

THE MILTON MESSENGER

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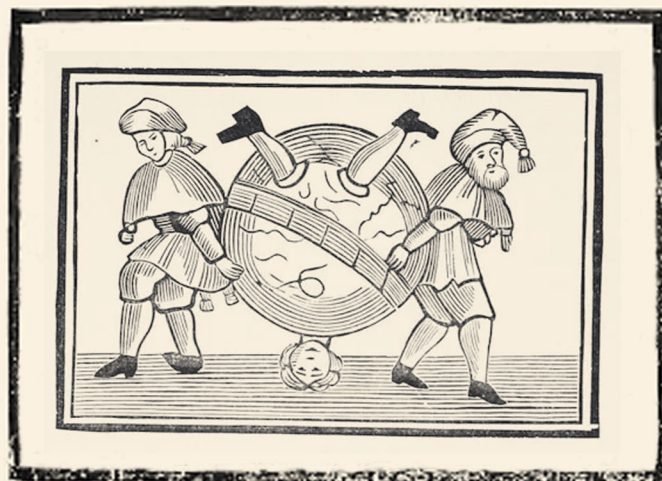
It's all set to be a revolutionary summer at Milton's Cottage as we put the tea into revolu-t-ionary and explore radical responses to Milton's writing, from the Founding Fathers to the French Revolution.

Join us on Saturday 4 July for a tea party with a twist as Boston meets Britain. From iced tea to Earl Grey, Boston Cream Pie to the classic scone, expect a radical fusion of flavours as we drink in history and learn more about Milton's influence on the Founding Fathers of America. The event starts at 5pm and tickets cost £35 or £45 with sparkling wine included.

Then, on Bastille Day, we'll be hosting a Poetry Revolution, with readings from both British and French poets influenced by the storming of the Bastille, from Blake to Burns.

In parallel, we'll be showing revolutionary prints from England, America and France that inspired national uprisings. These will be shown alongside first editions of Milton's political pamphlets such as Areopagitica & Defensio Pro Populo Anglicano.

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DRINK & INK

Join us for more liquid history as we turn our garden into a pop-up bar on the final Friday of the month throughout the summer, with drinks served alongside printing materials on both Friday 31 July and Friday 28 August.

First up, we'll host a cyanotype printing workshop with local artist Lisa Webster on Friday 31 July, from 7pm onwards. Learn the art of printing from UV light in this early form of photography, developed by John Herschel in the 19th century.

On Friday 28 August try letterpress printing, and create your own letterpress poster over a summer drink. This event is kindly supported by Bucks Culture as part of Bucks Open Weekend 2026.

Tickets cost £10 and include tuition, materials and your first drink free from our pop-up bar.

For more information about all of these events please visit www.miltonscottage.org/whats-on/ You can also email director@miltonscottage.org or call us on 01494 872313.




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2026 SUMMER SEASON

Pimm's, Poetry & Pythons

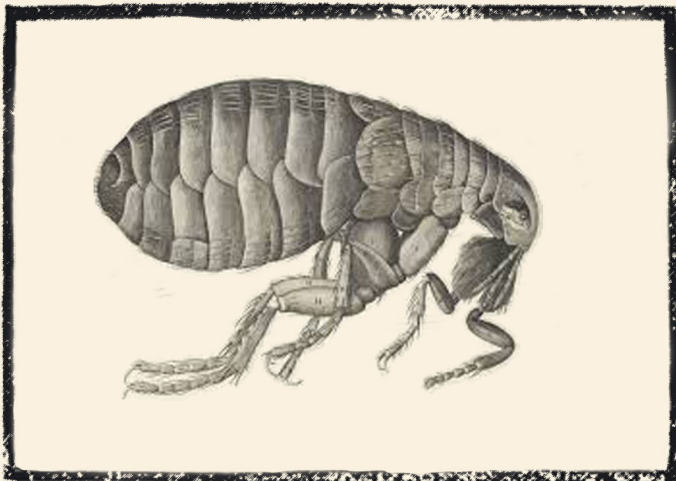
MILTON'S MENAGERIE

This summer, our school holiday workshop programme takes inspiration from Milton's poetic descriptions of animals, from the "Tawny Lion, pawing to get free" to "whatever creeps the ground, Insect or Worm".

Using our collection as a starting point, Milton's Menagerie will explore the animal kingdom through the power of art, storytelling and the imagination. Responding to Milton's own descriptions of the natural world, as well as our garden, young people will create their own animal-themed stories, poems and artworks.

Throughout this process, we'll use our garden as a resource to enable young people learn more about local wildlife, helping a new generation engage with their local environment. We'll develop outdoor art and storytelling opportunities to support the health and well-being of our local communities

From nest-building to snake handling, our family friendly workshops will take place every Thursday from 23 July to 27 August, 11am to 1pm. They are free to attend, with no booking required, and are run on a drop-in basis so you can spend as long or as little as you like at each activity. Visit our website - www.miltonscottage.org - for full details.



FRIENDS OF MILTON'S COTTAGE

SAVE THE DATE: *our summer season ends with the Friends' annual Pimm's Party on Friday 11 September.*

This evening event traditionally takes place in the garden at Milton's Cottage, which is Grade II registered in its own right (the only cottage garden in the Chilterns listed for its historic interest). It's planted with trees, flowers and fruits that are referenced in Milton's poetry, and provides the perfect setting for a party.

As well as being a great social occasion, this year's Pimm's Party will be enhanced by an outdoor Miltonic performance organised by the Friends' Membership Secretary, Peter Langdale.

Tickets include Pimm's and canapes, as well as the performance, and can be purchased via the Friends' website. All proceeds support Milton's Cottage, and are greatly valued.

Not a member yet? Their sign up process is now fully electronic, so there's no better time to join. For further information about the Friends, or to become a member, please visit their website:

www.friendsofmiltonscottage.org.uk

