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## VILLAGE SCHOOL MAY CLOSE ?

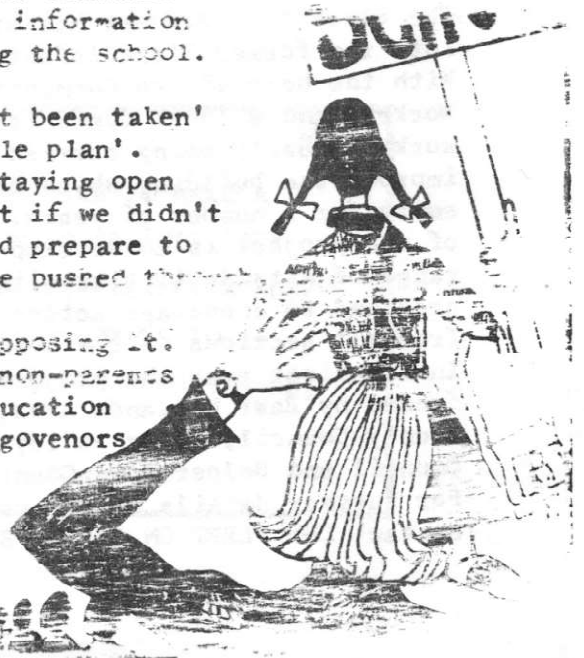
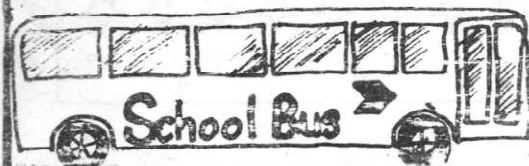
The news that the Local Education Authority is considering the possibility of closing our school came as a nasty shock to some of us, who had been hoping that with the new staff, the school would carry on playing an increasingly important part in the life of the community. I say 'some of us', because, as usual, some don't care a hoot, others assume it'll never happen, others say 'if they want to close it, we'll not be able to stop them, and others are only prepared to moan at people who assert their right to campaign on local issues.

The Consultation Meeting on February 6th is for 'parents and governors'. Not good enough. The whole community is, or should be, included in the life of a local school, and vice versa. While it has, by telephone, been agreed that parents of children soon due to attend school will be eligible to attend this meeting, this still excludes, unless they are parents, members of organisations using the school, staff, local representatives who are not governors, and other concerned members of the community. This is why the 23rd January meeting was organised, and why some of us arranged publicity to ensure that as many people as possible in the community were aware of the Authority's proposals, rather than the information being restricted to parents of children already attending the school.

It is true that the Authority says 'No decisions have yet been taken' and describes the closure of Milford School as a 'possible plan'. However, no other 'possible plan' involving our school staying open appeared in their leaflet, and it seemed clear to us that if we didn't show our disapproval of the idea at this early stage, and prepare to struggle to protect our amenities, the plan might well be pushed through.

It's no good waiting for a decision to be taken before opposing it. If our school is to stay open, we must all, parents and non-parents alike, inform ourselves about the issues, and let the education authorities, members of the education committee, school governors and our local representatives know how we feel.

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## RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEEDS NEW BLOOD

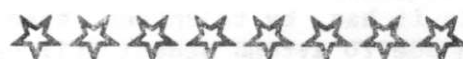
Our constitution states that officers - Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary - cannot serve more than three consecutive years. The present Chairman and Secretary must resign at the Annual General Meeting at the end of March. Several of the present Committee feel that it's time to take a back seat, having served virtually since its beginning eight or so years ago.

At the moment most of the Association's energy is going into the production of this newspaper, and most of those involved are prepared to continue. But other aspects of the Committee's work - keeping an eye on planning applications in the Conservation Area, organising entertainments, fund raising, campaigning on local issues in the interest of the community - need people with new energy and enthusiasm, no matter whether they were born in Milford or moved in last week. There's no party politics involved, no conspiracy to take over the universe, no personality cult, no need for anything more than ordinary people willing to devote a little of their time and skills to village concerns, in the belief that it is possible to have a measure of control and influence over their own lives.

Anyone interested - no previous experience required - please get in touch with Griff Everett on 842265.

## THE FLEET

The Fleet Arts Project has at last moved into the former Fleet Infants School. With the help of two Community Programme Workers and a local Community Task Force work is busily being carried out to improve the building which has been left empty for a number of years. The aim of the project is to develop a wide range of Arts Activities within the area and to encourage active involvement from all sections of the Community. In its first year the project has been funded by East Midlands Arts, Derbyshire County Council, Amber Valley District Council and Belper Town Council. For further details of the project contact THE FLEET ON BELPER 820484.

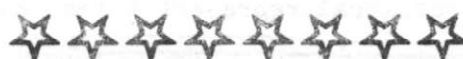


RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

MEETING

CHURCH ROOMS 8.00pm

THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY



January saw our first meeting of the 1984 Gardening Club Season, when Mr. Charlie Smith of Holbrook spoke about "Growing Chrysanthemums", giving us the benefit of his many years of experience. It was a little disappointing that only 16 members attended, but it was a very cold evening.

We have been trying to arrange a full programme for this year and details are given below. Some of the subjects are still provisional and will be confirmed later.

- 16th February - "Dahlias. Mr Lynam"
- 17th March - "A.G.M. and Slides"
- 19th April - "Mr J. Tye. Lee Rhododendron Gardens".
- 17th May - "Bees in the Garden"
- 21st June - "Preparing for Showing. Mr A. Cave"
- 19th July - "Soft Fruit"
- 16th August - "Lawns"
- 20th September - "Herbs"
- 18th October - "House Plants"
- 15th November - "Propagation of Bedding Plants"
- 20th December - "Christmas Party".

## Proposed Visits and Outings - (if sufficient support)

Springfield Gardens, Spalding.

International Garden Festival - Liverpool

1984 Horticultural Show - Saturday 15th September

New Members very welcome. Membership costs - £2 Married couple - £3  
Senior Citizens - £1.50. Visitors 50p per meeting (maximum three visits).

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

## SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS TEA

On Saturday 10th December, the Senior Citizens of Milford sat down to a splendid Christmas Tea, prepared and served by members of the United Churches and the Residents Association.

Carols played while crackers were pulled and gossip exchanged in the School Hall, colourfully decorated for the season.

After the food was demolished, Derek Carter a versatile folk singer arrived to lead the singing, while the helpers disappeared into the kitchen to tackle the washing up.

The Prize Raffle was drawn and the winners announced. The profits from this draw amounting to £148 will help to finance the 1984 event. This is the second party to have been organised by these community groups and by the satisfied, well-fed looks on the faces of our Senior Citizens as they left, it was much appreciated.

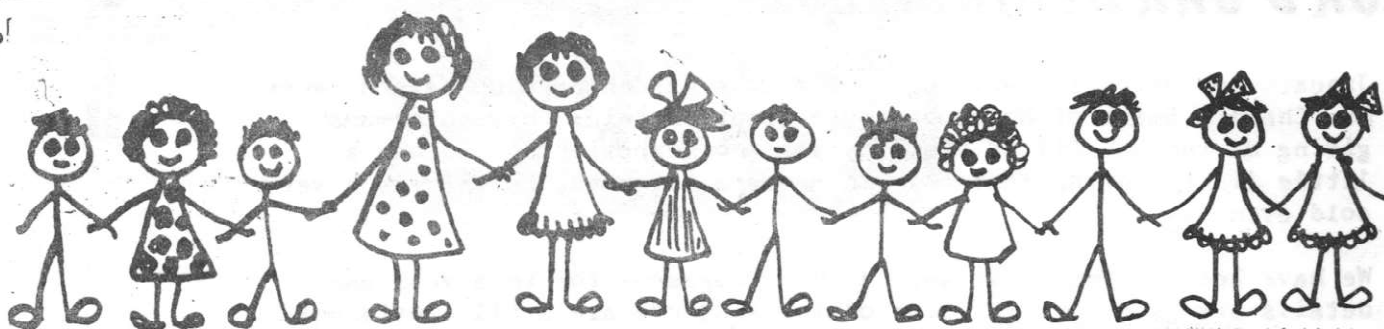
## RAFFLE PRIZES

### The winners of Raffle Prizes:

1. Hamper - Danny - Legion
2. Pyrex dishes - J. Shaw, Allpack
3. Sherry - Pete O'Neill
4. Mugs & stand - K. Rex, Allpack
5. Denby bowls - Olive
6. Tin of biscuits - D. Shaw
7. Chocs. - Eva Bramley
8. Xmas cake - Mr Ellis
9. Wine - 1594
10. Biscuits - Betty
11. Preserves - J. Gouldthorpe
12. Glass dish - B. Wright
13. Xmas stocking - 1823
14. Fancy soap - T. Hunt
15. Oven gloves - Mrs Bellards
16. 5 pairs tights - M. Blount
17. Pottery watering can & tools - Mrs Tunnicliffe.

ALL PRIZES HAVE BEEN CLAIMED





## **milford playgroup**

All the children, aged from 2½ - 4½ took part in the first Christmas Concert by the Playgroup. This took place in Milford School Hall with an audience of school children and parents. Although it was an ambitious project the playgroup performed with lots of energy and enjoyment. The older children told the story of the Nativity and the younger ones visited the Crib in Fancy Dress, including a Red Indian, Mouse and a vociferous Tarzan.

The children also sang a couple of carols before departing for their Christmas Party with a dinner of sausage and chips, and a visit by a white-haired Santa Claus with a distinctive chuckle.

This pleasant scene set the mood for a happy festive season, but now, less than a month later, we've all been brought down with a bump by the news of the possible closure of the school.

One of the major arguments for moving the Playgroup to the school premises was that the pre-school children would find it less daunting going to school if they were already familiar with the building and the staff, and saw the school children enjoying themselves at games etc.., Apart from that, considerable time, effort and money has been spent on making a comfortable, welcoming and interesting room - a great contrast to our previous premises, which we are now threatened with losing.

Of course we have written to protest to the Director of Education, and are joining with other groups to work out how we can best make sure that the school - and the playgroup - survive.

## **CAMEO MEMBERS ENJOY OUTING**

On Monday 5th. December members of "Cameo" enjoyed a trip around the Tutbury Glass Factory. Afterwards tea was taken in the village Tea Shop. Further trips are being considered for the near future.

"Cameo" meetings take place every Monday afternoon in Milford school 2.30 - 3.30. everybody welcome.

## My Witch.

My witch is green and ugly. She lives in an old cave. She has spots on her face, and her nose is pointed. Her hat is latty, black and crooked. The clothes she wears are torn and ragged with big holes in them. Her hair is dirty and untidy. She has a cat with shaggy black fur, and green eyes. When she chants her spells, she has a cackling voice. The things she puts in her potion are: toads, bats, spiders, and other things like that. She has a big cauldron and a broomstick which she flies on at night. My witch is very scary.

Rachel Gentle.



### TAKE AND BAKE STALL

This stall, held on Dec 3rd in aid of the Derby Continuing Care Unit raised £90. I received a letter asking me to convey to all concerned the sincere thanks of the Appeal Committee for their support. I should like to add my thanks also, to all those who gave help and support on the day, and to those who sent donations.

Ane Cargill

### W.I. REFORMS IN MILFORD

On Tuesday evening, 17th January, the W.I. held a coffee evening in the Church Hall inviting any ladies along to try and reform a W.I. in Milford.

There was a large turnout, considering it was such a cold night and everyone seemed very enthusiastic and voted to go ahead.

There will be a further meeting on Tuesday 31st January at 7.30 in the Church Hall to take things a step further and elect a committee.

## THE WHEEL

Spoke the First —  
I am an unborn child,  
I have my rights;  
give me birth.

Spoke the second —  
I am an old woman,  
I have my memories;  
give me peace.

Spoke the third —  
I am a teenager,  
I have my anger,  
give me freedom.

Spoke the fourth —  
I am a worker,  
I have my grievances;  
give me justice.

Spoke the fifth —  
I am unmarried,  
I have my child;  
give me understanding.

Spoke the sixth —  
I am psychotic,  
I have my thoughts;  
give me reality.

Spoke the seventh —  
I am handicapped,  
I have my needs;  
give me hope.

Spoke the eight —  
I am dark skinned,  
I have my identity;  
give me friendship.

Spoke the rim —  
I cannot contain these  
demands,  
If energy is expended  
in strife,  
I cannot move,  
I shall break.

Spoke the hub —  
Let me hold the spokes  
together  
for ever  
for each other  
and let the wheel  
move on.

PLEASE NOTE OUR 1984 DATES

31st March + 1st April : Hobbies  
28th April : Belper Market Stall  
17th June : Patronal Festival - special ecumenical service  
at 9 am, followed by breakfast.  
7th July : Gift Day, with market stalls outside the church.  
10th August : Nearly-new sale.  
31st August : The annual Barbecue.  
16th September : Harvest Festival - special service at 5pm,  
followed by our harvest meal.  
6th October : Autumn Fayre.  
17th November : Auction - start saving your goods.

**now!**



IS  
THIS  
YOU?



Surely you don't spend quite all you time working?  
We would like to know what hobbies you get up to in your spare time - photography, collecting coins, programming your micro, painting miniatures, writing poetry, making match buildings, visiting cathedrals, knitting scarves, composing music, playing the recorder, sewing cushions, blowing glass .... or whatever you do.

On 31st March and 1st April the Parish Church is holding a HOBBIES WEEKEND - a live exhibition, not a market. We want you and your friends to bring your plants or your paintings or your potter's wheel or your guitar or whatever to the church and share your skill (however limited) and your enthusiasm (the main thing) to other people in the village.

Please send the slip below to the church or to Mrs. Jacquie Martin, 3 Derby Road, Milford.

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To Mrs. Jacquie Martin, 3 Derby Road, Milford.

I / We are interested in being involved in the Hobbies Weekend on 31st March and 1st April. The hobby in question is .....

Name(s)..... Address .....

(Also, you should ask .....) )

# FAITH & FAMILY

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We know who wants to publicly declare themselves to be part of the Christian Faith Family at Milford Parish Church by whether or not their names are on the Church's Electoral Roll. At the moment there are 59 names on the Roll at Holy Trinity. But all of them are about to be taken off! This is because every sixth year the Roll is scrapped. So at the Spring 1984 revision of the Roll no names at all are carried over from the old Roll - everyone must make a new application to be included on the new Roll. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the Milford Church Roll, whether their names have been on the old one or not, are hereby requested to fill in an application form as soon as possible. There are plenty at the back of the church. If you can't get to church during the next month or so, but still want to be on the new Roll, please ask a regular worshipper to bring you a form. You have a right to join if you are (a) Baptized, (b) 16 or over, and (c) resident in the parish OR have regularly worshipped at the Parish Church for the last 6 months.

Why have an Electoral Roll? It is a great help for the parish filing, mailing, visiting and praying system to have an up-to-date list of those who say they are members. But the legal reason for the Roll is to provide electors at the Annual Church Meeting to vote for Churchwardens, Church Council members, and representatives on the higher rungs of the Church's administrative ladder; it also colours the rate of our annual Parish Share paid to central Church funds for clergy pay etc.



The Annual Church Meeting (when all adult members of Holy Trinity are expected to be present) will be held on Monday 27th February at 7.30 pm in the Church Room.

The meeting will, in addition to the usual annual business of reports and accounts, be mainly concerned to answer questions 2 and 3 of the CHRISTIANS RESPOND questionnaire before the Archdeacon of Derby comes to us on Friday 16th March - PLEASE NOTE THAT DATE NOW.

The AIMS OF THE LOCAL CHURCH we have decided to work at on 27th February at the AGM and on 16th March with the Archdeacon are these (voted on by all who answered the questionnaire in the November edition of Treacle City):

- 1st : To be a healing community that cares for people in need.
- 2nd : To set up opportunities for education in Bible knowledge and Christian teaching.
- 3rd : To worship God in ways that are attractive to more people and related to daily living.

## MILFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

First of all, may we wish you a Very Happy New Year.

We would like to thank all our friends who helped with our Autumn Sale, which was a great success and raised £186 for our Church Funds.

The Carol singing round the village on 19th December last in aid of MENCAP was enjoyed by all (despite the rain) and we collected £28 for this cause - our thanks to you all for giving so generously.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO TREACLE CITY PLEASE SEND ARTICLES/DRAWINGS/ POEMS/STORIES/LETTERS TO :- TREACLE CITY, c/o 6 CHEVIN RD, MILFORD.

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## MILFORD SCHOOL

MEETING WITH THE WORKING PARTY AT

7-15pm MON 6th FEB AT THE SCHOOL

TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CLOSURE.

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