



Whittlesford Society

CONGRATULATIONS!
to all involved in the
**'Opening' of the great new
Newton Road Open Space**
– and HAPPY MEMORIES of
April 2003 when Whit Soc
celebrated the previous, very

lengthy project to clear the then desolate and neglected, rubble filled old site back to a grassy sports pitch and playground it had been in the 1930s & 40s when the first modern houses had been built in Newton Road.

Celebration then started with a Whit Soc Spring walk along the footpath we had restored from Whippetree to Newton Rd, to where tables & chairs, straw bale seating and picnic rugs were set out for more than sixty people between the borrowed tea tent and Syngenta's decorated tractor /trailer. Children held a long string of balloons which were ceremoniously cut and popped by more than a dozen 'special guests of honour' who had enjoyed playing on this very field some 60 years before and it was the scissors of Whit Soc Chairman Mike Arnold, who'd been one of them, that made the first snip of the string! It was a huge success and we featured lots of photos of young & old having fun in *Whither Whittlesford* no.95

On Sat 29 September we want to give full credit to the sterling work done again by the locals round Newton Road in clearing & transforming the area AND – what wasn't even permitted 15 years ago – getting fantastic play equipment, already enthusiastically enjoyed throughout the summer by the greatly increased number of families and children living in that part of the village – too far for young kids to get by themselves to the Lawn.

Very appropriately the official opening this time is by **Heidi Allen MP**, who'd officially 'opened' the new affordable homes in the attractive new housing and revitalised community at this end of the village. It won't be a game of cricket this time to get everyone involved, but exciting, colourful, play equipment! It won't be the old scout tent either – but the smart new Gazeboes the Parish Council bought for the Millennium Group! What is the same though is the invitation to everyone to come along, byo picnic and join the celebration! Everyone is welcomed to enjoy the fun, the balloons and the bunting - and pay full tribute, credit and thanks to all those whose hard work made it possible!

★ *Now Whit Soc needs some help and energy too, please, to pace out paths, updating/devising Walk Guides and 'Trails' in & beyond the parish, starting in October with planning the Poppy Pilgrimage to mark the 11/11 centenary. Interested? Please ring 8324653 /email: infowhitsoc@gmail.com*