

Special Feature

The Milk of Human Kindness...

The blue railings have been there for as long as anyone can remember but now the turquoise blue railings around Wychwood Baptist Church are changing colour. They had to. Rust was marring this iconic landmark on the edge of Milton. So the leaders at the church decided to rub them down and repaint them black - all 630 of them!



paint. But then came a voice from across the road, "I've made you a cup of tea."

My Angel!

And there, coming down her drive, was an unknown lady in angel's clothing

carrying a tea-tray with matching mug, milk jug and sugar bowl, tea slopping occasionally towards the chocolate mini-roll that was nestled on the tray. Crossing the road, she apologised for the slops before placing this most welcome assemblage at my feet. She didn't know me, we had never met, much less spoken, but here was a spontaneous act of human goodness to brighten up any task. We spoke briefly before she departed, smiling, back up her drive. My angel in disguise, whose name I later discovered was Margaret, had put a day-long smile on my face.

There were still about 580 railings to go, but the task was immeasurably lightened by this unexpected gift of the milk of human kindness.

Bob Forster.

Railing 51

So it was that on the 30th August, as the afternoon sun lit up the corner, I knelt down, not to pray, but to start on railing number 51; a long session lay ahead. This was a pleasantly mindless task brightened by conversations with passing natives. Comments were predictable but raised a smile: "Looks like you've got the Forth Bridge syndrome there, mate." "Oops, you've missed a bit!" The afternoon wore on at a gentle lilt, brushing up and down, up and down, being careful not to anoint my most ancient running T- shirt with the black

...Flows in the Wychwoods

On the 20th August, my husband had a bad fall on Ansell Way, Milton-under-Wychwood. I would like to thank all the kind people that came to his aid. He was made safe and comfortable, an ambulance was called and our two dogs were looked after. We were impressed by the friendliness and sense of community

in this village when we moved here five years ago, and far from being diminished, the longer we live here, the more we appreciate it.

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