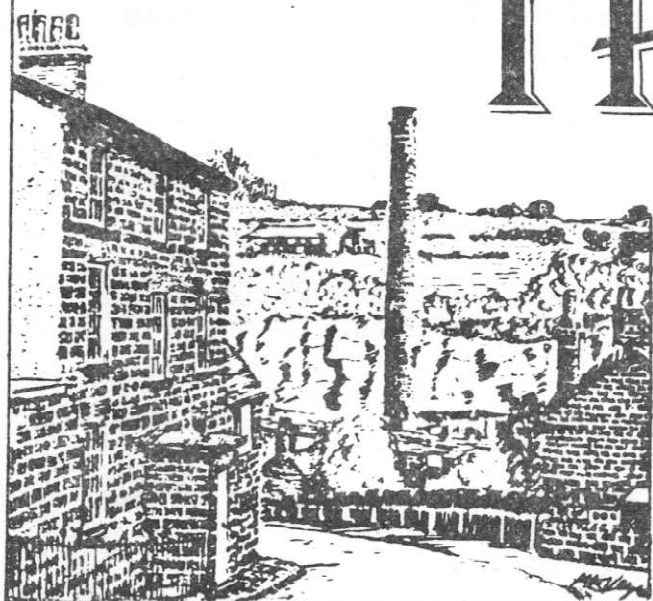


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WHY TREACLE CITY ?

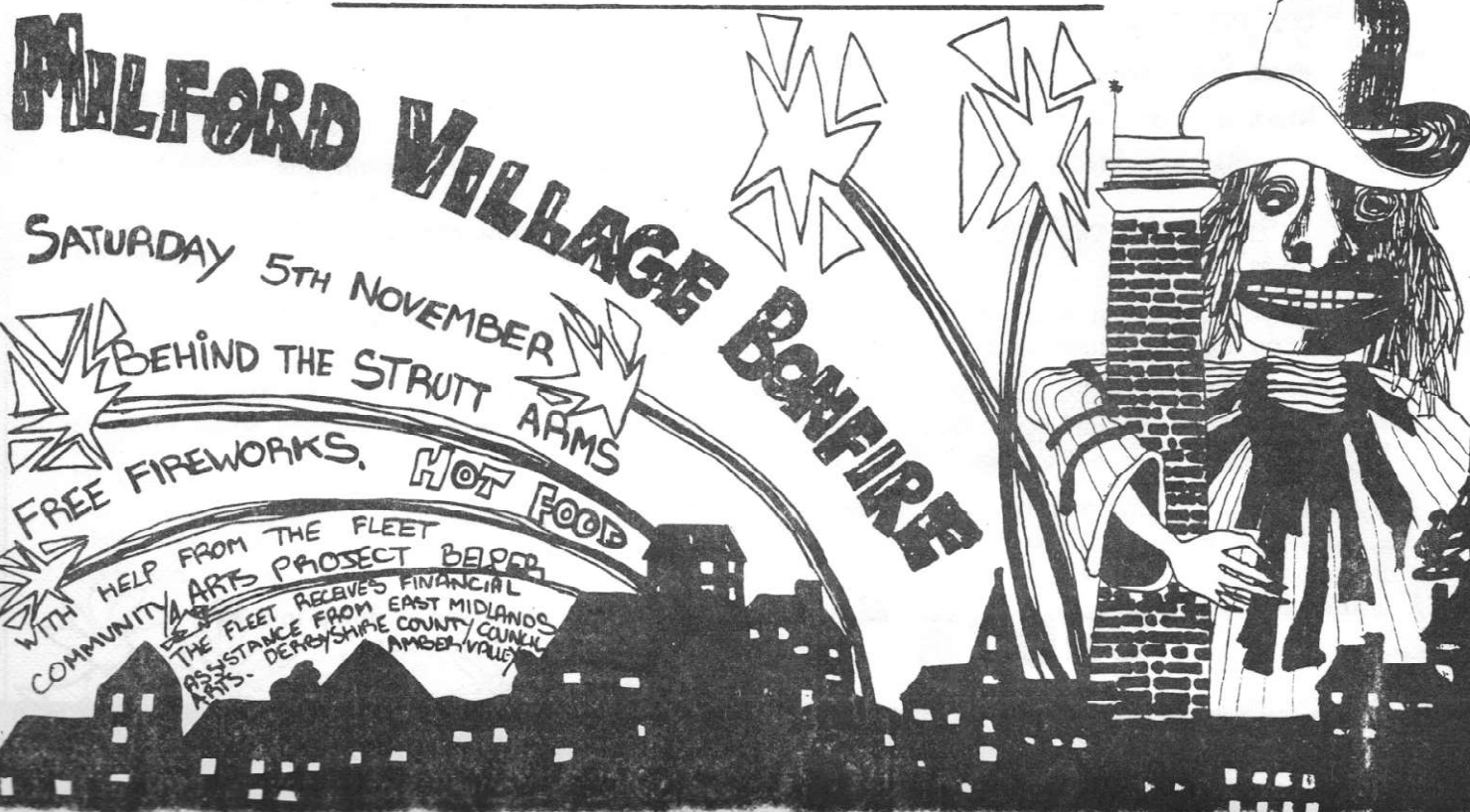
Many people may wonder where the name 'Treacle City' comes from. A few years ago the Residents Association asked older residents if they knew why Milford is sometimes called 'Treacle City' and many answers were forthcoming.

One suggestion was that a barrel of treacle fell from a lorry on the top of Sunny Hill and spread its contents over a wide area. One wonders why a lorry laden with treacle was at the top of Sunny Hill in the first place?

Another story was that the name came from the residue of a process in the foundry which looked very much like treacle.

Finally it was suggested that Treacle City was the name used by Belper folk to imply the slowness and thickness of Milford Yokels.

If you have any points of view on the matter why not write to 'Treacle City' and let us all know.



church news

CHRISTIANS RESPOND

A good number of Milford people attended the launching service of the Christians Respond exercise in our Duffield Deanery at St. Peter's Belper on October 19th. At that service one parish representative was given a pink sheet of questions; these are to be discussed and worked through in good time for the visit to the parish by the Archdeacon of Derby and his local lay team on Friday 16th March 1984. We need to send the Archdeacon our answers to the first question in plenty of time for that meeting.

What are your answers to these questions?
Please let the vicar know soon.

1. In what order of importance shall we place these local Church aims?
 - a) To be a healing community that cares for people in need.
 - b) To support missionary work at home and abroad, and other agencies outside the parish, with informed prayer and realistic giving.
 - c) To rediscover and proclaim the Good News in the parish.
 - d) To worship God in ways that are attractive to more people, and related to daily living. For example, to involve parents and children, to use a variety of teaching methods, and to encourage musical variety.
 - e) To promote unity with other Churches through study, prayer and joint action.
 - f) To set up opportunities for education in Bible knowledge and Christian teaching.
 - g) To establish fellowships where people come to trust each other, grow in prayer, share, study, enjoy themselves and eat meals together, so that the members of our Church can become a truer expression of Christ's life.
 - h) To bring our giving of money into accord with New Testament principles.
 - i) To bring a Christian voice to community affairs.
 - j) To communicate with those of our neighbours from other countries, who now live amongst us.
2. To what extent have groups or individuals in our Church begun to tackle OUR FIRST TWO AIMS ?

What have they achieved so far ?

What action is now needed to make further progress ?

(Can we tackle a third aim in view of our present progress on the first two ?)
3. If OUR FIRST TWO AIMS have not yet been tackled, how shall we set to work on them ?

What gifts and skills in the congregation will be needed, and how shall we find out who has them ?

In order to make progress, will there have to be some changes in the way we live, or in the structures of our Church organisations ? If so, what changes ? How can they be brought about ?

What time and money will be needed ?

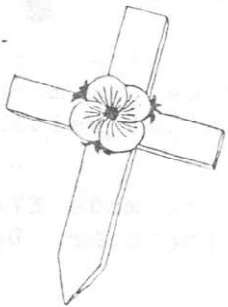
QUOTE

"Mission means seeing what God is doing in a situation and trying to do it with him."
Bishop John Taylor

FAITH &

POPPYTIME

November 13th is Remembrance Sunday and in a year during which public debate on defence issues has been intense. The Royal British Legion is deeply concerned with the tragic aftermath of wars.



The TV coverage of the Falklands conflict brought the grim realities of war into every home. Memory fades and familiarity can deaden response. Northern Ireland's problems with its death toll and disablement have become commonplace, yet 498 servicemen have been killed since 1969 and many more wounded.

At the RBL Village near Maidstone, Kent, disabled ex-Service people are employed on a variety of work.

The Legion is the biggest private employer of disabled people in the country. Their Poppy Factory provides full-time work for 114 severely disabled ex-Service men and women and part-time work for another 17, who produce 45 million poppies, 200,000 remembrance crosses and 66,000 wreaths during the annual Poppy Appeal.

LOVING AND LIKING

Loving our neighbour, (i.e. any one in our power to befriend), does not necessarily include liking him. Did the Good Samaritan like to Jew he befriended? Yet he acted in a spirit of goodwill (another word for Christian love), and spent time, money and care upon him. Does a nurse have to like an unpleasant patient? When she is doing her best for him she is putting Christian love into practice.

Christian love looks upon unpleasant, malicious, spiteful people dispassionately and compassionately. Malice and all uncharitableness are signs of a deep need for help. When Jesus prayed "Father, forgive them . . ." He saw that His enemies need help more than He did. They were objects of pity, not hatred. To think kindly of those who try our patience, to extend Christian love — goodwill — towards them, has been known to end in actually liking them !

THE TANGLE OF TRAGEDY

One of the hardest questions of all to answer at a time of tragedy is: "Why does God let this happen?" A missionary once told of a Chinese parable. In it, he said, life is likened to an intricate piece of embroidery. From the back it is a meaningless mass of tangled threads with no apparent design. But on the other side there is the perfect pattern of the embroidery with not a stitch out of place. So it is with life and death. Here we see just part of the pattern — the chaotic tangle. Only when we pass to the other side will it be revealed how all things work together in a flawless pattern.

OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP JOHN HABGOOD

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A former atheist who once openly jeered at Christianity is the new Archbishop of York. John Habgood is the son of a doctor, who was an occasional churchgoer. As a student at Cambridge John went through a short period of militant atheism. After education at Eton he reacted against organised religion as he studied science at King's College, and discovered that the world was a very different place to what he had been told. He took a double first in natural science, and continued research in pharmacology, (the science of nature, preparation and use of medicinal drugs), earning his Ph.D.

At that time he felt superior in his atheism, delighting to shock people with his irreligious views; he felt so well informed ! Then, suddenly, he realised what a cheap and selfish kind of life he was leading. He constantly met people whose lives were obviously so much better, fuller and more interesting than his. Being converted was, for him, like being deflated.

The whole course of his life was changed, and he went on to read for Holy Orders at Cuddesdon College, Oxford. A curacy at Kensington was followed by six years as Vice-Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge, then five years as Rector at Jedbergh, six years as principal of Queens' College, Birmingham, until in 1973 he went to Durham, as the Church's youngest bishop. In General Synod and other gatherings, he is respected for his reasoned contribution to debates, and for his grasp of problems facing modern society.

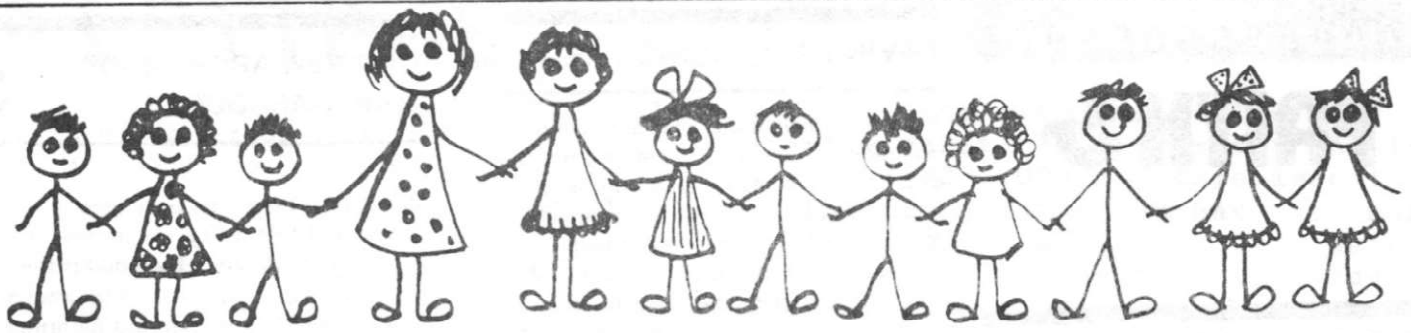
MILFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Since writing in the first issue of our Community newspaper, we have sustained a sad loss in the death of Mrs Mary Lander of Well Lane. Mary has been a staunch supporter of our Church for over 40 years and we will all miss her very much. We extend our sympathy to her husband and to her relatives in their grief.

On Sunday, 23rd October our evening service will commence at 5.00 p.m. instead of at 6.00 p.m. This new time will remain in operation during the winter months.

Autumn Sale - 26th November 1983
Church Schoolroom at 2.30 p.m.

Members of our Church are working very hard in preparation for our Autumn Sale. There will be a varied selection of goods from which to choose and they will include - home-made cakes, toiletries and kitchen-ware, tinned goods and other grocery items. In addition, there will be a 'white elephant' stall and a Christmas hamper raffle. Refreshments will be served, so do come along and support us - we need your help.



milford playgroup

The queue started at 10 o'clock outside the Pavilion for the Jumble Sale which wasn't due to open until 11 o'clock, and as the morning was very frosty the early customers bought hot drinks whilst waiting on the steps!

Thanks to the energetic help of all concerned we made £74 for Playgroup funds. The Committee would also like to thank Mr. Derek Neale for the use of Milford Pavilion for the day.

Our next money-raising effort will be at the Village Bonfire on November 5th when we will be selling hot-dogs, soup and bonfire-toffee etc..... Please support us again and have fun at the same time!



The Playgroup children were very busy during October making witches and spooks for Halloween and they are now looking forward to Bonfire night with Guy Fawkes.

P.S. We have only one vacancy left on Thursday mornings. Interested? Contact Jan Kaye, 5 Banks Buildings or phone Derby 840660.

MILFORD SCHOOL

About 40 parents and friends were treated to an afternoon of songs and verse from the children of Milford School in celebration of the Harvest Festival on October 3rd. Though for some the afternoon may have been clouded by the tragic news about Mr. Queenborough, the children demonstrated admirably the value of his contribution by performing magnificently. Mrs Evans and Mrs Cooper had worked very hard in preparing the children; there were some new songs and poems to add to the traditional hymns, and energetic manoeuvring of fruit and vegetables across the hall with equally lively actions from the children. The staff and children deserve congratulations. After a sale of produce the parents had refreshments in the canteen.

SCHOOL AUTUMN FAYRE Thursday 20th October

This event was a great success. Many parents, friends and children attended and the occasion raised £219.30 for school funds.

Many thanks to all who helped and also those who attended, your support is greatly appreciated.

Parents and friends of the school will also be interested to know that the amount donated to the Macmillan Continuing Care Unit in memory of Mr. Queenborough amounted to £44.50.

Mrs. P. Evans,
Acting Head
Belper Milford First School.

News from Belper Town Council 5

One or two items of interest to Milfordians were discussed at the last town council meeting on 4 October 1983.

Firstly, parents of children attending Milford School would probably have been interested in the local press reports that children from the Fleet School are to receive from the council a full subsidy to meet the cost of their transport to Belper Sports Centre for swimming lessons. This fulfils an obligation by the council at the time of the closure of the Gibfield Lane baths that no child should be deprived of swimming lessons. The message seems to be that providing we can find a suitable time slot and provide or obtain the necessary instruction there is good reason to believe the council will be equally sympathetic to our needs.

Secondly, the 'Belper Smells' received an airing in the council chamber. The main issue was the sewage works, but the local oil refinery also came in for some stick, the latter being more pungently attacked by a writer to the Belper News. Your other Milford councillor, Stewart Varney, was in the thick of this debate. What wasn't mentioned at the meeting was our local 'burnt foundry sand' smell and it was only later when somebody in the village complained to me about it that I realised it had not been mentioned. I must confess that as an old foundry man it is more of a nostalgic smell than an obnoxious one to me.

Finally, did anyone notice the letter appearing in the Belper News under the heading, 'Filthy Milford', it was written by a Mrs Solca from Humberside who was staying with friends in the area. She mentioned the Park Foundry bus shelter which, of course, is not in Milford and also the footpaths to Belper, I'm not sure which she means(not the A67). I've written to the lady but perhaps her friends might like to get in touch with me to throw some light on the subject.

John Cox

OAP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again the Residents Assoc. and the United Churches of Milford hope to put on a Christmas party for the old folk in the Village.

Help with the catering is always welcome, so if you would like to do the organising or offer any food, please contact Sue Gentle on Derby 842052.

HELPER

6 LETTERS.....

A DATE TO REMEMBER FOR THE DERBY
CONTINUING CARE UNIT APPEAL

A few weeks ago Mr Baker was re-elected as the parent-governor at Milford School. All well and good, you might say. I'd be inclined to agree; I've no reason to doubt Mr Baker's abilities and sincerity. But to view the whole process as a shining example of democracy would in my view be short of the mark. Why? Well, six parents, including two from one family, is hardly a recipe for a democratic election when any candidate has to be nominated and seconded by others.

'Not the Education Authority's fault', I hear you saying. I grant you, six is a very poor turnout, but a week before there had been a good turnout at a Parent/Teachers Association meeting, just the occasion for discussing the problems and opportunities with staff and electing a governor to represent the parents. That way the new parent-governor would not have had to attend a Governors' Meeting just 15 minutes after being elected, allowing no time to talk with parents let alone clue up on an agenda.

With an old hand at the job being elected, perhaps the damage done is slight this time, but it seems to me, as a person who witnesses committees operating every week, that the meeting was timed solely for the convenience of the Clerk to the Governors. I hope I'm wrong. I also hope that next time an election is needed the governors will allow a week or two between the election and the first meeting so that our governor gets a chance to talk to others as concerned for their children's education as he or she is!

M.Kaye

John Cox, a School Governor expressed some concern over this letter and said that he would bring it up at the next Governors meeting.

ARTICLES WANTED

why don't you put pen to paper and write to "Treacle City". Air your views or answer some of the letters in this issue.

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All over Derbyshire money is being raised to help reach the target of £250,000 for this important venture. Many of us have friends or relatives suffering from cancer, so all of us should be involved in helping to provide a continuing care organisation in Derby.

The organisation aims to provide cancer patients and their families with help and support in coping with the physical and emotional suffering that arises when active treatment is no longer of use. Death may be inevitable but it need not be frightening nor unnecessarily painful if it takes place in an atmosphere of tranquillity, loving care and understanding.

So if you would like to contribute please bring cakes, bread, biscuits, pies, jam or any other home produce for a "TAKE AND BAKE" stall to be held in the Church Hall, on Saturday, December 3rd starting at 9.30 am and help to show that the people of Milford and Makeney care.

Any enquiries or offers of help in manning the stall to Mrs. Jane Cargill, telephone 841044.

MILFORD TOWER

Having lived at the top of Sunny Hill for about 18 years I still have to learn the true reason why the tower was built. Some say it was a sighting tower to help with the building of Milford Tunnel, doubtful as by that time more accurate methods were available. Some say it was used for signalling the trains but here again I believe other methods were in use. It appears to have been used as a pump house and the derelict fire place suggests it was lived in at some time.

Can some local historian tell us the full story?

R. DALEY

Someone suggested that it would be a good idea to write a monthly set of garden notes for this magazine, and my original intention was to do just that. You must know the sort of thing that I had in mind. "Your Garden In November. What to do and how to do it". The trouble was that when I began to think about it I realised that in writing for a fairly restricted number of readers, all living and gardening in a very small area I was, as the saying goes: "On a hiding to nothing".

You see, when to do what in the garden, is one of those things that depends very much on where your garden is and how it is situated. If you are writing for some publication that is read over a fairly wide area then things are comparatively simple. The readers know that you are writing for a largish region so they won't expect your timing to be exactly correct. Anyway most of them won't know you from Adam so you should have a fair chance of walking down the street with out being accosted with cries of: "That was a load of old rubbish you wrote last month". Just to make absolutely sure that you are not recognised you can use a pseudonym, or even a false name. If you write for a village magazine BEWARE. If you get it wrong everyone knows who you are! You will be expected to get it exactly right, after all you live there.

In practice it isn't that easy to get it right, especially in a place like Milford. The correct time to do something in your garden depends very much upon what is called the "micro-climate".

Or to put it more simply, some gardens are warmer than others, some are windier etc.. In the largish flatish sort of areas where most people live the differences between one garden and another are not very great and so not very noticeable. But Milford is not like that. I don't suppose that it's unique, but it is a bit unusual. Those of you who live on the West side of the valley but sometimes travel across to the East, to buy a paper, go to church or even travel to Belper! Will know, or ought to have noticed, that spring arrives a good two weeks earlier in most of the gardens on the East than in those on the West. Those of you who live on the East side, and have never actually been over to the West ought to try it some time. You don't need a passport and although they say once have been cannibals, nowadays the natives are quite friendly.

So there you are that's why I'm not writing "Your Garden In October". Apart from all that, I can't find my copy of "Gardening Month-By-Month" anywhere!

If you are interested in gardening, or in growing any sort of plants in any way, you ought to:-

JOIN OUR CLUB

We meet on the 3rd. Thursday of each month in the Church Room at 7.30p.m.

The next meeting is on the 17th. of November and is a talk by Mr. Bates from Bloomfield Hall about "Growing Fruit".

Why not come along as a visitor - it will only cost you ^{50p} and you will be made very welcome.

For further information call Jill Hogg, Belper 5400.



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