands on Friday 27th April at 11.00 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Far East P.O.W. Association, Woburn Sands Branch or Army Benevolent Fund, TA Centre, Kempston, Beds, via Funeral Directors, H. W. Mason & Sons, 97 Victoria Road, Bletchley. Tel. 01908 6342700.

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# Olympic badminton competition in Cranfield University.

In study year 2000-2001 sport societies of the Cranfield University decided to celebrate the new millennium by starting a university-wide Olympic games. Students of the university become participants in different kinds of sports divided in groups by their schools. Naturally, Cranfield University Badminton Club (CUBC) could not stay away from this event and actively went into the competition.

## Study vs leisure

Cranfield University is a lonely island in the English countryside. Students from all over the world get together in a place remotely located from the big cities. The two closest towns (Bedford and Milton Keynes) are about 10 miles away, which for students, especially those without cars, is a considerable distance. Numerous villages which surround the university may offer many benefits, however, some features, such as night clubs, entertainment centres, big cinemas, music halls etc. are not



The warm-up stretch

cannot be more different. A singles game is the demonstration of power, speed and the reaction of the players. Starting from the very first second

The badminton game, from an exhausting exercise on survival, transforms into an enjoyable action.

I think that badminton is the most gracious, beautiful and amazing sport ever. The pictures that I took may prove this for you. Some may disagree with me, but it is true for me and I'd bet for most of our club's members. It does ask a lot from you, but the reward is a hundred times more than the effort you put in.

## Olympic badminton competition

The singles competition in the games started in the end of February, so they are nearly over. In a few days, the best two players in each group will meet their opponents in quarter-finals, following by semi-final, and then, the finals, where the two potential champions will cross their rackets to see who is best overall. This will be definitely a performance worth

watching.

After crowning the singles champion, the doubles competition will start. Teams of players from the schools will get together in the game in order to see who is best. But the process will mean for us much more than results.

There are rumours that after completing all games the board of the club is planning to organise a trip to a local pub for all member to celebrate this event. Let's see...

## The role of badminton in the students' life

What is the badminton (or any other sport) for Cranfield university students? As an international student I know a lot about it. Coming in from a foreign country, changing your life style, meeting people from a completely different culture is a big shock. In order to settle down, you need to find a society that understands you, shares your interests and is willing to support you. Sport gives you a wonderful basis for all of this. It also gives an opportunity to release the energy accumulated during sitting on the interesting and not-so-interesting lectures. But I think it is even much more than this.

All these Olympic games are not about being (defining) a winner. It is about getting us closer, understanding each other better and building a community among us. That what makes them worth playing!

Sincerely yours,

Emil

P.S. If you are interested in badminton, here are a couple of web-sites for you:

<http://www.cranfield.ac.uk/socs/badminton>

- CUBC's web-site

<http://www.worldbadminton.com> - Excellent source



Gravity - what's that? Our reporter, Emil, prepares to return a shot

in the list. Thus, students can find their leisure time hanging on their hands. On the other hand, just studying in the University, proud of its name supported by the deserved reputation of the top class university in business, sometimes is a bit boring. Tons of daily routine work need to be compensated by very active leisure. Sport is an output that many students use to release their energy. And badminton is a sport that I have chosen to play in Cranfield since I came here over a year ago. Since that time, it became not just an entertainment, but a part of my life. I became a badminton fan.

## A few words about badminton

The badminton competition is divided into two categories: singles and doubles competitions. Though sharing the rules, these two games

opponents run, jump and duck trying to sent back a shuttle that seems determined to land in the least expected area. The smallest mistake almost inevitably ends up with a lost point or serve. Concentration and self-control are the important requirements to a good player. Lose attention for a few minutes, doubt in yourself - and you can say bye bye to the set (or even a game!).

On the other hand, doubles is completely different game. Of course, players should be fit (this is a sport at the end of the day!), but team spirit, understanding of your partner and trust become far more important than ordinary physical characteristics. An ability to watch over the game, opponents, partner's actions and instantly react according to the situation are the factors that allow a partnership to win a game against stronger physically but less co-operative opponents.



Air ballet

# It's a Swarm! What Do I do Now?

Honey bees are being neglected, not because the beekeepers don't care, but because many hives are on farm land that is out of bounds except to workers there and only after careful disinfectant treatment. This makes it harder to care for them this year.

At this time of year, populations of bees in hives are building up fast and if the beekeeper isn't there soon enough with extra boxes to give them living space, and precautions to stop them, swarms are more likely than usual. A swarm is just the bees' way of making one successful colony into two, and producing a new young queen or two at the same time. It's the old queen that flies off in the middle of the swarm and a new young one that takes over back in the old beehive.

Very often the bees will have been looking for good new homes for days before the swarm emerges and if they think your home is a likely place you may see a few checking the gaps in your porch roof or looking in your ventilators or refuse bins. This activity gets much more urgent when the swarm is hanging in a tree and exposed to the weather. Beekeepers often leave empty 'bait' hives in strategic places just to entice these homeless bees to move in and save a lot of trouble. Ideally bees like a dark cavity about as big as a TV set, protected from rain and wind, and several feet off the ground, but they will settle for narrow spaces like wall cavities, roofs of porches or chimneys, and for larger holes like empty refuse bins. Sometimes it's very difficult to get them out of these places once they have established a home and built some combs.

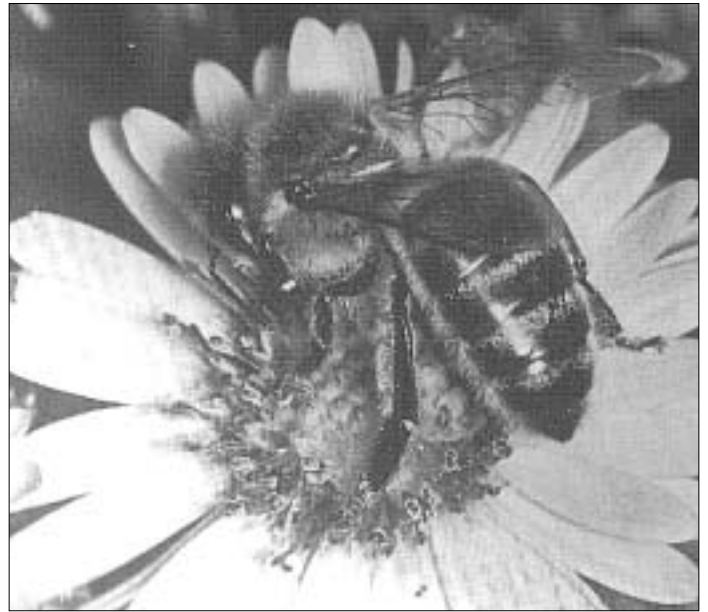
So be on the lookout through late

April and all May, because these are the main times bees swarm. If you notice lots of honey bees checking openings, expect something to happen, and if there is a sound like a small motorcycle passing overhead, a brown cloud approaches and circles round and the bees pour in your house or garden, phone the local beekeepers as soon as you can.

Don't panic! Bees flying in a swarm are an impressive sight and may make you duck and run, but really they have much more important business than to look at you and will seldom cause any trouble or sting anyone (unless, of course you do silly things like sit on one!). A swarm that has failed to find a home and has been stuck hanging in a tree out of doors unable to move because of bad weather for a few days is an altogether different matter. It should be treated with great care. When they are getting desperate and have run out of food that they carried from the hive, bees' tempers get very frayed.

Beekeepers come in all shapes and sizes. Each has their own way with swarms, but the usual method is to get the bees to fall or climb into a box or an old-style straw skep basket. Bees will willingly walk into a dark box when hanging in a swarm. In the evening when they are all safely inside they can be wrapped in a cloth and carried away to a new home in a beehive. There are a few of us who use a vacuum to suck up the stragglers into a container so that all are taken away without a second visit to collect them, but the principle is always to get the bees to accept a new home of the beekeeper's choice.

Seeing the bees walking into the box of their own accord is an amaz-



*Apis mellifera*, or the common honey bee

ing sight and well worth watching.

When is it not a swarm? There are lots of other kinds of bees and some of them get noticed at this time of year as they look for mates on your lawn (mining bees) or make individual nests in holes in old walls (mason bees and leaf-cutter bees). The big fat furry bumble bees are the only bees apart from honey bees that live and work together in large numbers, and even then Bumbles seldom reach 100 in a nest. Honey bees often get to 50,000 in a hive in summer. Stick a garden fork in your compost heap and disturb a bumble bee nest and you will think there are thousands, they make such a buzzing. But there will only be a few dozen and bumbles almost never look for trouble -

they would far rather frighten you away with buzzing than sting you and risk their lives. A honey bee colony with its thousands can afford to lose a few bees that sting and see you off, so don't disturb them and expect just threats - they will sting with far less provocation.

Remember, the best idea is DON'T PANIC, PHONE FOR A BEEKEEPER and enjoy watching the show.

Useful Phone Numbers:-  
M.K.Council Environmental Health  
01908 252398

Secretary of Bucks Beekeepers,  
Martin Buckle, 01234 881262

The Police also keep a list of beekeepers, though it is sometimes not very up-to-date.

## Young Air Cadets Dig Us Proud

Thanks to the young lads of 207 Cranfield Squadron Air Training Corps, Acorn Pre-school children are now well on their way to having a third shed erected in which to store all their equipment.

Ten tonnes of earth needed moving from the allocated site at Cranfield Football Club before the new shed could be put up. The young cadets kindly

volunteered their services and spent Saturday 7th April clearing brambles, digging and barrowing earth.

Amanda Banks and Caroline Evans would like to thank the young men for all their hard work - it was a pleasure to be in the company of such a well-mannered group of lads - Sgt. Dolton and Lambourne, Corporal Gill and Cadets Jones, Lambourne, Walker, Bate, Britton, Thomas, Clack and Farague.

Thanks must also go to the two dads that lent a hand - Stuart Banks and Colin Evans.



# PFA ... no go for 2001



## The Popular Flying Association International Air Rally & Exhibition 2001 (July 6th- 8th), the largest 'fly-in' event in Europe, has been cancelled

Due to the continuing uncertainty over the Foot & Mouth situation, the PFA feel it is inappropriate to encourage visitors from all over Britain and Europe to this international event. Movement restrictions are already hampering many members' ability to operate from several airfields and particularly farm strips.

Exhibitor bookings and advance ticket sales have already been affected and to continue with the Rally would place the PFA in a high risk financial loss position.

Steve Petter, Rally Chairman for the PFA said "The PFA is pro-

foundly disappointed at having to make this decision but we are accountable to our members and cannot risk our funds lightly. The PFA has a moral duty not to encourage visitors from far & wide to attend in the present climate of uncertainty. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members, the members of the public and the exhibitors who have supported us in previous years and feel sure they will support & understand our reasons for taking this decision". ...The PFA will not be rescheduling the event this year. Plans are now underway for the 2002 Rally and the PFA is determined to create an even better event to make up for all our disappointments.

## From Eternity to beyond.....!

BY HUGH SYMES-THOMPSON

After three years of 'timeless silence' the hands of the Parish Clock will again sign the time and chimes will mark the hour, halves and quarters from the beginning of May. Having been thoroughly overhauled by Gillett & Johnson, Clockmakers, the mechanism has been repositioned in the tower of the church beneath the new bellframe. The sound of time passing will be a new experience for some, but a welcome return for others in the village who can again meditate upon it during the dark watches of the night.

The clock hammers strike the bells to produce various chimes for the quarter and the hour. But they can be withdrawn by means of a pulley system so that the bells can rotate freely for change ringing. Bellringing practice is scheduled to start shortly on Thursday evenings in preparation for the Service of Dedication on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd June. From then on they will ring out joyously at weddings, Sunday morning services and other appropriate occasions.

Most Cranfield residents will have received a "Bell Appeal" leaflet from

the Church council recently. The support for the installation of the new bellframe was demonstrated in that over £1,600 was given through donations by Saturday 21st April.

The PCC wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all who gave so generously. They also apologise to those few houses where leaflets were not delivered as planned.

The Appeal will remain open until June 2nd when the bells are dedicated.



How a bell works, detail from an old document displayed on the 21st April

## Mid Beds Council for Voluntary Service

The Council for Voluntary Service is an umbrella organisation for voluntary groups within Mid Bedfordshire. We offer practical advice for setting up and running such groups (including details on funding, charity registration and recruiting volunteers). Additionally we produce a quarterly newsletter to keep the local community informed of developments in the voluntary sector and have plans to launch a website to promote voluntary organisations in the area. We

also represent the views of the sector in meeting with local authorities and other agencies. Lastly, we have equipment to loan in the form of fundraising games and crockery/cutlery for fundraising dinners. If your group requires our services or you are interested in volunteering, please do not hesitate to contact the CVS Chief Officer, Mark Smith on 01525 841160 or write to him at Mid Beds CVS, 10 Bedford Street, Amphill, Beds. MK45 2NB

A. Downes

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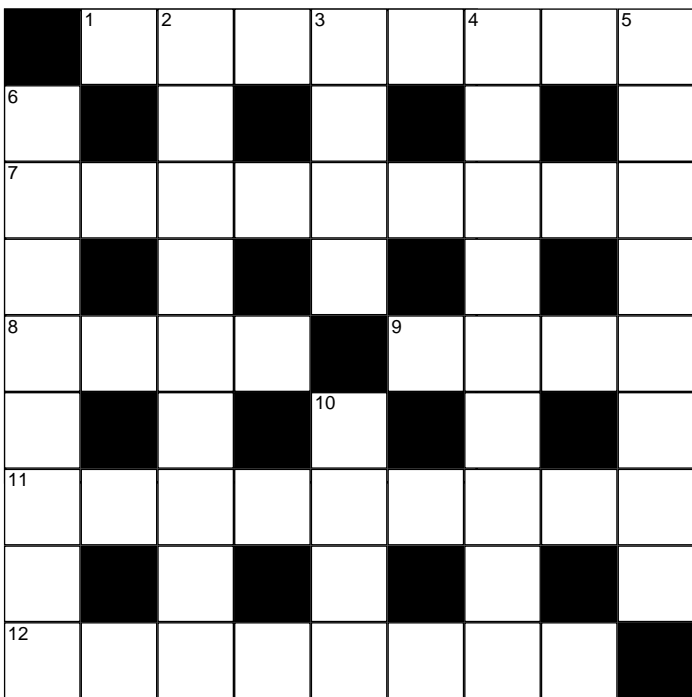
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# Crossword No. 4



**Across**

- 1. Go too far
- 7. Agree to make sweet music
- 8. Stumble
- 9. Get away quickly
- 11. Not a heavy signal flare
- 12. Shows esteem

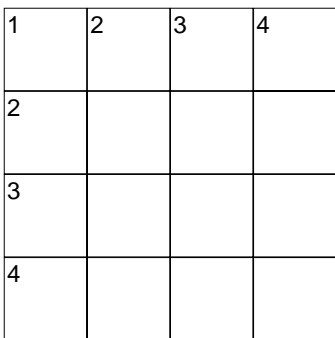
**Down**

- 2. Copper carbonate
- 3. Flying chessman
- 4. Back illumination on a firefly
- 5. Laws
- 6. This happened to the likely lads
- 10. German river

Solution to Crossword No. 3 Across 1. *excellent* 6. *calendula* 7. *song* 8. *pens* 10. *overstate* 11. *suspected* Down 1. *excisions* 2. *colanders* 3. *lone* 4. *exuberant* 5. *transcend* 9. *isle*

Congratulations to all last months entrants, especially Mrs M Wildman, of Lordsmead, who won. A prize of £10 will be given to the first correct entry out of the hat on May 15th. Send your answers to Cranfield Crossword Competition, 42 Crawley Road, Cranfield, or pop them into one of the boxes.

Many thanks to our crossword compiler, Albert Reeve, who gives us this small cryptic puzzle, just for fun.



**Mind your PPPP and QQQQ**

**Across**

- 1. Dogs can!
- 2. Lions can!
- 3. Donkeys can!
- 4. Snakes can!

**Down**

- 1. Honey makers
- 2. Optics
- 3. Torment
- 4. Comfort



Please can you pass on to Mr Johnson our best guess of the identities of the footballers and officials in the photo of last issue.

From left to right  
 ? - Bob Rock - Ted Healey - Tommy Wilson or John Harpur - Lal Seamarks - ? -  
 ? - Ken Wooding - ? - Roy Lovesey - ? - Angus Lilley - ? - ? - ? - ? -  
 Jimmy Bettle  
 Possibly the tall gentleman on the right wearing spectacles is Dr Street  
 This info came from my mother who is a Cranfield Exile but was born and lived there until 1956

Thanks, Ross White

## From the Bagman

In the last edition, with the photo of Cranfield United, a date concerning the move from Mill Road to Crawley Road said 1947. It should have said 1949. The first match in the South Midlands League was versus Bedford North End on September 3rd 1949, an away game Cranfield won 3 - 2.

The first home game was versus Queens and Cranfield won 5-1 September 17th the team was:

		J. Wilson	
	R. Whittington		E. Healey
R. Champion		K. Wooding	G. Clarke
W. Rock	R. Lovesey	R. Wooding	P. Lahanman
	1	3	1

The committee met on Monday evenings at the Fox and Hounds. Kind permission of Mr and Mrs Barcock. Members were: Stan Billington, Albert Holman, Ken Richardson, Frank Seamarks, \_ Smith, Frank Day, Walt Perrin and the Bag man. Mrs May Billington (Stan's Wife) was a staunch member on the social side. The meetings concerning buying the ground and dressing rooms were held at Mr Jimmy Bettles' home in Mill road.

## A Challenge

This is a challenge to Mick Johnson or anyone else in the photo. Name as many young oldies as you can. This was taken about fifty years ago. I remember them all!

Joyce Fishlock (nee Wilson)



## Old Photos

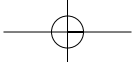
Seeing the picture of the 1911 Cranfield Cricket team in last December's issue reminded me that I had a copy of the photograph at home.

Having taken ages to find it again, I now remember it was given to me years ago by my Great Aunt Audrey, now living in Preston but born in Cranfield.

She told me that the fresh faced lad in the collar and tie on the far right is Wallace (Wally) White, her uncle and my Great Grandmother's Uncle. Cranfield once had quite a number of Whites living along the High Street. Wallace, I believe, lived at number 115. The family name still survives at the Morgan garage, Allen White and Sons.

I am told by another Aunt that the man second on the right, middle row is a Seamark and second on the left, middle row is a Woodin. Perhaps someone else can add more details!

Geoff Parker



# ford. demands a closer look



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**FLORRIE AND CHARLES ARMSTRONG** would like to say a big thank you to all friends, neighbours and members of Clifford Lodge RAOB for the beautiful flowers, cards and presents that were received for their 60th Wedding Anniversary and for making our day and evening a time to remember.

In memory of **MR JAMES EKINS** who died on 11th March. His wife and family wish to thank all kind friends and neighbours for their help during this sad time. Also for the many beautiful cards, flowers and donations. Thanks also to Dr. Reddy and Dr. Noel and all the nurses for their attendance, and to Rev. Hugh Symes Thompson for the lovely service. To all, I give my heartfelt thanks, from Edna.

**HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY** to our gorgeous little boy Leon Steven Price on 31st May. With lots of love, hugs and kisses from Mummy, Daddy and Fudge. xxxx

**L E O N S T E V E N P R I C E .**

Happy 1st Birthday 31st May. Lots of love and hugs from Nan Jen, Grandad Ron, Auntie Sarah-Jane, Auntie Louise and Uncle Seth xxxx

**LEON STEVEN PRICE** 31st May. Happy 1st Birthday to a darling Grandson. Love from Nanny Pat and Grandad x

**LEON STEVEN PRICE.** Happy

1st Birthday 31st May. Love from Auntie Joanne, John, Jack and Chloe.

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**JACK BARTRAM-HILL.** Happy 4th Birthday 1st May. Love from Nanny and Grandad.

**JACK BARTRAM-HILL.** Happy 4th Birthday 1st May. Lots of love from Mummy, John and Chloe-Jo Tallulah.

**JACK BARTRAM-HILL.** Happy 4th Birthday 1st May. Love from Auntie Caroline, Uncle Steve and Leon, Uncle Martin, Justin and Ryan.

**HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY** to Ryan Leach on 23rd May. With lots of love and kisses, Nannie xxxx Auntie Sharon, Uncle Daren and Cousin Freddie xxx

**CONGRATULATIONS** on your Silver Wedding Anniversary Neil and Gail. Lots of love, Mum and Dad.



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## Recipies for you to try

Ok, I admit it. I was remis in getting an interview for you to read today, but instead here are a number of old family recipies, which date back to my scottish grandmother's time. All of them are delicious, so do give them a go.

### Scottish Tablet

This delicious fudge like recipie is a real treat.

1/2 pint milk  
2lb granulated sugar  
1oz butter  
1 can sweetened condensend milk (size equivalent to 1 3/4 pints of milk)  
a few drops of vanilla essence  
20 walnut halves (optional)

Put the fresh milk, sugar and butter in a pan. Stir over a low heat until the sugar dissolves - about 20 minutes. Add condensed milk. Boil *slowly* for 25 minutes or until like fudge in colour. Add essence. Take off heat; beat for 10 minutes (this is essential and must be done by hand - hard work but well worth it). Pour into a well oiled swiss-roll tin, leave to cool. If using the walnut halves, decorate the top before cooling. Cut into even pieces.

Definitely not for the kids. To show the age of this, the recipie ingredients are priced at 5/-, for those who remember real money.

### Stovies

This may sound somewhat plain, however it is delicious, and a firm favourite at our house. - Also good for slimmers.

Serves 4  
12oz can corned beef (all visible fat removed), cut into small cubes  
1 1/2lb potatoes, peeled and finely sliced  
3 or 4 carrots, peeled and finely sliced  
3 medium onions, peeled and finely slided.  
1 pt stock, vegetable or meat, as preferred

In a large saucepan, layer 1/3 of the potatoes, 1/2 the carrots, 1/2 the

onions, 1/2 the corned beef. Season with salt and pepper. Repeat the layers, from the potatoe to the corned beef, and season again. Finish with final 1/3 of potatoes. Pour over stock. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer gently for 1/2 hour. Serve with green vegetables.

This also works well in a slow cooker, and will sit quite happily for longer periods.

### Cheese and tomato pie

Another family favourite, which again may sound a bit bland, but I promise you, you will be delightfully surprised.

Serves 4

1lb mashed potatoes  
3oz grated cheese  
2 hard boiled eggs, finely chopped  
1oz butter  
1 large onion, finely chopped  
3 tomatos, skinned and chopped

Mix mashed potatoes, 2oz of grated cheese and the hard boiled egg. Melt the butter in a saucepan, and fry the onion until soft. Add the tomatos, and continue until cooked. (If you don't know how to skin a tomato. Put a cross in the skin with a sharp knife, and then pour over boiling water. Leave in the water for about a minute, and then remove, carefully. The skin should peel off easily.)

In a oven-proof dish, put 1/2 the potato mixture, all of the onion & tomatos mixture. Top with the other 1/2 of the potato mixture and the remaining cheese. Bake Gas mark 6, 200 C, for 25 to 30 minutes, serve piping hot.

### Boiled fruit cake

4oz margarine  
4oz sugar  
12oz mixed dried fruit  
1 cup water (tea-cup, not mug)  
2 eggs  
8 oz self-raising flour  
1tsp mixed spice if desired.

Place marge, sugar, mixed fruit and

water in a saucepan, and simmer for 20 minutes. When cool, add the eggs, flour and spice, if used. Mix well. Bake for 1 1/4 hours at Gas mark 2-3. Delicious.

### Minties

This is a second world war recipie, when sweets were not easy to come by.

1/2 oz butter  
1oz granulated sugar  
4oz golden syrup  
4oz instant dried milk powder, not granules  
1/2 tsp peppermint essence

Spread the butter around the base and sides of a saucepan. Dissolve the sugar and syrup in the saucepan, boil gently for 4 minutes. Remove from heat, add dried milk, and peppermint essence and beat well. Turn out onto a work surface, lightly dusted with dried milk and knead gently - it will be hot so be careful. Roll into a sausage shape, and snip into 1/2 inch pieces with scissors. Allow to harden, dust with a little dried milk and store in an airtight container, for as long as it lasts of course.

### Date and walnut loaf

Sufficient for 2 loaves.

1lb dried dates  
2 cups boiling water  
1tsp salt  
1tsp bicarbonate of soda  
1lb flour - self-raising  
2 cups sugar  
2 eggs, beaten  
4oz chopped walnuts

Put the dates in a bowl with the bicarbonate of soda and salt. Pour over the boiling water and leave over night. Add the flour, sugar, eggs and walnuts. Mixed together. Put in greased loaf tins and bake for 1 1/2 hours in a moderate oven (try gas mark 3 to 4) until a skewer inserted will come out clean.

### Bran loaf

Another loaf, and just as easy to make

1 cup milk  
1 cup bran  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup mixed fruit  
1 cup self-raising flour

Soak the bran, sugar and fruit in the milk overnight. Add the flour, mix well and cook in a 1 lb loaf tin for 1 hour at 350 degrees, we assume farenheit.

### Slow-cooker apple brown betty

1 1/2 oz butter plus extra for greasing  
6 ox fresh white breadcrumbs  
4oz demerara sugar  
3 medium cooking apples, peeled and sliced  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
Rind and juice of 1 small orange

In a separate pan, ie not the slow cooker, gently melt the butter and stir in the bread crumbs, cinnamon and orange rind. Lightly grease the stoneware slow cooker, and sprinkle 1oz of the sugar on the base. Arrange 1/2 the sliced apple in the pot, pour over 1/2 the orange juice, and sprinkle with 1oz of sugar and 1/2 the buttered crumbs. Repeat the layers, and press down firmly. Cook for 4 to 6 hours. To finish, sprinkle the remaining 1oz of sugar over the top and serve with cream.

If you do not have a slow cooker, try this in an oven proof casserole on a low heat.

### Brandied fruits

1lb dried fruit  
8 oz sugar  
1/4 pint brandy  
water

Soak the fruit in water, bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes. Strain. Return to the pan with 1/4 pt liquid. Stir in 4oz of the sugar, boil again. Remove the fruit and pack into layers in jars. To the pan add the rest of the sugar, stir and boil until toffee like. Mix in the brandy, pour into the jars. Makes about 3 8oz jars. Keeps for up to 6 months, if you don't eat it first. The best sort of fruit to use is dried peaches, pears, apricots - a luxurious dessert.

If you have any recipies you would like to share, please do send them in. I would love to hear from you, and add to my own recipie library.

Sarah Reeve

## Bedfordshire Police reports on speeding

The following speed checks were carried out at the locations specified between 1 January 2001 and 31 March 2001. This is a casualty reduction initiative by the Bedfordshire Police. A total of 57 people were dealt with for exceeding the speed limit.

Date	Time	Location	Total
16-01-01	12.00	High Street	6
17-01-01	08.20	Court Road	6
24-01-01	12.45	Crawley Road	4
25-01-01	13.55	High Street	6
02-02-01	14.30	High Street	8
07-02-01	12.30	High Street	5
22-02-01	08.40	Crawley Road	6
26-02-01	13.40	High Street	4
14-03-01	12.35	High Street	6
15-03-01	14.25	High Street	6

## Hiyah and welcome to the school smells protesting Anna's kids column,

As far as we're concerned we're pretty sure that most of you kids out there will agree with us that school smells and are dreading going back to school on Tuesday (especially those yr 6's out there or any one else who'll be getting ready for icky exams.) Lined up next month we have wacky jokes and pets corner so .....

See ya  
The Anna's

p.s Has any one been to see a movie lately, because we're still waiting for some film review's 'cause surely someone's been to see *Rugrats in Paris* or *Spy Kids*?

# A gull's stand in doggy doo doo ...

"Peter, I have heard that the Broadgreen triangle is being used for doo doo's."

"What are you on about gull?"

"Doo doo's. You know, doggy doo doo's."

"Well it might be something to do with the foot and mouth epidemic ... you know, people not being able to use the foot paths and not being allowed to move animals etc - unless we are talking horsey folk and then the f and m crisis doesn't apply 'cos of the special relationship that they have with horses."

"Now what are you talking about, Peter? I do worry about you sometimes. Why can't doggy doo doo people use the footpaths? There are always more doggy doo doo's on the footpaths than anywhere else ..."

"Apart from the playing fields."

"Oh come on now, Peter, a dog has to do his doo doo's whenever he feels the need - just like gulls have to."

"Yes, but gulls can aim their doo doo's into the sheer tipping face of the landfill site and not be concerned that some one is going to step in it and say ... Erghhhhh! I've trod in some s..."

"PETER!"

"... eagull doo doo."

"Oh."

"I wasn't going to say a rude word then Gull .. If you could just be

patient and wait 'til I've finished."

"Sorry Peter but we have to be careful what we say."

"And how we say it."

"Whaddya mean, Petey?"

"Well, this text thing with mobile phones ... I mean, it really is a different language."

"You never answer my text messages, grumpy Peter."

"Well it takes so long to work out. I mean would you understand this if you received this ..."

R U OK or R U L8 4 work? I am w8ing 4 a L8 bus and I 4t i wood xt u L8tr or praps 2moro nite."

"Well, it is a new form of communication and stuff has to be shortened to get it all in the text box ... but, I 4t u knew all this, Peter."

"I suppose I will catch up with it all one day."

"I feel very upset about the PFA Rally being cancelled. I was hoping to take part in the flying display with my classic aerobatic manoeuvre - the wing over leg over. A much practiced move, Petey, that enabled me to out fly those pansy, fat peregrine falcons that Shanks keep at the tip."

"Well I suppose that number of people gathering in one place and many of them coming from farm landing strips and the continent."

"Yes, I can see the point over the farm thing but surely there would be

enough toilets for the incontinent."

"I'm not going to bite on the don't call me Shirley. I promise you I will never ever get caught with that one."

"Hmm, well, seeing as you write my bit as well you're on a pretty safe bet there. Talking of safe bets, I bet you don't know which is the front of the Trafficmaster Headquarters?"

"Yes, well, Gilbert it has got the name on all sides of the building - I suppose it depends whether you are racing up from Safford in the morning with the 'Nissan dash' or racing through the Uni in the morning with the 'rat race'..."

"Why the 'rat race' Peter?"

"It seems to be a name given to motorists who come through the village to make their journey to work in MK less harrowing than driving along the A421 via Junction 13."

"Is it a big deal then, Peter?"

"Well trying to stop it will be a good vote catcher in the local elections which are bound to happen eventually."

"Unless you are a horse, Peter."

"Hmm. Have you been smoking something Gilbert?"

"Yes, a tea bag that I spotted in a School of Management urinal. I pecked it open, dried it out and ..."

"ENOUGH!"

"Ooooh, moody Petey!"

## Heard it on the grapevine

... that Tim, the bar manager from the Social Club, went to MK for an indian meal with friends and later took as long to get home from the Leathern Bottel, via side of the road, ditch, side of the road, middle of the road, side, ditch, signpost and ditch, as it would have taken him to go to India for his meal ...

... that Roget Bone, that infamous caped crusader of Building 125, has devised a method of sending outgoing parcels by time travel. Confused? Don't be. The method is as simple as the caped crusader himself ... Working on the Dr Who 'Tardis' theory, that the inside of the box was made larger than the outside of the box, time travel would be possible provided that the box was big enough to hold the goods.

... that A local company is planning to set up a ferry boat service from the edge of the High Street to the Cranfield Fish and Chip Shop door (say that with a face full of chipsh). The idea came when a business partner in the company spotted a customer holding his bag of chips in his mouth and doing the breast stroke to his car. The un-named business man said that he also thought a cruise around the derelect petrol station pay booth would also be a great tourist attraction.



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### Cranfield United April Round up ...

A 2-1 win at Campton on the 7th put United into the semi-final of the League Cup against high flyers North park on the 18th.

This match had everything. A paddy field to play on, goals, bookings, sending offs, penalties, extra time and a penalty shoot out to finish the match.

Twice Randell put the visitors in the lead only to see the home team draw level by the interval.. In the 50th minute North Park took the lead then five minutes later the home side missed a penalty, the decision of which led to Drew and Sofar being sent off and Waller booked. With two minutes remaining sub, Lawrence equalised and pushed the game into extra time. United took the lead through Scott and again Park drew level. The penalty shoot out resulted in a 4-2 victory for United - thanks again to Waller in United's goal.

**The final is to be played on May the 4th - venue to be announced - so please support your local village side.**

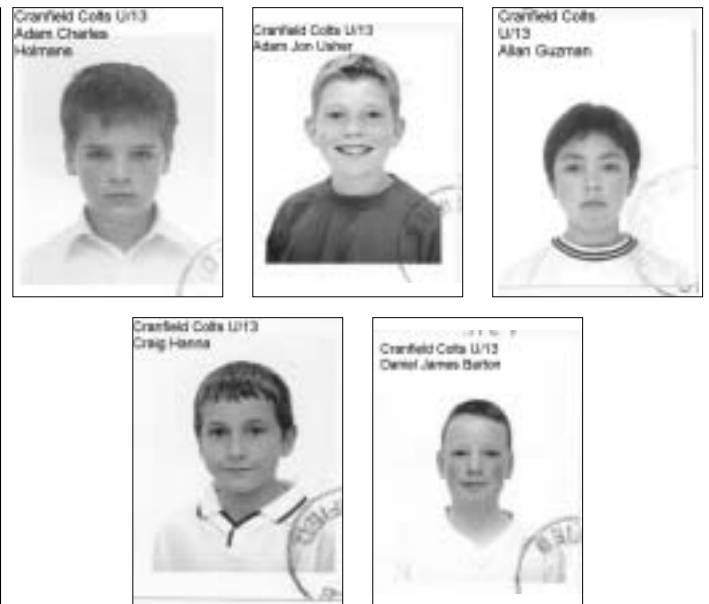
United continued to collect valuable league points with two 1-0 wins against Elstow and Campton - both goals scored by Weir. Then a 3-1 win against Westoning in a game which will be remembered for its quality goals ... First Lowe who beat three defenders and gave the visitors goalkeeper no chance from 30 yds. Westoning drew level with another powerdriver from 25 yds. The second half saw play switch from end to end - Brightman's header then Randell blasted home from 30 yds and the points were Cranfields.

### Cranfield Reserve April Round up...

After a 7-2 defeat at Woburn it was floodlight league cup action against Oakley Reserves.

In front of a large crowd this was United's best performance this season and a game M Jones will remember. Losing 2-0 to goals scored in the 48th and 57th minutes, Cranfield looked out of the cup but Jones had other ideas. First a headed goal and then a blockbuster from 30yds took the game into extra time. A free kick from Jones completed his hat trick then Baker made it 4-2. Still Oakley came forward adding a third while Cranfield had to defend in numbers until the final whistle.

Report by Mick Johnson



Pictured above, and below left, are members of our very own Cranfield Colts

## Cranfield Tae Kwon-Do

Cranfield TKD club should have another 2nd dan by the time this is published. Paul Freire-gomez is, as I write this article, down in Bristol grading. Our next coloured belt grading is next Thursday so good luck to all grading. News on this next month. As there is not much else to report this month here is a brief intro and history to Tae Kwon-do.

General Choi Hong Hi, the founder and grand master of TKD was born a weak child. During his younger days his father sent him to study calligraphy under the famous Korean teacher Mr Han Li Dong. Han was also an expert in the art of Taek-kyon the ancient art of foot fighting and being concerned with the frailness of his student's physical condition, he began to teach the boy the rigorous exercises of Taek-kwon to help build up his body. Later, while studying in Kyoto Japan Gen. Hoi took up karate and attained the rank of a second black belt. Armed with this knowledge, and that of Taek-kwon, he began to forge the techniques of a new martial arts system. He gave his martial art the name of Tae Kwon-do on April 11th 1955. That date is now referred to as the official beginning of the Korean art of self-defence.

Tae kwon-do is an effective and superior form of martial art. It employs hand and foot techniques for self-defence. The physical and psychological foundations of Tae kwon-do were scientifically developed and systematised by Grand Master Gen. Choi Hong Hi.

The art of Tae kwon-do consists of the constant practice of Patterns (hyongs), sparring and breaking techniques. Patterns are a series of attacks and defence techniques executed and directed towards the vital parts of an imaginary opponent or opponents. Going through each step in the Hyong accurately will result in flexible, graceful, precise and co-ordinated movements.

Sparring is of two kinds - prearranged and freestyle. In sparring with a partner a student would have to apply techniques from patterns and fundamental exercises to attack his opponent and ward off counter attacks. However while sparring self-control and humility must be exercised. Regular sparring will enable a student to gain courage and be alert thus reacting accurately in self-defence.

Since limited contact is allowed in sparring breaking techniques performed by a student will enable him to access the power he is able to generate realising the real strength of his hand and foot techniques. As a student progresses he will develop self-confidence and be able to overcome and face all difficulties that arise in everyday life.

The student of Tae kwon-do requires instant and regular training to achieve power speed concentration accuracy and stability of movements in the techniques of attack and defence. A student must practice each technique until it becomes a conditioned reflex to be applied in real life when the need arises for self-defence. The training will enable the student to concentrate all physical power at the point of contact. This power of concentration can only be attained when the student achieves not only physical fitness and mental discipline but also the spiritual ethics derived from learning the art or Tae kwon-do.

Tae kwon-do is truly an international martial art for young and old irrespective of sex. The ultimate objective of learning the art is cultivate a disciplined mind, body and spirit.

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**Colts under 11's**  
**Colts 7 MK Wanderers Hawks 1**  
 Saturday 7th April

Cranfield Colts finished off their league fixtures with a fine win against MK Wanderers. This was just what the doctor ordered after defeat at the division leaders, Towcester the previous week.

Despite a bright start with several chances going begging, Cranfield conceded an early goal against the run of play, the visiting forward giving keeper James Brown little chance. Worse was to follow when wanderers were awarded a penalty for hand ball but fortunately failed to convert the spot kick. Colts soon got back in the match however and were 3-1 up before the break. Two well taken goals from Adam Lister and a superb header by Simon Craddock from a Tom Parker corner. The second half was only seconds old when a long clearance from Tom Parker was knocked in as an own goal by one of the visitor's players. Cranfield were now in total command, with Jonathon Cook controlling things well in mid-field. Adam Lister went on to complete another hat trick, volleying into the back of the net from the edge of the box.

Although showing admirable spirit, Wanderers failed to seriously worry the Cranfield defence, allowing full back Scott Cochrane the opportunity for several attacking runs down the flanks. Simon Craddock added a second headed goal after Zak Larkin, Lewis Campbell and Jonathon Tull

had all gone close. Sean Morris came on as one of the subs and completed the scoring making it 7-1 at full time.

This was an all round good performance from the boys, and will boost their confidence for the Milton Keynes Shield Cup semi final to be played in May.

Team: James Brown, Tom Parker, Scott Cochrane, Simon Craddock, Adam Lister, Zak Larkin, Jonathon Cook, Sean Morris, Lewis Campbell, Jonathon Tull.

Man of the match - Simon Craddock.

Many thanks to Kevin Howard for his excellent refereeing in our matches this season.

Report by Geoff Parker

**Cranfield Colts U13s**  
**Cranfield 0 Kempston Colts 4**

Cranfield met a strong first division side in this cup draw and played well, having possession for much of the first half. However, they conceded a goal before half time.

Although they continued to play well, the speed and physical aspects of Kempston's side took their toll on the Cranfield players, and they conceded three more goals. Cranfield played very well and did not deserve to be beaten by such a margin.

Man of the match: Jamie Norman

**Cranfield Colts U10s**  
 MK Shield, Qtr Final

**Colts 4 Newport Pagnell 3 (aet)**

A very even game, we pushed onto their defence for the first 10 minutes then Newport broke out with some

quick passing to score the opening goal with a well taken shot outside the box. We then pulled one back with a free kick even David Beckham would be proud of, by James Rawlins. Jamie worked really hard putting the ball into the danger area.

After half time we played with the wind behind us, giving more distance on Sam's kicks but after 5 minutes we were 2-1 down. Then we came back with 5 or 6 shots inside the area with Harry putting the ball in the net but again we found ourselves 3-2 down. With 10 minutes to go, Henry worked hard through mid-field, supporting Peter, then with good passing from Miles and Ryan putting Peter through one on one with their keeper placing it in the top corner making the score 3-3 at full time.

After the whistle we then went to golden goal. With Newport pushing forward, Dominic, cutting out their attack, played it down the line for Ryan to pass to Miles for him to slot it past their keeper for the Golden Goal.

**Congratulations boys**, well done, the work rate was fantastic - roll-on the semi-finals. All the parents are so proud of you.

Team: Sam, James Rawlins, Dominic, Miles, Ryan, Peter, Jamie, Henry

Man of the Match: Harry

**Colts 3 Newport Pagnell 0**

This game started out to be very even in the first half with chances at both ends and Richard nearly scoring after 2 minutes also Jamie finding a lot of space up front, but at half

time it was still 0-0. Playing with 3 substitutes I tried some of the boys out of their normal positions with Stefan up front and Richard centre mid-field, they coped very well. In the second half we pushed onto Newport forcing them to defend deep and giving away quite a few free kicks and James Rawlins hitting the crossbar with one of them. But then with another free kick he placed one far post for Ryan to skillfully turn the ball into the goal.

The second was a bit of a goal mouth scramble, for Harry to put away, then Newport tried pushing forward only for Miles to break away and score the Colts 3rd goal. Then Newport players' heads went down, twice we beat their keeper but still missed and we also hit the post. William had some great shots and Dominic played a very solid game as always, blocking their no.8 as most of their play came from him with Sam making a first class save, diving and getting his hand to push the ball onto the crossbar.

We created so many chances that the score could have been a lot higher. It was great to see so many of our parents supporting and encouraging the boys at this away match.

Team: James Rawlins, Dominic, Miles, Ryan, Harry, William, Stefan, Jamie, Richard

Man of the Match: Sam

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