

The School Pond

As I have mentioned before, one of our main projects this year is improving our nature area at the bottom of the back field. Well, with a lot of voluntary help from our parents, work is now well under way. The whole area had been cleared of debris, the old pond has been dug out to twice the size it was and a new fence has been erected along the whole length of the area. Funding for this project was given a big boost by a donation from Thames Water. Mr John Dyer who lives in the village and works for Thames Water put our project forward for a grant and he can be seen in the photograph handing over the cheque to Mr Padmore (Headmaster) and Robin Parsons (Project Co-ordinator).

Our thanks go to him and Thames Water for their help.

Newspaper Collection.

Please keep saving those papers, magazines and telephone directories. Our next collections will be on 4th April, 2nd May.

And finally a message to **ALL DOG OWNERS**. One of our children's biggest hazards when walking to school is the dog mess that is found on the pavements and in the gutters. Please, please clear up after your dog and make Milton and Shipton **"Dog Mess Free Zones"**.



Milton-u-Wychwood Women's Institute

Milton-u-Wychwood Women's Institute will be celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. The branch was formed in May 1918 and the celebrations will be held on June 21st 1998. Members and guests from other institutes will join us on the day for the celebrations. We would be pleased to welcome all past members who are living in the local area.



Our institute has come a long way in the last 80 years and many changes have taken place. It is still difficult to get away from the 'home-made jam' and 'Jerusalem' image and we also find it difficult to attract younger members who would take us into the next century.

We are an active group with members taking part in many varied activities. Our programme for the coming year includes 'Tracing your ancestors' 'Garden weeds' 'Chasleton House' 'Sausage making throughout the ages' and a demonstration in making 'An instant spring basket'.

Why not come and join us - we meet every third Tuesday in the month in Milton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

For further information please call our secretary Mrs V Davis on 830049.

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