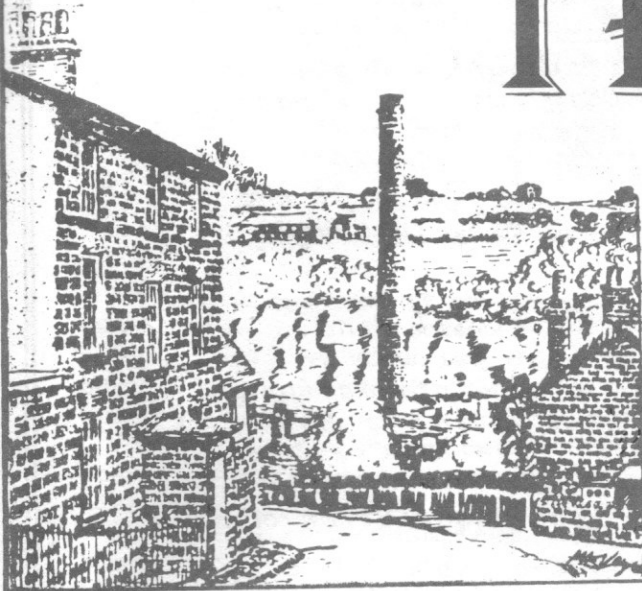


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MILFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ALIVE, DEAD OR JUST RESTING?

When the Milford Residents Association was established in 1976 it was hoped that just by being formed Milford would become a focal point for its residents. The thinking was, we live here, so let's make the village we live in as interesting, and attractive a place as we can, and over the years those people who have served on the Resident's Committee have tried to put these thoughts into effect.

Interesting events have taken place, the Horticultural Show and the May Festivals have successfully reappeared, the Craft Shows have drawn the crowds, the Barn Dances and the annual Guy Fawkes have been fun for all members of the family and Milford has become a place once more where "things go on".

Workers within the association have tried to keep Milford as unspoilt as possible. They have worked to make the village a conservation area which hopefully will prevent vast estates rising up on our fields and prevent our being gradually gulped up by either Duffield or Belper. Milford has a character of its own and long may it continue, although it is a continual battle to prevent the property dealer and noisy vehicles taking over and ruining our open land and footpaths.

The Committee of the Residents Association has always found it difficult to find new members who will actually organise events or co-ordinate actions, and now we find ourselves even more than usually low in people who will commit themselves to these activities. This perhaps is because the original idea behind the formation of the Association is beginning to be realised. Members, past and present, of the Committee, are now totally immersed in activities which are dedicated to making Milford an interesting and attractive place in which to live. They are busy running gardening clubs, and the W.I. keeping the allotments flourishing, running playgroups, publishing the community newspaper and fighting to keep our own Milford School open for our village children to attend. CONT. ➡

And so, perhaps now is the time for the Residents Association's future to be reconsidered. At our last Annual General Meeting on the 20th March we thought perhaps the time had come for the formation of a chrysalis for the Association to enter a period of rest and then perhaps enter a time of change. We thought we would lie dormant until September when our community newspaper 'Treacle City' will celebrate its first birthday; then we shall ask representatives from all the Village Groups, including the Church and Chapels to a meeting to discuss not only the future of the Newspaper in which they all share, but the very future of the Residents Association itself.

In the meantime, no doubt, Committee members will find plenty to do. May Day approaches, the fight for our school goes on and our local councillor needs information and help on local matters which would make living in Milford less pleasant.

We shall wait until September to see if the Association can be resuscitated or if it will suffer a 'sea-change.' But in the meantime Milford is itself alive and kicking and that can't be bad.

Sen. Born.

CAMEO NEWS

"Cameo Group" of Milford School now hold their weekly meetings in the spare classroom at the top end of the school, using the top playground door to gain entry. Any new members wishing to come along would be made to feel very welcome.

Forthcoming events - Monday 9th. April - songs and recitations by the children, and hopefully we shall have an important visitor in our midst! afterwards tea and refreshments will be served by "Cameo" and P.T.A.

In the near future I am hoping to have Mrs. Jill Davies of Allestree to give a very interesting talk on "Wildlife" further details later.

Why not come along between 2.30 - 3.30 any Monday afternoon during term time and join us for a cup of tea and a chat.

If there are any young mothers in the village with children under play group age, who would be willing to start a "Mother & Baby" club in the school, would you please get in touch with either Mrs. Evans at school or Mrs. B. Wright at home - Belper 6590.

The P.T.A. Stall held on Ripley Market on Saturday March 10th, in order to raise money for a fund to oppose the proposed school closure, realised the sum of £116. Thanks to all who participated.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE ARE 3 CULTIVATED AND SEVERAL UNCULTIVATED ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE. THE ANNUAL RENT PER PLOT IS £3.00p.

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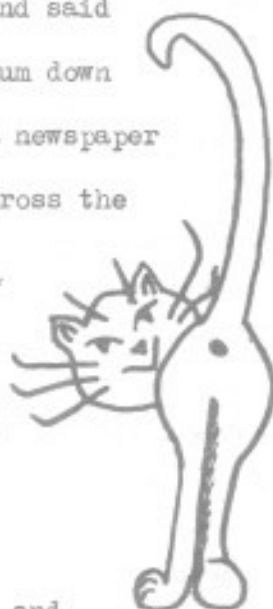
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milford playgroup

A SHORT STORY FOR THE UNDER 5s.

.....AND THE CAT WENT TOO.
 Peter put on his hat and gloves one cold morning
 and set off for Playschool with his mum.
 His cat, Tom, watched them walk up the path and said
 to himself, "I'll go too".
 So the cat quietly followed Peter and his mum down
 the road.
 Peter and his mum went into a shop to buy a newspaper
and the cat went too.
 Then they walked to the zebra crossing to cross the
 road safely
and the cat went too.
 They walked past the park
and the cat went too
 they went in to Playschool
and the cat went too.
 Peter went outside to play with his friends
the cat went too,
 then he went indoors to do a painting
and the cat went too.
 Peter went for his milk and biscuits
and the cat went too.
 Then it was time for Peter's mother to come and
 collect him from Playschool and take him home,
 and guess what?
the cat went too.



MILFORD AND MAKENEY W.I.

The newly formed Women's Institute held a successful "Getting to know you" evening on Tuesday 28th February 1984 in the Church Room at Milford.

We were very pleased to see so many new faces and to welcome again members of Milford's original Institute.

The Committee has planned a programme which we hope will be both entertaining and informative, and interested ladies are cordially invited to attend our next meeting on Tuesday 24th April 1984. We shall be having a talk on "Antiques", and there will be a competition for the best decorated egg. So do come along and bring an egg if you wish (hard boiled, of course).

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The W.I. meets regularly on the last Tuesday in each month in Milford Church Room. For further information please telephone Jan Holt (President) on Derby 842345.

Members of Milford School

P.T.A. manned a stall at Ripley Market in order to start a Fighting Fund to oppose the proposed school closure. With a stall full of cakes, books, toys, games, jumble and posters advertising our intentions we attracted a lot of attention and managed to raise over £100. Many thanks to all those villagers, who although not directly connected with the school, baked cakes and supplied jumble.

The intention was to use some of the money to hire transport to take P.T.A. members and other interested parties to lobby the Schools Sub-Committee meeting at Matlock on 21st March. However we have heard that the working party are not ready to report, but will probably do so on 16th May. Make a diary note, we may well need your support to lobby committee members and wave banners at Matlock!

On Monday the 12th March we went to Belper Fire Station. We all chose partners and went to the bus stop. But it was not a special bus. The bus stopped at Fine Fare and we got off and walked the rest of the way to the Fire Station.

When we got there the officer let us in. Then he showed us the lecture room. He had a talk about the Fire Station for five minutes, then he showed us his office. In his office he had a little switchboard with a phone on it.

The Belper firemen are part-time so they have a little beeper in their pockets so if there is a fire the beeper will go off and they rush to the Fire Station and put their fire suits on.

Then he showed us an old map. It showed where Fire Stations are round Derby, Alfreton and Ripley. Then we went into the part where the fire engines are kept. Then he opened the doors on the side of the fire engine where the equipment is kept. There were door-breakers, hammers, axes and crowbars.



Parents were invited to attend the schools assembly on 15th March. It was a somewhat disconcerting experience for some parents. Our children told a few home truths, it appears we all shout too much, and they displayed some striking portraits of their mums, Rachel Gentle's being immediately recognisable.

A humorous song about a hard working, super-efficient Supermum, which the children obviously enjoyed, a poem and a play produced by the junior girls portraying the life of an ordinary mum completed the assembly.

It was an excellent performance enjoyed by parents, younger brothers and sisters and school children. Many thanks to the school staff for involving us in our childrens school life and displaying, once again, what an excellent staff and school we have in Milford!
Janis Kaye.

Standpipes are what firemen put into the ground and pump water into the fire engine so that the tanks are full. If they go to a fire and there is no place where the standpipe can go, they have to carry pipes to reservoirs to suck water out and into the tanks.

Mrs. Evans asked if he would take the engine out into the back of the Fire Station. The officer said, "Yes" and drove the engine out. While he was driving it he sounded the horn.





church news

Is this the shape of things to come now that the vicar has a home-computer?

What do I actually do with it? Like most new buyers I have some games - educational and adventure rather than arcade. But what I enjoy doing most is writing my own programs, usually educational games and testers for the children, or developing and correcting other people's programs.

But what use could the computer be to the Church? Can the with-it vicar use his home-computer to direct and control his parish? Well, we usually follow the lead of our American cousins; and there are lots of companies in the U.S.A. selling computer package systems to churches including facilities for Bible and Confirmation instruction, sermons, membership and attendance records, and accounts packages to handle collections, giving and disbursements. But only the cartoonists are as yet speculating the further use of a computer with a terminal in the confessional box monitoring the transgressions of the flock and tailoring the sermon by measuring its impact on the congregation.

There are in Britain a growing number of clergy of all denominations experimenting with personal computers in their ministry; programs for keeping parish records, circulating letters and agendas, choosing hymns, and arranging preaching rotas are only a few of the ideas being tried by the fast-growing national Church Computer Users Group.

As far as I am concerned in Milford and at Christ Church Belper, I already have the new Electoral Rolls on tape, and parts or all of them can be quickly printed out under a number of headings; I am already using a simple word-processor for composing sermons and circulars and articles; my personal parochial expenses are stored and calculated by computer; and I am beginning to compile programs for religious education and for interactive use at Careers Conventions.

I've a long way to go yet, and it may be years before ordinary parishes are buying the £2,500 church computer packages now in use in many American parishes, but I expect that is what my predecessors said about printing the Bible, teaching with lantern slides, writing letters on a typewriter, lighting the chancel with electricity and heating the vestry with North Sea oil. We must learn to use progress in communication and information technology for the growth of the church and the proclamation of the Gospel.

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER HOLY WEEK AND EASTER HOLY WEEK AND EASTER HOLY WEEK

Full details of Holy Week and Easter worship at the Parish Church will be in a special newsletter to be circulated early in April.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, 15th April, with the liturgy at 9 am. On that evening at 6 pm the annual Civic Service is being held at Christ Church, Belper, and it is hoped that many Milford residents will be present.

On Holy Monday there will be a devotional service at Holy Trinity at 8 pm.

On Holy Tuesday there is to be a special musical service for Holy Week at Christ Church, Belper, at 8 pm.

On Maundy Thursday the Eucharist will be celebrated at Holy Trinity at 10 am.

On Good Friday there will be a special Passion service at 2pm in the Church.

On Easter Eve there will be a service of preparation for Easter at 6 pm.

And on Easter Day the main service will be at 9 am as usual.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR MARRIAGE

- I. Thou shalt not take thy partner for granted.
- II. Thou shalt not expect perfection of each other.
- III. Thou shalt be patient, loving, understanding, kind and true.
- IV. Thou shalt tend the garden of love daily.
- V. Thou shalt take great care that thy partner's trust never is violated or diminished in any way.
- VI. Thou shalt not forget thy wedding vows, remembering especially those important words, "For better or worse."
- VII. Thou shalt not hide thy true feelings. Mutual love provides a bright sunlit room where things of the heart can be discussed freely and without fear.
- VIII. Thou shalt always respect each other as individuals. Degrading words and a sharp tongue cause grave distortions. Endearing terms ennobles, lift up, engender peace.
- IX. Thou shalt give thy marriage room to grow. Both partners should be willing to face the future together with confidence and trust. Today is a better day for them than yesterday, and tomorrow will find them closer still.
- X. Thou shalt through all thy days reverence God, thy Creator, never forgetting that it is He who has made you one.

CLEAR AS DAYLIGHT

There is an old story about the rabbi who asked his disciples how they knew that night had ended and the day was on its way back. "Could it be," asked one, "when you can see an animal in the distance and tell whether it is a sheep or a dog?"

"No," the rabbi replied.

"Could it be," asked a second, "when you can look at a tree in the distance and tell whether it is a fig or an olive tree?"

"No," the rabbi replied.

"Well then, what is it?", the disciples pressed.

"It is when you look on the face of any man or woman, and see that he or she is your brother, or sister. Because if you cannot do this, no matter what time it is, it is still night."

let
your
light
shine



THE ARCHDEACON'S VISIT

Several possible areas of future work by the Church in the village were discussed on 16th March: welcoming newcomers (what about a village welcome pack?), new lay leadership (who shall we send for training?), Baptism preparation and follow-up (if you have had a baby Baptised at Holy Trinity in the last 5 years, where were you worshipping last Sunday?), the needs of the lonely and the bereaved (tell us who and where you are), the lack of Samaritans and a Citizens Advice Bureau in the area, the need for Bible Study etc.

WHAT'S NEW ABOUT EASTER?

I was sitting here gently rocking and trying to answer that very question. What could I say that hadn't already been said better in the last two thousand years. I rocked a bit more, and my mind drifted until I was thinking more about the chair I was sitting in than the subject in hand. It came, as a present, in bits in a box, a mass of tubular steel and wickerwork with some nuts and bolts thrown in for luck. I read the instructions carefully and began. I very nearly made a bicycle. I read the instructions again and rearranged the tubes in an interesting pattern like one of these modern sculptures, all loose ends and unrelated angles. On the third reading I came up with a fairly presentable hat rack. In desperation I read and re-read the instructions wishing they gave more details. Suddenly it all clicked together. I understood, I could see how everything worked. Now I understood, before I only thought I understood. I didn't need to be told anything new, it was all there only I couldn't see it.

So of Easter all I need say is "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received. That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3)

And to assure you that if you really understand that, everything else fits into place.

A Happy Easter.

HELP!!!

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