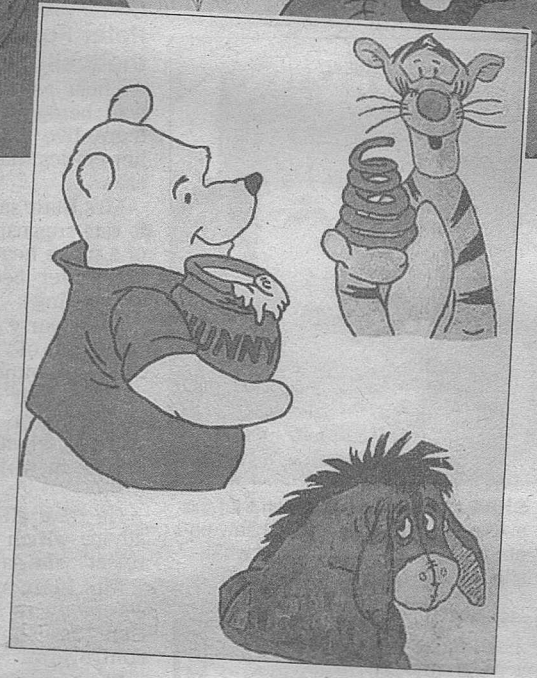




■ **TO THE FUTURE:** Top: Karen Vizor toasts the success of the bus shelter at Whiteshill along with parish councillor John Rogers.

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■ **I DID THIS:** Jamie Vizor, left, shows off part of the redecoration he did on the bus shelter. And just a few of the characters from *Winnie the Pooh* who now grace the bus shelter, above.

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A GROUP of youngsters overcame adversity to officially open their cheerfully decorated Stroud bus shelter in time for Christmas.

The children at Whiteshill had to battle against vandals to complete the makeover of their shelter in Victory Road.

Just after the youngsters had started to cheer up the drab waiting spot last month, hooligans daubed crude slogans on top of it and spoiled all their efforts.

But undaunted, and helped by local mum Karon Vizor, the boys and girls have now repainted the shelter and officially "opened" their bright murals to the public.

"It was sickening to see at the time of the vandalism because the kids had put such a lot of effort in," said Miss Vizor. "To see the horror on their faces, was absolutely heartbreaking."

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■ **WINNING THEIR BATTLE:** Some of the children who redecorated the bus shelter at Whiteshill after it was defaced by vandals.