



Newsletter

September 2010

New Committee

The Village Committee is settling down well with its new members. We have welcomed in John Weaver, Nicky Thorn and Melvyn Gilmour, and have plenty to occupy our minds in the coming months. Thanks again to John King, Jane Middleton, Rosemary Timms and Griff Everett, for their stalwart work and support over their past few years. We are grateful that we can still turn to you for help when we need to! If anyone is interested in joining the Committee, please contact Jane McCarthy at jane.mccarthy7@btinternet.com

Jeni Mobbs

Road Safety and Traffic Issues

We are still waiting for Derbyshire County council to decide the best place for a pedestrian crossing. A site that suits both the school and residents is what we are campaigning for; ideally somewhere near Chevin Alley. It is hoped that funding can be secured in the 2010/11 financial year. We are also increasingly concerned about the number of collisions on the A6 especially on the stretch between Shaw Lane and Derwent Avenue; three in the last nine months, so we are trying to get some speed monitoring in Milford. you are welcome to contact Cllr Chris Jackson, DCC cabinet member for Highways and Transport at chris.jackson@derbyshire.gov.uk about any of these issues.

Jane McCarthy

The Open Gardens of Milford

During the month of June, a number of villagers opened their gardens on behalf of the British Red Cross. The weather was kind and the beautiful gardens were a treat to behold. Those gardens were in Morrells Lane, Woodridge, Hopping Hill and Foundry Lane. From gardens that are terraced, on a hillside and on level ground; flowers, plants shrubbery were in full bloom. Over £160 was raised for this worthy cause. We would like to thank all who were involved for their great efforts in making their gardens so beautiful for all to enjoy. We hope

this is the start of great things to come. If anyone else is interested in opening their garden next year please contact any member of the committee.

Robert Dowling

Derwent Riverside Event

For many years, there have been few vantage points from which to view the river that passes through our two villages. Now, following the development of Hopping Mill Meadow, there is a path of almost ¼ mile that provides some excellent riverside views.

As recently as the 1980s, the annual Belper Raft Race used to terminate in Milford. Villagers would crowd the A6 river bridge to witness the final stages. However, the dangers of the weir were always a concern and this led to the race being located further upstream.

Given the improved access to the riverbank, the MMCG Committee have given some thought to what form an annual riverside event could take. A firework display? A canoeing event? Both might appeal, but each brings hazards that would have to be taken into consideration.

So: what form of event would you like to see? Give it some thought next time you take a stroll beside the river and please let the committee (via Jane McCarthy) have your ideas.

The Village Hall Project

The Community Committee have decided to put the plan to build a village hall on ice for the time being. This follows news that plans for development of the Milford Mill site have been withdrawn. It is not known what form the resubmitted plans will take, nor how long we will have to wait to find out!

John Weaver

The MMCG committee are:

Colin Chapman · Robert Dowling · Simon Fogell
Melvyn Gilmour · Martin Harvey · Jane McCarthy
Jeni Mobbs · Vicky Smith
Nicky Thorn
John Weaver