

Unsung Heroes A Sheltered Life

There are many little jobs that are magically done on our behalf – many go completely unnoticed by the majority of us as we rush by, wrapped up in our own busy lives. Those unsung heroes deserve a mention and a bit of praise from time to time.



Thanking Margaret

We take this opportunity to thank Margaret Young who has been cleaning the bus shelter in Milton High Street every week for forty years. Margaret was approached by Ted Rawlins way back in 1966 and asked if she would take on this little job at the princely wage of 2/6d per week. She remembers the date well because she was expecting her daughter Caroline at the time and had to sweep gently! When Margaret took on the job there was a regular bus service connecting the villages to the wider world. At its lowest

point the service shrank to three buses a week and, due to vandalism, the Parish Council were considering demolishing the shelter.

Sweeping On!

Now once again we have a regular

service, although the buses seem to stop on the opposite side of the road. In an effort to brighten its image, Andrew West painted murals on the inside walls, but the youngsters added various appendages with their marker pens and the whole shelter had to be painted over. The seats have been broken three times and the litter bins are regularly set on fire, but Margaret still sweeps on.

On top of her weekly wage Margaret occasionally has the added bonus of finding dropped coins, but not enough so far to retire on!

Christine Halliday

Gail and Sue's Plant Sale, Saturday 13th May 2006

We will be holding our Annual Plant Sale on the Village Green in Shipton from 9.30 am to 12 midday. This year we will divide the proceeds between Dr. Scott's Everest Memorial Trust and 'Towards Independence', which is a Shipton-based charity helping learning-disabled adults to attain greater independence.



The Last Time!

Sadly, Sue and I have decided that this will be our last plant sale. Is there anyone in the Wychwoods who would be prepared to take it on? Sue and I would be happy to give help with growing plants to anyone interested.

Please ring me on: 01993 831140.

Gail Huntingford