

County Councillor's Report

On Oct. 6th, I shall take great pleasure in attending the official opening of the Leafield Community Woodland, on the site at Fairspear Road, Leafield, at midday. The ceremony will be conducted by the Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council, Cllr Dave Green.

This represents the culmination of three years work, stemming from an idea from Victoria Morris, as a millennium project, for the parish and local primary school. Victoria heads the committee, on which I help, which has brought this project to fruition, including all fund-raising, land purchase, planting, etc.

The County Council has played it's part in this venture. Belinda Flitter, the Wychwood Project Officer has been involved from the start, and has put a great deal of work into all aspects of the project. The land itself was part of a County Council smallholding, which has been purchased by the group through the County's Living & Learning Grant Scheme. The County gave £1,500 to the project.

Refreshments will be available, and it is certainly not too late to donate to the upkeep of the woodland.

Rodney Rose

NEWS FROM FIFIELD

Summer at Fifield has been quite a busy one beginning, of course, with our second 'Fifield At Home'. Once again this was a successful and happy day, raising income for the Recreation and Village Hall Committees as well as the Church. Church involvement adds a different dimension as it brings with it members of its Idbury congregation; and not that only, for there has always been strong support from other members of Idbury village.

Some of our Idbury neighbours also joined us for the Summer Barbecue which Nicki Sissons once again hosted. We all had our fingers well and truly crossed as weather forecasts didn't seem to be on our side. But all was well and over 60 of us enjoyed a pleasant evening – and the good food provided. Many thanks to Nicki, and to all the cooks, particularly John and Rob Palmer, supported by Tina on the bar.

Anyone who has taken a child to the Recreation Ground recently will know the hard work put in by its committee. The climbing equipment for younger children is a great asset to the village as it provides somewhere for them to play happily while older boys can enjoy their football elsewhere.

Pat Yaxley