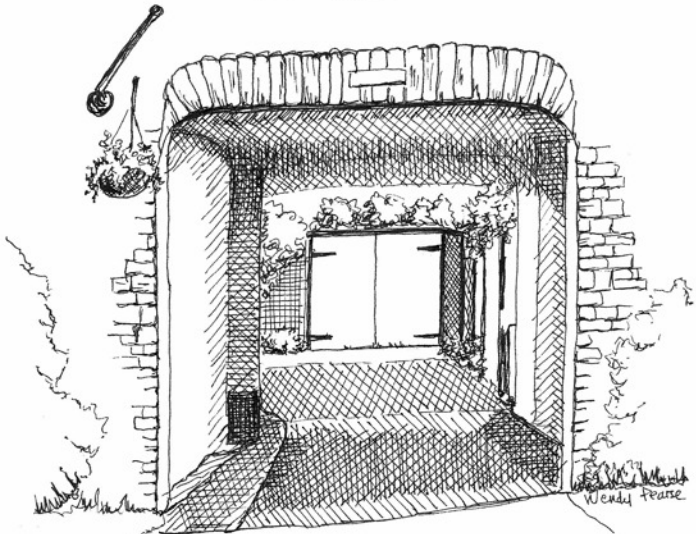
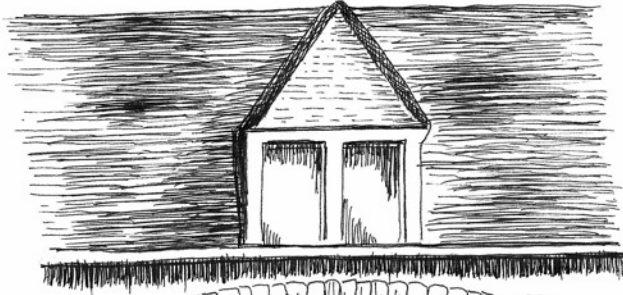


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# Ascott Church

## Rector's Letter

A few years ago there was a charming article in 'The Times' about the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, and a letter that he wrote to a six-year-old.

The six-year-old in question was a little girl named Lulu Renton who attends a Scottish church primary school. She was asked by her teachers to write the following letter: "To God, How did you get invented?"

Her parents were taken aback and not being believers themselves decided to ask for some help. They emailed her letter to the Scottish Episcopal Church (no reply), the Presbyterians (ditto) and the Scottish Catholics (a nice but theologically complex answer). For good measure, he also sent it to "the head of theology of the Anglican Communion, based at Lambeth Palace" – and this was the response:

*Dear Lulu,*

*Your dad has sent on your letter and asked if I have any answers. It's a difficult one! But I think God might reply a bit like this –*

*'Dear Lulu – Nobody invented me – but lots of people discovered me and were quite surprised. They discovered me when they looked round at the world and thought it was really beautiful or really mysterious and wondered where it came from. They discovered me when they were very very quiet on their own and felt a sort of peace and love they hadn't expected.*

*Then they invented ideas about me – some of them sensible and some of them not very sensible. From time to time I sent them some hints – specially in the life of Jesus – to help them get closer to what I'm really like.*

*But there was nothing and nobody around before me to invent me. Rather like somebody who writes a story in a book, I started making up the story of the world and eventually invented human beings like you who could ask me awkward questions!'*

*And then he'd send you lots of love and sign off.*

*I know he doesn't usually write letters, so I have to do the best I can on his behalf. Lots of love from me too.*

*Archbishop Rowan*

I thought that was impressive: not only the answer to a difficult question but also that with all the pressures that he had upon him, Archbishop Rowan took the trouble to write a really thoughtful message – unmistakably his work and not that of a secretary. I think that it reveals a lot about his sort of theology – more, indeed, than many of his lectures or published addresses.

It shows too a very caring man and a different image than the one that was normally portrayed of him in the media. In the words of Lulu's parents: "Well done, Rowan!"

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## **GORGEOUS GINGER & CHOCOLATE CAKE**

*Tested and recommended by Mary Barnes*

### **Ingredients:**

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- 50g (1 ½oz) Cocoa powder
- 4 tbsp. Milk, full fat or semi-skimmed
- 3 Eggs
- 175g (6oz) Self raising flour
- 1 tsp Baking powder
- 1 tsp Ground ginger
- 250g (9oz) Caster sugar
- 2 pieces of stem ginger, finely **chopped**

### **For the filling & topping:**

- 225g (8oz) Icing sugar
  - 115g (4oz) Butter at room temperature
  - 2 tbsp. Stem ginger syrup
  - 1 tbsp. Milk, full fat or semi-skimmed
  - 2 pieces stem ginger finely **shredded**
1. Preheat the oven to 180 C fan 160 C Gas 4. Grease two sandwich tins (20cm and 4.5cm deep) and line the bottom of each with baking parchment. Put the cocoa powder into a large heatproof bowl and stir in six tablespoons of boiling water, then add milk. Mix to make a smooth paste.

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2. Add the remaining cake ingredients and combine using an electric hand whisk. Do not over mix or the cake may not rise. 1-2 minutes is enough or 3 minutes with a wooden spoon.
3. Divide the cake mixture equally between the two prepared tins and level the tops. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until the cake shrinks away from the side of the tin and springs back when lightly pressed in the centre. Let the cakes stand for a few minutes in their tins and then turn out peeling off the baking parchment. Turn the cakes the right way up and leave to cool on a wire rack.
4. To make the filling and topping sift the icing sugar into a large bowl and add the butter, stem ginger and milk and whisk or beat together either with an electric whisk or a wooden spoon until well blended. Transfer one of the cakes on to a serving plate and spread half of the filling over the top. Place the second cake over the filling and cover the top with the remaining icing. Use a palette knife to draw large 'S' shapes to give a swirl effect. Then decorate the edge with the shredded stem ginger.

**Tips.** Cocoa powder can be lumpy make sure that it is mixed to a smooth paste with boiling water and milk, before adding other ingredients. Make sure butter for the icing is at room temperature, so it will spread easily. Use equal amount of icing between the layer and on top of the cake and cover right to the edges.

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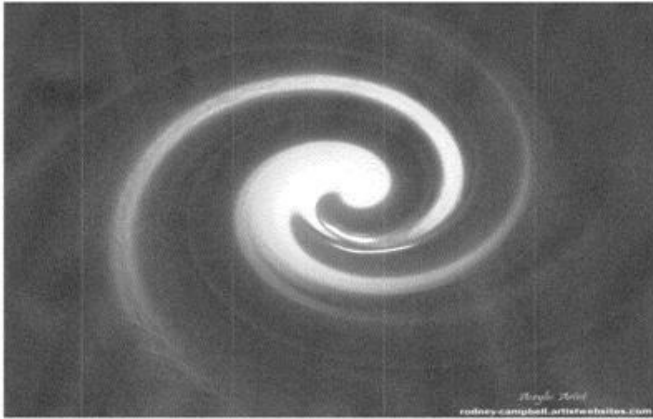


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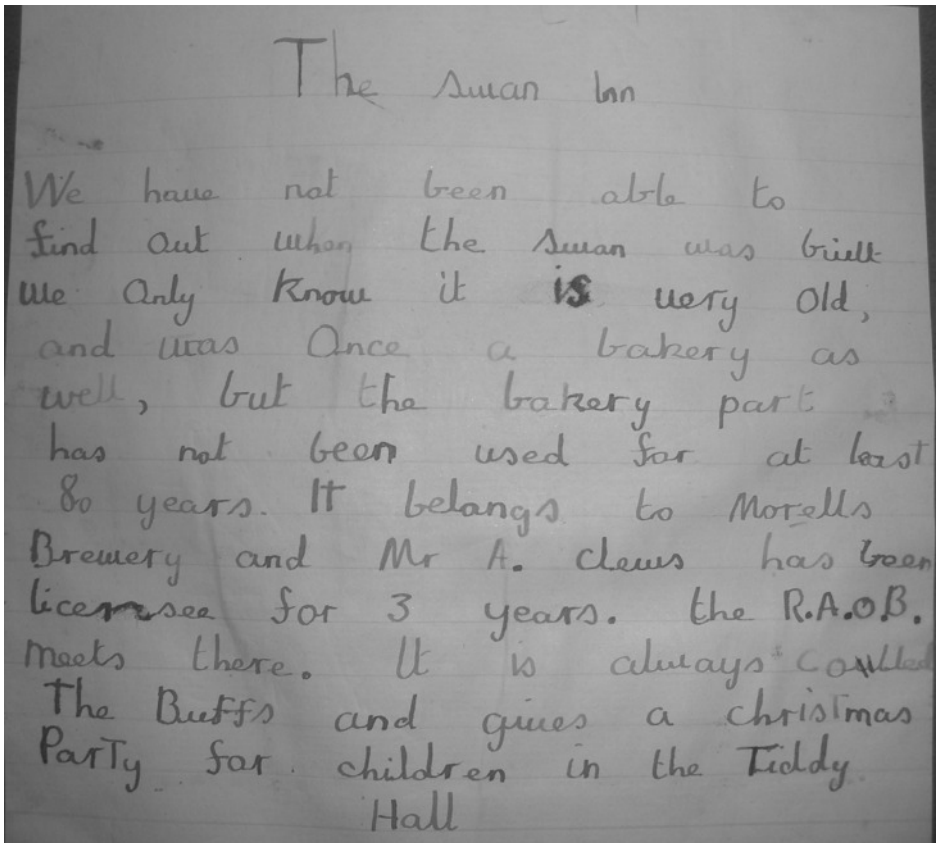
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## Pubs



## The Swan Inn

We have not been able to find out when the Swan was built. We only know it is very old, and was once a bakery as well, but the bakery part has not been used for at least 80 years. It belongs to Morells Brewery and Mr. A. Clews has been licensee for 3 years. The R.A.O.B. Meets there. It is always called the Buffs and gives a Christmas Party for children in the Tiddy Hall.

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Churchill Arms  
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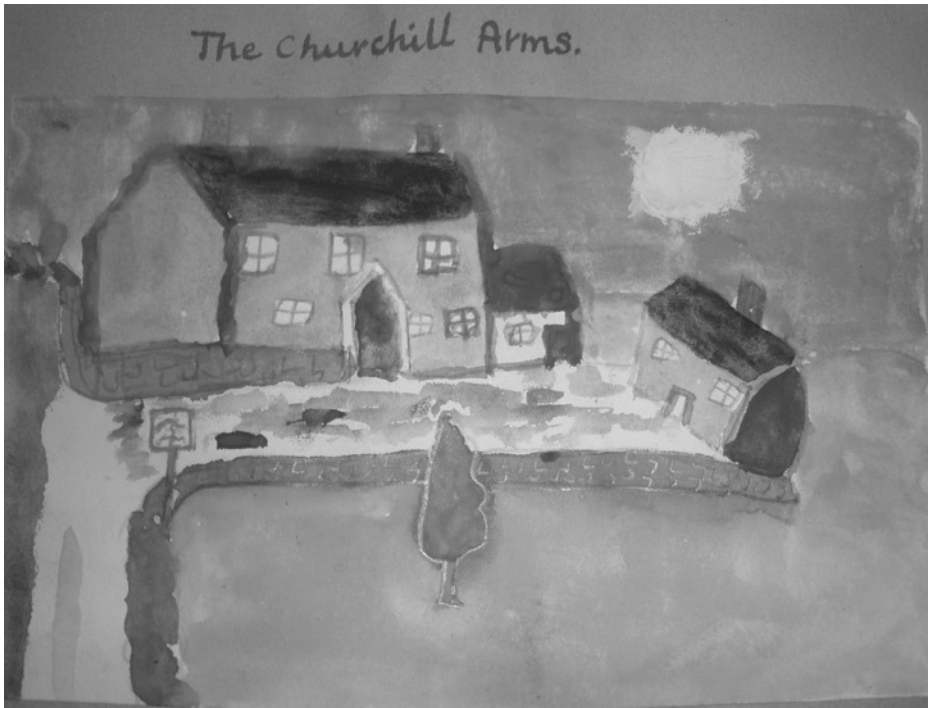
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# Nature Notes

As a trustee of a wildlife charity that supports projects in Africa, The Falkland Islands and Asia when new requests for help are received much consideration is given to encouraging biodiversity. Our aims are always to conserve flora and fauna and the local natural environment. Sometimes it's easy to forget that there is evidence of biodiversity and nature's bounty on our own door-step. We marvel at the flora of the tropical rain forest, but forget that our own landscape is bursting with a huge variety of plants, even in the most unlikely places.

I decided to test this idea on the verges of the lane leading from the B4437 to the Kingstanding Farm cottages at the top of the hill. From mid-June until mid-July I kept a note of the annual and perennial flowering plants that were growing along this mile of roadside verge. At first sight this didn't seem to be an ideal place to look for a wide variety of flowering plants. One side of the road was very overgrown with tall perennial plants and swamped by coarse grasses and most of the other side had been roughly cut back sometime in early June thus removing most of the flowering plants before my visits.

However I persevered and was amazed to find that I could identify 52 different flowering plants (a full list, using common names, is included at the end of this article). Some had flowered earlier and I recognised them by their seed heads and others were still to flower and this encouraged me to extend the survey into late July. Some plants were very widespread whilst others only appeared in ones and twos or in specific locations i.e.

areas of barren soil in farm gateways. The varieties also varied depending whether you were at the bottom or top of the hill; Ox-eyed Daisies, Musk Mallow and Mugwort were only found at the top of the hill, whereas Hogweed, Dock, Nettles and Goose Grass were everywhere. In addition to the flowering plants I noted there were at least 7 different species of grasses, which I didn't try to identify. I can honestly say that I was amazed to find such a large number of species in what, at first, seemed such an inhospitable area.

I've picked out a few plants to describe and provide some interesting facts about them.

Growing extensively in the hedgerows are two climbing plants; White Bryony and



Black Bryony. Despite sharing a common



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name they are completely unrelated. White Bryony is the only native member of the Gourd and Cucumber family, but Black Bryony is a member of the same family as tropical Yams. White Bryony climbs by means of many tendrils whilst Black Bryony twines round the supporting hedge like Bindweed. Both produce strings of poisonous red berries in the autumn. The thick, fleshy, branched roots of White Bryony are especially toxic, there have been documented cases of cattle dying after eating them where hedgerows have been grubbed-up and the roots exposed. The juice from the roots of Black-Bryony is supposed to take away the discolouration from bruising and in France White Bryony root was supposed to slow down or stop milk production in humans. This may have led to cases of poisoning amongst weaning mothers.

Nettles are abundant wherever there is human habitation or areas of farming activity. They thrive in areas of soil rich in phosphates and like most of our common plants have been used by man in many ways. The Romans cultivated Nettles, even bringing their own variety with them when they invaded England, and used them as a cure for rheumatism, stimulating blood flow and relieving pain. This involved whipping their limbs with nettles, not something that I would be keen to try; I think that I'll stick with aspirin. During the First World War Germany extracted the fibre from Nettle stems, to provide strong thread to weave cloth for the production of soldier's uniforms. An estimated two and a half million kilograms of wild Nettles were harvested. A similar project was tried in Brit-

ain during the Second World War as supplies of cotton were scarce but this was not successful, although Nettles were still used to produce dye for camouflage nets. In the past Nettle juice was used to curdle milk instead of rennet in cheese making and was also believed to be a cure for baldness (maybe this is something I should try).

Lady's Bedstraw is an attractive low



growing herb with small yellow flowers and feathery foliage. When dried it has the scent of new mown hay and its name derives from the old custom of including it in straw mattresses both for its scent and as a supposed flea repellent.

Pineapple Weed grows on paths, bare places and in gateways. Its yellow flowers are lacking in petals and as its name suggest it smells of pineapple when crushed. It is a native of north-east Asia and came to this country via North America in 1871. Its subsequent spread across England owes a lot to the rapid growth of motor transport, especially the pneumatic tyre. The ribbed treads of motor tyres would pick up mud containing Pineapple



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Weed seeds carrying it long distances before the mud dried and fell off. When it next rained the seeds would be washed to the edge of the road and if conditions were right germinate and grow.

Common Agrimony appears as a slen-



der spike of yellow flowers followed by rust covered hooked seed pods that adhere to animal fur and our clothing. Historically Agrimony was considered to be a valuable medicinal herb thought to heal wounds, cure warts and ulcers and as a gargle to cure a sore throat.

Yarrow, with its white flowers and



feathery foliage is another plant which has historically been seen as an important medicinal herb, not only in England but across Europe. Its Latin name *Achillea* refers to Achilles who according to Homer's Iliad used Yarrow to treat the wounds of his fallen comrades. It has always been recommended

for healing wounds treating sores and ulcers and stopping heavy bleeding. It is used in traditional Chinese medicine and credited with the ability to affect the spleen, liver, kidney and bladder. The herb contains salicylic acid a compound like the active ingredient in aspirin.

Finally I must mention Burdock with its



many-hooked seed heads that anyone with dogs must surely have spent time disentangling them from legs and ears. In England this plant is usually considered a troublesome weed but in Asia the root, which can be up to a metre long, is harvested and eaten as a root vegetable. We have used the root to produce the soft drink Dandelion and Burdock and its large leaves were used to wrap freshly churned butter. In Europe Burdock root was used in the production of beer but was replaced when hops were introduced as a bittering agent. Its chief claim to fame is that in 1948 a Swiss inventor, George de Mestral, became curious about the ability of the seeds to attach themselves to his clothes. His curiosity led to the invention of Velcro. In Germany Velcro is called Klettverschluss, which translates as Burdock fastener!

The following list, using the most commonly used English names, details the plants found:

*Hogweed, Queen Anne's Lace, Garlic Mustard, Dock, White Champion, Bladder Campi-*

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*on, Ox-Eyed Daisy, Goat's Beard, Meadow Cranesbill, Dandelion, Greater Plantain, Ribwort Plantain, Creeping Buttercup, Meadow Buttercup, Lady's Bedstraw, Hedge Bedstraw, Stinging Nettle, White Dead Nettle, Creeping Thistle, Spear Thistle, Woolly Thistle, White Bryony, Black Bryony, Greater Willow Herb, Herb Robert, Ragwort, Crow Garlic, Common Agrimony, Musk Mallow, Meadow Vetchling, Lesser Knapweed, Prickly Sow Thistle, Yellow Rattle, Burdock, Creeping Cinquefoil, Wild Clematis, Goose Grass, Hop Trefoil, Hedge Woundwort, Yarrow, Field Poppy, Field Bindweed, Pineapple Weed, Nipplewort, Mugwort, White Clover, Red Clover, Field Scabious, Dog Rose, Bramble, Cat's Ear, Bird Foot Trefoil.*

Our verges can be havens for wild flowers, particularly those that used to grow in unimproved grassland and flower-rich meadows. Unfortunately our road-side verges suffer from two problems, lack of suitable maintenance and the run-off of agricultural fertiliser. This results in thick rank growth which crowds-out the smaller and more interesting species.

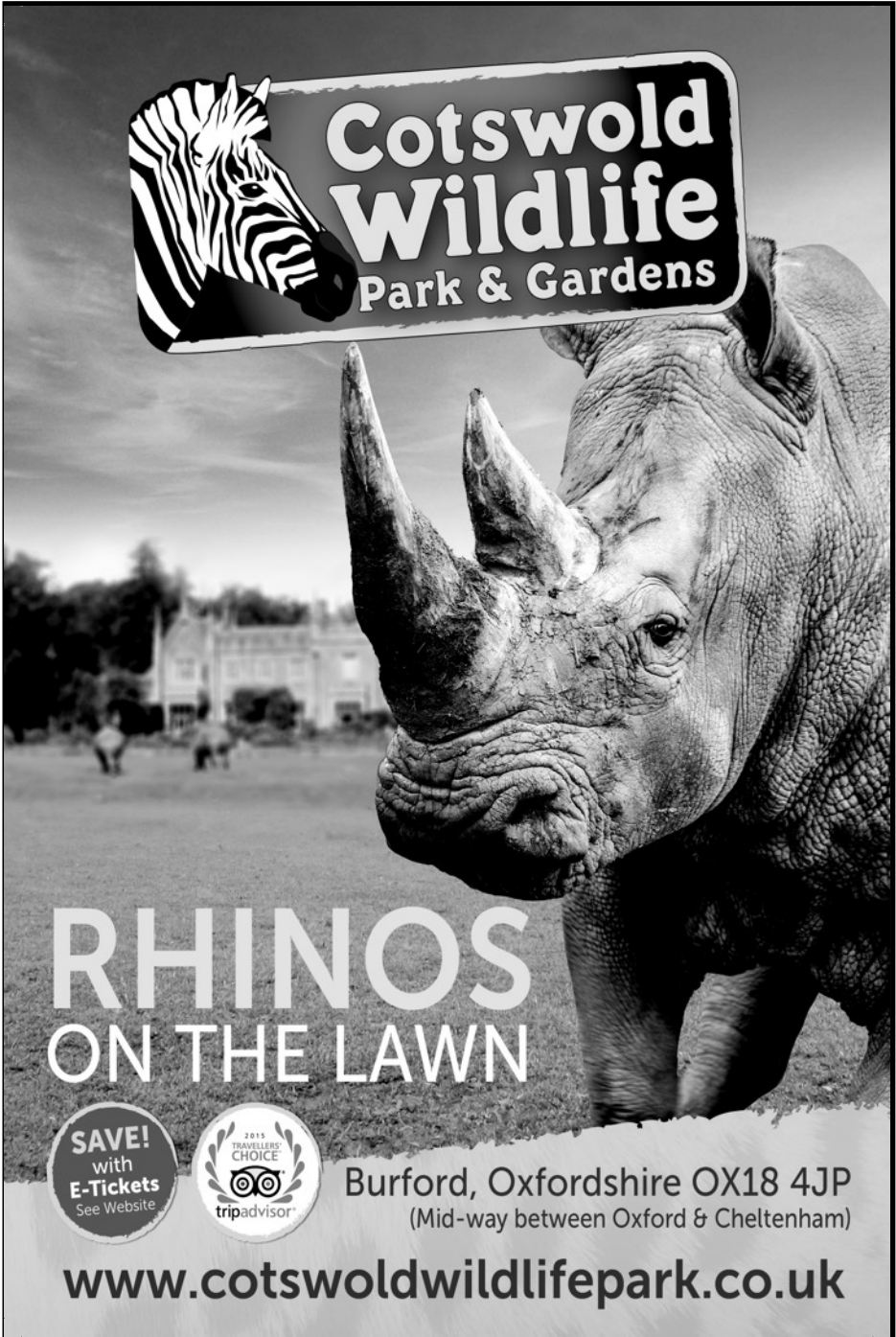
***Stuart Fox***

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### ***DID YOU KNOW***

DID YOU KNOW that when the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway running through Ascott, was first opened in 1853, and the first timetable printed on 1<sup>st</sup> August in that year, three trains stopped each way Monday to Saturday, and two each way on Sunday. However one of the weekday trains each day arrived during the night, the goods and coal train, arriving here from Dudley at 12.55.a.m. and from Oxford at 2.40.a.m. The steam train and wagons remained in the station for five hectic minutes for loading and unloading and it's not difficult to imagine the noisy disturbed nights the nearby villagers must have endured whilst this exchange took place twice each night of their working days.

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# Ascott Martyrs

In 1873 a group of defiant women caused mayhem by harassing blackleg workers from Ramsden in support of striking farm labourers, some who were their husbands at Crown Farm. They ended up being sent to jail and pardoned by Queen Victoria. The law was changed which led to peaceful picketing. The jurisdiction of local magistrates was also restricted. Apart from all the names of the martyrs on the benches in the centre of the village green around a commemorative tree, there is no explanation for such a significant event in the social history of the UK. I am therefore initiating a project to raise the profile of the event (there have been various researches) and to ensure a lasting legacy which will explain the story and be publicly available in Ascott under Wychwood hopefully by May 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 to coincide with the annual Levellers celebration in nearby Burford.

Consulting with local historian Wendy Pearse, I have for the last 2 years researched extensively and although Wendy with her husband Jim (who has lived all his life in the village) has done a lot on the actual women involved, there is no full story available particularly in our village itself. I have recently discovered that a descendant of one of the martyrs in New Zealand who has been working on the story for some 23 years will in November publish a book which focuses on the women and the effects on their lives for what was a very traumatic event. No doubt we will sell the book in the village shop.

I am gathering together interested parties who will support more investigations

leading to, at a minimum, some display boards in the village and at the other end of the scale an appropriate museum in the village open to the public. An education package will be developed for presentations to local schools. We will be seeking lottery funding.

The Wychwoods Local History Society are on board, as is Ruskin College Oxford and the WEA (Workers' Education Association), and the Southern & Eastern Region of the TUC (SERTUC) along with Unite the Union who now embrace the Agricultural Workers' Union.

Ruskin hopes to set up a research project for the students of social history and WEA intend running courses locally on social history and the background pre and post the actual jailing and reprieve of the martyrs. They will also run a course on mosaic displays with the aim of producing one on this subject.

One of the local intentions is to identify where the martyrs lived in the village and even set up a walking trail of key locations i.e. the field where it is believed the "harassing" took place on Crown Farm and where the martyrs lived .

I have also discovered a novel based on the story that was published in New Zealand in 1996 and written by a former resident of the village, Elspeth Sandys. There is also a musical, written by a local Doris Warner (a granddaughter of a martyr) who lived all her life in Ascott, entitled 'Over the Hills to Glory' which was performed in 1952. A radio play on the subject of the Ascott Martyrs was broadcast in 1984 (see adjoining invitation over

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page). Doris had the original seat and tree planted on the green in 1973 the centenary of the event. See the picture:



Doris is the one in the white apron.

The current thinking is to form a steering group of interested parties with individuals/organisations tasked with specific responsibilities like educational/legacy/display/funding/publishing, PR/marketing and research, local and national.

Meanwhile a meeting has been arranged for the research group at Ruskin College (Dunstan Rd, Oxford OX3 9BZ) on September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12.00 where anyone interested is welcome to attend. The Ruskin group led by the head of history composes of at least 4 graduates who will focus on particular aspects. Local residents will be welcome to study alongside devoting whatever time they can make available.

Here is a list of sub-projects that require “ownership” by an individual/group. It is not exhaustive and will develop once the steering committee meets, probably in late September.

If you would like to be involved then please give me a call or email and I can send you much more detail. (01993 831967) [paul.jackson@triangle.eu.com](mailto:paul.jackson@triangle.eu.com)

- What happened to the women and their families?
- Who lived where in the village/design of trail?
- Who is buried in the church graveyard/links to current residents?
- Local coordinator for WEA Courses
- Building a commemorative mosaic design with WEA
- Design of display (mobile and permanent)/museum?
- Research at Houses of Parliament which led to law changes
- Research Landowners Association/Duke of Marlborough’s involvement
- Role of agricultural workers union
- Pre study of life before and after event
- The public outcry leading to pardon by Queen Victoria
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## **ASCOTT MARTYRS PROJECT**

### ***INVITATION***

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 for 7.30pm start at The Swan.**

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During the interval curry dishes (various options plus Indian beer £9.95) will be served and questions answered on the progress so far. Please book via Paul Jackson (01993 831967) or [paul.jackson@triangle.eu.com](mailto:paul.jackson@triangle.eu.com)

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## ***Rebuilding The Pound Walls***

Over the years, the dry stone walls around the pound have collapsed. The help from sources outside of Ascott was requested and the photos show Trevor Townsend from the Wychwood Project, Roger Newman of Cotswold Wardens and Ascott’s DIY man Brian Mitchell working to repair the walls.

The last photo shows a time capsule containing a potted history of Ascott and some pages from the last Grapevine magazine. Present with the wall builders was Pippa Carter, the Chair of the Parish Council, And Elaine Byles who prepare the potted history. The capsule was buried so that any future finders will have some knowledge of the village history.

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It is never too hot or too cold to talk about heatstroke. A number of years ago, during one of the worst winters I experienced in the UK, a very large Border Collie dog was carried into the surgery on a makeshift stretcher, suffering from near fatal heatstroke. The owners had decided that the dog was a bit overweight (he wasn't, he was *obese*), and part of their weight loss program involved throwing a tennis ball for him to fetch in the snow, for more than an hour.

They stopped when he collapsed.

Imagine wearing a fur coat made out of seal skin, and also lined with the blubber of a seal. Then run around for an hour!

Dogs have sweat glands only in their feet and nose, and the most important method of getting rid of body heat is by panting.

Dogs that are older and overweight have breathing or heart problems, and dogs with very short faces (brachycephalic dogs, like bulldogs and pugs) have even more difficulty. Persian cats have similar problems, but cats are not inclined to run around after a ball!

Heatstroke can be fatal, so it is good to be able to recognize the symptoms and to react as quickly as possible. Watch out for panting, barking, whining, drooling, thirsty staggering, weakness, vomiting, diarrhoea, depression, collapse and seizures. It goes without saying that the animals' temperature will be high.

The first thing to do is to call your veterinary surgery as quickly as possible. But don't stop there. Start working at lowering the animals' temperature as soon as

you can. Note, this is not as *fast* as you can. We do not want to lower the temperature too quickly, so use cool water, instead of ice. Cover the animal top and bottom with wet towels. Use fans or the car air conditioning on the way to the veterinary surgery. Offer water to drink.

When we take over at the surgery our aim is to avoid further organ damage, monitor the heart, kidneys and respiration, prevent or treat for shock. We also take steps to prevent clotting problems, while at the same time we continue to help the animal to get to a normal body temperature. We give intravenous fluids and sometimes extra oxygen, plus the necessary medications.

Unfortunately not all victims survive. So the key is prevention. Start by not letting your dog (or cat or rabbit) become overweight. On hot days restrict exercise, or walk during the cooler periods of the day. Make sure that animals always have access to water. NEVER leave the dog in a hot or even slightly warm car - you can literally cook your dog as the car turns into an oven. Never leave them locked in a hot conservatory. Make sure that they have access to shade if left outdoors. During a hot summer, consider trimming the dog's coat.

We have a dog (Brian) with a short face we are all too aware of his breathing difficulties on even a mildly hot day. We try to take the dogs for a swim before their walk, which helps to keep them cooler.

We will leave the story of the brachycephalic dogs for another day.

**Karen**

# ***No such thing as a free lunch?***

## **Probus Club of Charlbury and District**

There's no such thing as a free lunch - or is there? The Probus Club of Charlbury and District would like to invite people from Charlbury and surrounding areas to join us for lunch at the restaurant of Witney Lakes Resort on the first Wednesday of every month. If you would like to find out what we are all about then we invite you to come along and meet an interesting and diverse group of people who enjoy dining together and enjoying an interesting talk which follows. The only requirement is that you are male (women should not worry there is also a corresponding club for women), you live in Charlbury or one of the surrounding villages and that you can usually make it for lunch once a month. Your first visit will be absolutely free and there is no pressure to join although we do hope you will.

So what is Probus exactly? The first Probus Club was set up in 1965 of ex Rotary members who wanted to continue to meet after retirement. Later clubs widened their catchment by including non Rotary members. Charlbury Probus was established in March 1984. Probus stands for PROfessional BUSInness but as there are no fixed rules we now have quite a liberal interpretation. We are still mainly retired as we meet for lunch every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month but as nowadays retirement can be a gradual process and anyone who can make the lunch would be welcome, including those who

work from home or have voluntary jobs as many of us have. Also nowadays most of us would consider ourselves to be 'professional' whatever our job may have been.

Also we are not restrictive to the parish boundary if you live nearby you would be very welcome to come along. So now we call ourselves Charlbury and District Probus Club. If you take up our offer you may well find there are people who you know are members so you won't feel out of place. Although most of us are of retirement age we think we are still young at heart so it is a chance to meet people from a lot of different backgrounds and some very interesting careers and you will find you have some great conversations and maybe even share some experiences from your past. You would probably be surprised what you can pick up from talking to us and from the talks that we have. We have also relaxed our dress rules so you won't be turned away for not having a tie, just come smartly dressed and that is fine. We are really trying to change our somewhat 'stuffy' image.

Our members have worked in a very large variety of jobs but we also have lots of other interests which we are more than happy to talk about and share. It's such a great way to meet interesting people and you may well find someone who shares your interests and can help you develop



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them or find others who share the same passion.

As far as the lunches go we get a very good meal provided each month at a reasonable cost with the added attraction of an interesting speaker. Every month we have a talk on a subject after the meal for 30 - 40 minutes. The talks are very varied and cover a wide range of subjects and have recently included The Development of Computing, History of the VW Beetle and The Work of the Cotswolds AONB all given by experts in the subject.

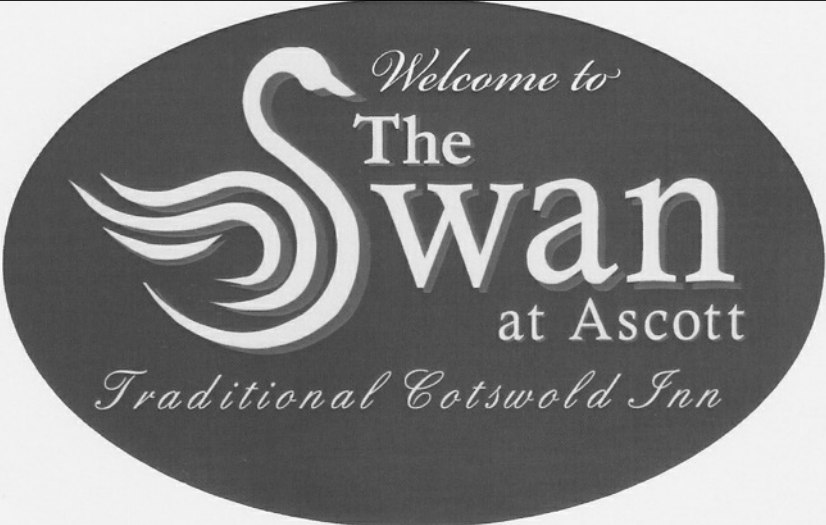
It does not end there as we also have outings to places of interest to which partners/wives are also invited and again

there is a very varied programme including theatre visits and most recently a great luncheon trip down the Avon from Stratford which was really enjoyable.

So if you if you are free on the first Wednesday of the month and are interested why don't you give Probus a try come along for a nice lunch, an interesting talk and stimulating conversation?

All you need to do is get in touch before the preceding Monday so we can give Witney Lakes the numbers for the meal by then.

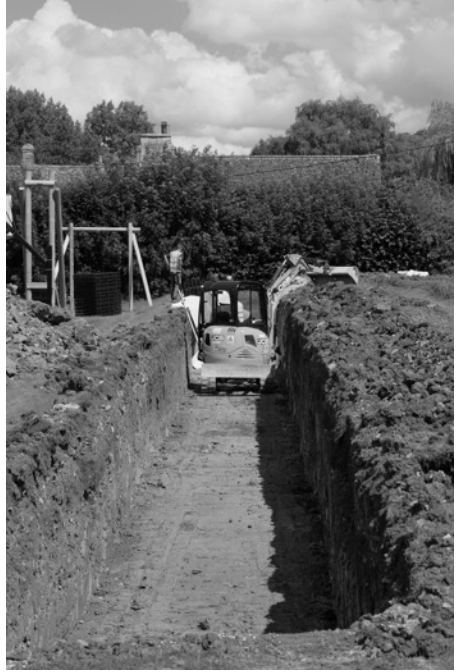
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# ***Recreation Ground Drainage Works***



# *Ascott under Wychwood PC* **News**

## **PLAYING FIELD**

We are pleased to report that the Playing Field Drainage Project finally started at the end of July. We were sorry that it had to coincide with school holidays but unfortunately the start date was determined by the contractors' availability. Our apologies for any disruption to neighbours and thank you for your patience.

The Playing Field will not be used by teams or WVS school until the spring as it takes time for the new drains to settle, for the new grass roots to strengthen and the ground to become completely flat again. We also ask individual residents to take notice of the signs about using the playing field – we must keep the field (or parts of it) clear until it is perfectly safe. **However, the playground should be available later in August after the main work is complete.**

We are very grateful to everyone that has supported this project and would particularly like to thank our funders who have made this possible –

- Sport England (the Big Lottery)
- Windrush Valley School
- The Playing Field Legacy Fund
- Ascott-under-Wychwood Village Charity
- Ascott United Football Club, which held a very successful sponsored walk
- Ascott Sports Club

- Juliet Craig, who gave a fascinating talk on Sport and Games in Art
- Private residents from Ascott-under-Wychwood

We would also like to thank local resident, Richard Smith who helped us with the legal documentation through his company, Pennington Manches. Invaluable advice came from Rob Morgan, Simon Gidman and Shane Barnes regarding the technicalities of drainage and maintenance. And lastly but most importantly, the Parish Council is indebted to Laurence Mellor who worked extremely hard on this project as a Parish Councillor and did not give up once he had retired. Thank you so much.

## **West Oxfordshire District Council Site Identification**

The Parish Council wrote to all households about this to try and reassure you that it is a very early step in trying to find suitable sites for new housing throughout West Oxfordshire. It was not a planning application and there was no detail about any type of proposed development whatsoever. This is an unsettling time for many communities across the country and it is inevitable that there will be rumours. We should know this month whether either of the 2 sites has been chosen by WODC. Even then it does not necessarily mean that there will be a planning application. We will do our very best to represent the wishes of the community and safeguard the delicate balance of the Ascott environment.

## SEWER NEWS!

Talking about ‘delicate balance’ many of you know that we have a rather antiquated and illogical sewer system which is not always well maintained by Thames Water. Sections have been renewed along the Shipton Road and beyond Gypsy Lane in recent years. There was some clearing out after the flood of 2007 and we haven’t had major problems since then. However, in the past 6 months there have been some blockages resulting in foul water pouring out of the sewer manholes and into the rainwater drainage system which leads directly to the river.

Thames Water stated that on both occasions they found wet wipes causing the blockage and it has been well reported in the national press that wet wipes have become the scourge of the sewage system. Wipes can be very useful but **please help us all** by always disposing of them within soiled nappies or in waste bins, whenever it is hygienic to do so.

### Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Budget Cuts

#### Verges

We have considered very carefully the option, tabled by OCC, of taking responsibility for the maintenance of Ascott’s rural grass verges. These are ALL the grass verges within the Ascott boundary and outside the 30mph limit. If we do not, OCC has stated that it will only cut these verges once a year and keep the ‘splays’ around the main junctions clear more often. Landowners are responsible for the hedges.

We rejected responsibility for the parts of the A361 and B4437 within our Parish boundary as we all felt that responsibility for main roads should never be given to a small Parish Council. We were tempted

to take responsibility for the Leaffield Rd, London Lane and Chipping Norton Hill. This would allow us to potentially develop wildflower verges and to keep the drainage grips clearer than OCC have done in recent years. This would help reduce the amount of water running into the drains.

It is not a simple subject – OCC were offering a grant but only for 3 years. Ultimately though, we rejected the whole idea because OCC would have expected the Parish Council to sign a contract taking total responsibility for any accidents that might have been caused by poor verge maintenance. Even if not proven, any case would involve volunteer, non-expert Parish Councillors in a serious legal battle. Who would volunteer for that?

So, as things currently stand, OCC remains in charge of maintaining all the verges outside our 30mph limit. Some public grass verges within the 30mph limit were devolved to the Parish Council years ago and the rest are the responsibility of landowners and residents.

#### Buses

The Go ride service to Charlbury Station and the Pulhams service to Burford have been discontinued. Thankfully the volunteer-run Villager Bus Company is continuing but only because of financial support from all the parishes that they serve. Ascott-u-W PC has voted to support this service as we believe that it is very important for a number of our pensioner residents. Villager keeps very clear user records and the funds we grant are in proportion to the resident users from this village. This data and the arrangement will be reviewed annually. The Villager timetable is printed in this Grapevine separately.

## **Pound Wall**

The Cotswold Wardens approached the Parish Council early in the year to offer assistance with rebuilding the derelict wall in the Pound. In partnership with the Wychwood Project they offered funding and expert volunteers. In return the PC, Village Charity and neighbours made a small financial contribution and some residents have been working with the expert volunteers every Monday and Tuesday. It has been a fascinating experience which requires a lot of patience but the ‘chat’ has been very entertaining and between us we manage to put the world to rights most weeks! Thank you to Anne Burleigh for very welcome refreshments.

As a dry-stone wall is made of two skins and the centre filled with stone rubble, our lead volunteer suggested that we might like to insert a ‘time capsule’ within the rubble before the capping stones were put on. His advice was to use a thermos flask as the container. Inside the flask is a wide variety of contributions about different aspects of Ascott-under-Wychwood as well as news about what has been going on in the country and wider world this spring and summer. What a momentous time it has been – the time capsule should be interesting reading for whoever has to rebuild the wall – hopefully many years from now.

Once the wall is complete the Parish Council will turn its attention to replac-

## **Parish Council:**

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ing the faded sign explaining the Ascott Barrow (also in the Pound). The Oxfordshire Museums Dept holds all the material and we shall spend a fascinating time deciding what to use. The Cotswold Wardens have also offered funding for this so that we can afford something that will hopefully last longer. The Wardens organise walks all over the Cotswolds AONB and the Ascott-under-Wychwood Church, Pound, Barrow and Sheep Wash are very much on the itinerary when they pass this way.

## **Volunteering**

So much of our life in Ascott-under-Wychwood is made easier, safer or more pleasant because of the hard work of volunteers. We would like to thank all those who have given their time, effort and expertise to the village. Sometimes we moan(!) but more often we enjoy the company and the sense of achievement. Who would have ever thought that moving bark mulch from the churchyard to the station would be enjoyable??



Please do get in touch to help with the Parish Council, Sports Club or Helpers of Ascott (who do the gardening) – some of us are slowing down and we could use some young strength and enthusiasm. It doesn’t have to be a big commitment – every little bit really does make a difference to our workload.

*Ascott-under-Wychwood Parish  
Council*

## **Villager Bus Services for Ascott under Wychwood**

### **Route V19**

#### **Tuesdays and Wednesdays only am**

Bledington, Green	9.10
Foscot	9.12
Idbury	9.17
Fifield	9.19
Milton u Wychwood, Quart Pot	9.25
Shipton u Wychwood, Shaven Crown	9.28
Ascott u Wychwood	9.33
Chipping Norton, West St	9.43
Hospital	9.45 r

### **Route V23**

#### **Thursdays only am**

Oddington	9.05
Bledington	9.12
Shipton, Shaven Crown	9.25
Ascott under Wychwood	9.30
Leafield, Green	9.36
Witney, Hospital	9.53
Witney, Buttercross Stop A	9.55
Sainsburys Store Entrance	9.57
Buttercross Stop C	10.02
South Leigh	10.14
Witney Buttercross Stop A	10.26

### **Route V12**

#### **Fridays only am**

Oddington	8.28
Stow on the Wold Square	8.45
Bourton-on-the-Water	8.55
Windrush	9.12
Great Barrington	9.19
Burford	9.31
Fulbrook Memorial	9.34
Milton u Wychwood, Quart Pot	9.42
Shipton, Shaven Crown	9.45
Ascott u Wychwood	9.50
Chipping Norton, West St	10.00
Hospital	10.00r

### **Note**

**These are the ONLY services now serving Ascott. Villager have responded positively to our user's requests for services to Chippy and Witney Market days.**

**However, our PC subsidy is vital and will be annually reviewed based on service usage stats.**

### **Route V19**

#### **Tuesdays and Wednesdays only am**

Chipping Norton, Hospital	11.43 r
Chipping Norton, West St	11.45
Ascott u Wychwood	11.55
Shipton u Wychwood	12.00
Milton u Wychwood	12.03
Fifield	12.09
Idbury	12.11
Foscot	12.16
Bledington, Green	12.18

### **Route V23**

#### **Thursdays only am**

Witney, Buttercross Stop C	11.40
South Leigh	11.52
Sainsburys Store Entrance	12.04
Witney, Buttercross Stop C	12.05
Witney, Hospital	12.07
Leafield, Green	12.25
Ascott under Wychwood	12.31
Shipton, Shaven Crown	12.36
Lyncham	12.41
Bledington	12.49
Oddington	12.54

## Route V12

### Fridays only am

Chipping Norton, Hospital	11.26 r
Chipping Norton, West St	11.28
Ascott u Wychwood	11.38
Shipton u Wychwood	11.43
Milton-u-Wychwood, Quart Pot	11.46
Fulbrook Memorial	11.54
Burford	12.00
Great Barrington	12.09
Windrush	12.16
Bourton-on-the-Water	12.31
Stow on the Wold Square	12.40
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# ***Open Garden Splendour***

The gardens at the Wychwood Manor were very kindly opened to the public by Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot-Sitwell to help celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of HRH Queen Elizabeth II. The predicted weather was not looking favourable and an hour before it was all due to start, it poured with rain. However, incredibly it stopped, the sun shone and at times it even felt hot!

The price of a ticket included the entrance, parking and afternoon tea, and visitors were able to immerse themselves in the beautiful garden taking in the many colourful flowerbeds, walking through a well-stocked vegetable garden and enjoying some stunning views overlooking Evenlode valley.

Tea was served from the Summer House, where there was an extensive display of delicious homemade cakes and scones to choose from, with tea or a glass (or bottle) of Prosecco and whilst enjoying all that, Matthew Gidman and friends played some excellent jazz.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered in various guises, making it a successful afternoon!





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# ***New attractions for the Forest Fair***

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A fun filled family day-out including rural craft demonstrations, entertainment, music, food and over 150 stands promoting local products and services.

New for this year:

This year we are welcoming two local Forest Schools to provide activity based taster sessions; HJ Jungling and Ascott Forest School invite you to join them to find out more about outdoor learning opportunities for children.

*Originally developed from a Scandinavian concept, Forest School builds upon many theories of child development, with an emphasis on using the natural environment and practical experiences. There is a growing body of research that shows many benefits to using the outdoors, and in particular the natural environment and much has been written about the link between outdoor play and higher levels of wellbeing as well as a reduction in stress. Forest School Association.*

Join 'Fearless Photographer' William Mankelow at a mini workshop to learn how to photograph nature on your phone; a short session full of useful tips presented at 12am and repeated at 1pm

*William has a passion for landscape and urban photography of which he has an extensive portfolio. With a natural flair for composition, he seeks alternative perspectives to capture an aesthetically pleasing image. The Oxfordshire Photography Project. [shotatanangle.co.uk](http://shotatanangle.co.uk)*

The **Wychwood Project**, who organise and run the Forest Fair, is a registered charity that aims to inspire people to conserve and restore our unique local landscapes and habitats. In addition to the Project's own display some 30 **community and conservation groups** will be promoting ways of "doing your bit" for the environment and for your community.

All proceeds from this event go towards our on-going work of "Restoring Landscapes, Inspiring People" in the Wychwood area.

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# **HARRY HONEYBONE**

## **A BOY GROWING UP IN ASCOTT IN THE LATE 1880s Part 7**

*(Harry continues with his Life History in his own words and punctuation.)*

‘Quoits was a favourite pastime in those days, as was sparrow and pigeon shooting, also coursing and fox hunting. These I have spent many happy hours with and been ordered out of the woods by men on horseback and threatened with a stroke from a hunting crop, these of course being winter pastimes. Also during the winter months there was sliding and skating. We also did a certain amount of bird trapping, the trap consisted of two long poles, bent over at the top, the bent portions facing each other which when the net was fastened to it made a semi-circle; these were used near buildings where ivy abounded, the nets being held against the ivy, then the ivy was prodded with a stick and the birds would fly out in the darkness into the net and the two poles then brought together which enclosed the birds. The same method was employed by the side of high hedges with which the country abounded. Another method was to roam the country-side (of course all this was after nightfall) to visit all the sheds in the neighbourhood, sheds far away from the village. We would enter the shed and in one corner hold a lantern. Then we used to poke around the thatch and spars of the building to disturb the birds which always flew to where the light was. Hundreds of sparrows have been caught like this, they were used for sparrow shooting then. We were always roaming around the country somewhere to see what mischief we could find. I was

once in company with our Reuben and another gathering violets amongst some gorse bushes and sandpits when we disturbed an adder, or viper as some call it; it sprinted out at us and chased us for a considerable distance but eventually it gave up the chase. We sat on a gate and could see it winding its way back again.

There were several deer parks in the neighbourhood, one at Heythorpe, another on Lord Dillon’s estate just east of Enstone, one at Cornbury Park, one at Blenheim Park, Woodstock and one at Barrington some seven miles south-west of Ascott. One morning as we went to work there was a young buck chasing about in the fields, the shepherd’s dog gave chase to it but it was as a tortoise chasing a rabbit. All the neighbourhood was soon on the chase but eventually two young farmers potted it in the very sandpit area where we were chased by the adder. It was said that the two farmers took the buck to Chipping Norton and disposed of it for £5; whether it was so I cannot say. Ice hockey was another winter pastime, all home made apparatus of course.

There were really no outstanding characters in the village, one or two people shied at work, rather occupying themselves with poaching, one especially scarcely doing anything else. The country was simply swarming with game of all descriptions. Pigeons there were in thousands (wild ones). It was quite usual for a man with a gun in suitable weather, if he used a decoy, to bag 50 or 60 in a morn-

ing's work. Pheasants there were like old hens round the woods and forest, hares and partridges were quite numerous, rabbits were so numerous to constitute a nuisance. A few would frequent the Public House where games would be indulged in, some to read the daily paper, very few homes had any paper other than a weekly; some not even that. They used to resort to the Public House for the current news. Those I have already mentioned in connection with the Sunday School at the Baptist Chapel were also a mainstay for other services. A few others would attend evening service, including one who would work like a nigger and starve practically to save a few shillings; most of his work was piecework on the farms, anything that wanted doing he would bargain for it at a price. Sometimes he succeeded, sometimes not. He was one of those sort, he would dig himself in but when anything crossed his path, he would perhaps go six months, perhaps twelve months or even more, but when he did break out he was the devil's own, drink himself practically to madness, cared nothing for anybody.

One night, we lived next door to him at the time, he played hamlet inside and outside. The policeman of course was at Shipton so a party of young fellows carried him and locked him up in his own hovel, he spent the night in the straw. One other, a decent fellow, he was a signal man with good wages, married to a nice woman from Charlbury, lived happy for a time but he frequented the public house. Often, after a time boozing and gambling, he became a physical wreck. Until one day he went to the distant signal to put in the lamps and somehow he fell from the lamp platform; no-one saw it happen but he was found there and they

could only surmise as to what happened. The majority of men were docile and passive, there being even the village idiot. There were two women with notable characters, one was married the other not, who had been regimental pets at one time. At that time parties of soldiers were taken from one place to another and billeted at different places on anybody who could accommodate them, especially at public houses; these two women were their followers.

Boys were referred to as boys in those days but the term applied to girls was wench; and there were some comely wenches there too. I had one or two favourites, boy and wench friends. One of them married one of my friends by the name of White. I saw them the last time I was down there. There were some people by the name of Honey who were related somehow but I never could find out how. They had two very nice daughters but their father somehow had had an accident. I believe it was owing to a fight but I could not be sure. The result was that he was blinded, poor fellow. When I have been to their house I have seen him walking round and round the table, lamenting the fact, you could tell remorse had hold of him. When he could get out there was an apple tree in the garden which he used to walk round, it was awful to see him.

Perhaps you will be wondering why I was so nervous and fearful at going about the highway by myself. It was because there were so many roadsters and tramps about not to mention gypsies. The country was alive with them. Roadsters and tramps are nearly related, only the roadsters as a rule are tramping about looking for work, while the tramp does not work, his calling is a profession going from one workhouse to the next. During the summer

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they will bed themselves down in the nearest barn or shed, where there is straw or hay to keep them warm, if they can beg a few coppers they can get a bed and breakfast at some of the lodging houses for about sixpence or eighteen pence per night. They know the usual haunts; there was one at Ascott who was always on the tramp; he would sometimes call at Ascott and stay for a while and then off again; his name was Kilby. It was far better than hard work. They always had plenty of food especially if they had the gift of the gab.

The gypsies belonged to many nations, Italians, Russians, Esthonians, Hungarians, the immigration laws were not as strict then as they are now. Then there were the English gypsies who made fires and camped by the roadside making skewers for butchers and pegs for housewives. They were a pest and a nuisance. One never knew when out on the roads when you were coming into contact with any of them because of the hills and dales, woods and forests, large bushes by the side of the road; they were practically unseen until you came upon them and you could never trust them. The foreigners mostly had dancing bears with them. They would come into the villages and give performances of sorts with a large pole and then gather up the coppers.

One morning on going to work in the field, there was a party of them camped by the roadside, an old tent perhaps was in use at the time of the flood; the two bears fastened up only by a rope to a hedge stake, a cat could have liberated itself from that it was so insecure. These were the kind of things that were in existence during that period. People who went out as a rule always carried some kind of weapon with them. One man who

came sometimes to work from Charlbury, having to pass the forest, carried either a saw or an axe with him, he was a carpenter. These tramps were what grandmother and I were afraid of; is there any wonder.

There was a nice respectable young woman, one out of the ordinary, who although unmarried, had a nice daughter called Annie, we two were pals. A farmer used to pay occasional visits (she did not live alone) as he passed through on his way from one farm to another, not everyday perhaps, perhaps every few weeks. This farmer's name was Ellis and he had two farms, one at Shipton, the other at Chilson, Chilson being equidistant east of Ascott as Shipton is west. It was said that this farmer had twenty or more pairs of babies shoes to buy at one and the same time. He was always on horseback. I once went with the blacksmith to ring some pigs belonging to one of those notable characters of women I have mentioned, the one who was married. After we had finished with the pigs we were invited in the house. The blacksmith and lady went upstairs to look at the fireplace. This was in my schooldays.

The cider making plant belonged to the person who kept the Swan Inn, he was also a carpenter. The mill consisted of a central gearing wheel which was connected to an iron rod that ran close to the ground and geared up to a crusher with a box arrangement which would hold a bushel or more apples.

The apples were emptied into this hopper and a man was there with a kind of pusher, pressing the apples into the teeth of the crusher, the pulp falling into a large tub. This arrangement was worked with a horse attached to a large pole arrangement which was geared up to the central gearing. The horse pulled at this pole go-



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ing round in a circle, this set the whole arrangement in motion. The resultant pulp was afterwards shovelled out into some horsehair cloths and wrapped up in such a way that it was impossible for any pulp to escape. Probably four or five of these horsehair cloths when full were placed upon a kind of platform underneath of which was a large trough. This arrangement consisted of four upright pieces of timber quite substantial, with the necessary crosspieces to hold it firmly together. In the centre was a large wormlike spindle, vertical in position; at the lower end of this was a thick square piece of wood about two feet six inches thick and attached to it in this threadlike spindle was a bulging portion in which were four holes at right angles to each other. The cloths full of pulp, were now placed in position on the lower platform, the press was let down upon the cloths and pressure applied by an iron bar placed in the holes of the bulging parts and screwed down until all the apple juice was squeezed out which ran or flowed out of the trough into the tub. It was ladled out of this tub into barrels and taken to its destination. I have seen as many as six or seven tons of apples there waiting to be ground up, or loose in wagons or carts, I have had many a cupful of apple juice to drink, it was quite luxurious. I have seen these apples standing in wagons in the orchard weeks at a time. They were kept there as the apples were gathered or fell off the trees. All the fowls and turkeys especially had access to them. You can guess what they were like; despite this the cider was quite delicious.

I have mentioned before that I asked for more wages, an increase to 4/6d per week. He gave it to me for a few weeks because I told him I was going to another

farm as there was an opening at that time but however after a few weeks he told me he could get a boy for less money so I had to finish. This caused me to be out of work except for casual jobs I could pick up. I did a bit for anybody who required assistance. But chiefly I was with a friend of mine who had a baker's and coal dealer's business sometimes delivering bread and sometimes coal. We went all over the neighbouring district in a southerly and south-westerly direction. This is how I got to know the surrounding district so well. There were those who scarcely ever went out of the village, some lived practically all their lives and did not know anything beyond their immediate neighbourhood, the only means of transport being on horseback or by shank's pony. There were a few penny-farthing cycles about but not one in our village. There was the train of course but one could not ride on the railway without paying. By this means we went to Leafield, Ford Wells, Astliegh, Minster Lovell, (this was close to Whitney but I never got into Whitney just within a mile of it) Swinbrook, Fulbrook, Burford, Taynton, Barrington; these places were south-west. We sold the coal at one shilling per cwt. Not many people bought a cwt. at a time more often half a cwt. or even a quarter cwt. Which was 3 pennyworth. Coal was as precious as gold nearly, wood being the chief substance for fires. I got no wages for this, I only went when I had nothing else to do but I chiefly got my food; that was something.

Haymaking, harvesting, hoeing and going with horses in the fields, looking after the cattle, anything at that time I could turn my hand to. Sometimes I was employed for weeks on end, other times I was on the lookout. I was not an idler and if ever there was anything anywhere to do they would send for me. I once had a job for a

few weeks at a butcher and farmer, took orders out all around Chipping Norton, Bledington, Lineham, Chipping Norton Junction etc. I had a pony and trap. I was once in the main street of Chipping Norton getting the meat out of the hamper, I had strict orders I had never to take the meat to the house without first putting a cloth over it. This day I was getting the meat out of the hamper trying to be so careful, when the hamper lid fell off upsetting the basket, out it rolled, meat, suet, basket and all. You should have

seen me sprint into the road to pick it up before anybody could look round. In addition to this they had a cow which I had to milk night and morning besides other jobs. I was general knock-about and I did not like it. I was not very old when I did this so I gave it up.'

*(In the next edition Harry will come to the end of his description of his life history here in Ascott, with final reflections of his time in the village.)*

Wendy Pearse

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## ASCOTT FOOTBALL CLUB

The end of season came with a sparkle of silver as we won division 3 and also won the supplementary cup. We celebrated with a big party at the Swan nearly drinking Richard, the landlord, dry as 60 footballers converged on the pub.

Next season we are moving up to division 2 and the FC Ascott squad is getting stronger and they are favourites to go up this coming season. The newly formed reserves gave a good account of themselves in division 4 holding their own and giving an excellent support to the first team. It's also good to see that we have ten 16 year olds in the squad which is a massive bonus for the future.

We are starting training at Burford sports ground on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July at 6.30 pm if anybody would like to come along and have a go. We start with a pre- season friendly against Milton football club on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July and a second pre- season friendly on the 19<sup>th</sup> July at Ascott .

The Ascott- under- Wychwood youth team, have performed well this season.

On our last Sunday we had a trophy day and a BBQ with 20 children enjoying a good game of football. The future is looking good with an under 14's team forming with 3 new coaches.

I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who has been involved with Ascott Football Club this year, and a special thank you to the sports committee and Parish Council who have put their faith in us by sorting out the recreation field drainage to give us a fine pitch to play on. We were able to contribute £900 towards the cost of the new drainage scheme from club funds.

We intend to grow in size and strength. The youth team will be training at Churchill after the school summer holidays, if there are any 13 year old boys out there who want to join Ascott under 14's please contact Mike Ody 01993830170 or 07928722367. You will be made very welcome, whatever your ability.

THANK YOU ALL.

Mike Ody

## ***JUNE RAINFALL***

There were many predictions that June's rainfall was going to be a record. There's no doubt that it did rain a lot, indeed during the month there were only eight days, towards the beginning of the month, when it didn't rain, but it wasn't quite a record.

In June this year we had 5.39 inches (13.7 cms) of rain. Looking back, in June 2012 rainfall was 5.35 inches (13.6 cms) and in June 2007, the month before the village flood, 5.2 inches (13.2 cms). In the last fifteen years a particularly wet June has occurred every four or five years.

In the intervening years June's rainfall varies between 1.2 and 2.4 inches (3.1 and 6.1 cms). The only recent exceptions were 2008 when 3.2 inches (8.1 cms) of rain fell and in 2006 when we experienced a very dry June with just under half an inch of rain (1.2 cms).

Historically the wettest June that I have a record of was in 1985 when 5.74 inches of rain fell (14.6 cms)

## ***WHO'S GOT A BIG NOSE THEN?***

What do Rembrant, W.C.Fields and Charles de Gaulle have in common? The answer. They all had a big nose. Question- why are people with a big nose never taken seriously? I have a big proboscis. I've never been taken seriously. Whenever I have said something profound, people have laughed and said, "He must be joking. He's got a big nose." Throughout my life my ambition was to sit around and say wise things. I feel I was held back by my big nose.

The ancient Greeks and Romans were said to have had large noses, also the Jews. So is it any wonder they were spiteful to each other. Did Pilate send a certain Galilean to death because he was jealous of him having a bigger nose? That's the trouble, us large nosers don't have a sense of humour. We have been ridiculed for far too long. Take for example Comic Relief. Why do they call it Red Nose Day, when they expect people to walk around wearing a red bulbous plastic nose? I am in my late seventies and I've had enough of it. I am thinking of forming the Ascott Big Nose League.

In the next issue of the Grapevine I hope to publish the size in inches and half inches the nose required to join the League. I thank Brexit for me being able once again to use the old measurement of yards, feet and inches.

**Fred Russell**

## ***THREE CHEERS***

Three cheers for England's Brexiteers.

They did old blighty proud.

Folk of John Bull's island,

Let's praise their names aloud.

So keep your German sausage, your French frog's legs and snails,

Dutch cheese and Danish bacon, give us our jellied eels.

We have our tripe and onions, we have our fish and chips,

Broad beans and fatty bacon and England's spotted dicks.

We don't want your Spanish onions, or Italian cuisine,

Give us our beef and carrots, and sprouts and soggy greens.

Three cheer for England's Brexiteers.

Farewell you dowdy Scots.

You have no sense of humour,

So goodbye, you joyless Jocks.

Then off you go to Europe,

And the best of British luck,

When you think you're lost without us,

Don't come crawling back.

Three cheers for England's Brexiteers.

Your victory proclaim.

I know we lost to Iceland,

But poor old Roo's the man to blame.

**Fred Russell**

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# ***Wychwood Library***

**September, October and November 2016**

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And not to forget our adult readers, many of you have told us about the books you love on the Shakespearean postcards and have entered into the Midsummer Night's Read 2016 prize draw to win some fantastic vouchers and activities. You have until the middle of September to return the postcards to us.

## **Library Activities**

September brings in the start of our activities for the coming year so if you are interested in any of these please come on in and sign up.

**Tai Chi** will be starting again on Monday mornings at 10am for the continuing pupils and the beginners class will be at 11am for one hour each. This activity is excellent for people who are looking to improve your balance, lower your blood pressure and for somewhere to meditate for a short while.

**Reading Groups.** We have an Evening Reading Group that meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm and an Afternoon Reading Group that meets on

the second Thursday of the month at 1.30pm. Both groups would welcome new members to discuss a wide variety of books.

## **Poetry Group**

This group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm to read out aloud poems on a "theme of the month". This is such an interesting little gathering reading and discussing popular and less well known poets.

## **IKNIT**

This craft group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 10am – 12noon to knit/crochet etc and natter and have coffee. This is a very jolly group who welcome everyone especially those of you who have "half finished" knitting projects that need a helping hand.

## **Late Spring**

Have you suffered a bereavement or lost a loved one? Late Spring, which is part of AGE UK, can offer valuable comfort and support. This group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10.30am to 12noon. Contact Joan on 07827235453 or pop into the Library for more information.

## **Wychwood Circle**

This group is an open forum where we explore what we think matters in life and the way we choose to live. The discussions – prompted either by a book or an article or by a speaker – cover philosophy, theology, ethics psychology, an-

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thropology and more besides. We usually meet on the first Sunday evening of the month at 7pm at Wychwood Library and all are welcome to this expressly open and diverse group.

### Coffee mornings

Every Wednesday morning from 10am – 12noon. Come and have coffee or tea, meet your friends, make new friends and eat delicious cake. All for £1.50.

If you would like to start up a new group and are looking for a venue, perhaps we

can help you. The Wychwood Singers started in the Library in 2011 with just five people! The group has grown so much that they now meet at the Beaconsfield Hall.

We would like to offer a huge welcome to Liz Newport who will be back in the Library doing holiday relief. Liz is a fount of knowledge on adult and children's fiction and welcome back to Amanda Clarke as well who will be in the Library on Saturdays.

Come and visit us at Wychwood Library.

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# **The Ascott Village Charity**



## **Your Village Charity- What does it do, and does it help the poor?**

The village charity is still in the position to offer help to any person in the village who is embarking on further education and is in need of books or equipment for the course. They can apply to the charity to assist with the cost. All applications are dealt with in strict confidence.

Another project that may be within the charity's remit is assisting with the repair to one of the walls surrounding the Pound.

If any villager feels that the Charity could help anyone in the village with financial aid then please contact one of the trustees to discuss the application procedure. The trustees will review all applications in full confidence to determine if they are within the Charity's power to assist.

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## **The Village Shop**

*Owned by the village, Run by the village, There for the village*

In our 12<sup>th</sup> year of trading, the management committee, volunteers and staff send their greetings to the village community and we thank you for your continued support.

## **SHOP NEWS – Autumn 2016**

*Owned by the village, run by the village and there for the village. We are starting our 13<sup>th</sup> year of trading and remain economically viable through the support of our volunteers. Can you help, by volunteering just two hours per week please?*

### **Monthly Draw**

The AGM was held on 21 June at the Swan, courtesy of Michiel and Richard. As I write this, I want to thank the Swan for the support given for everything we, together, try to do for the village. In particular, from today the pub is generously giving a £25 voucher for a meal as the monthly prize for the shop's lottery prize. This saves the shop £20 per month, which is important to our continued financial survival.

### **Shares in the Village Shop**

You might not be aware of the facts but the difference between staying economically viable and not is small and we have to look to the future costs of maintenance to the fabric of our shop and the expensive equipment we own to keep food and to manage our purchases and sales. In July 2003 everyone in the village was given the opportunity to buy a single £10 share in the shop. Shareholders in the village Shop Association are entitled to

vote on any matter of policy and to elect members of the Shop Committee. The shares are not transferable and people coming to the village since that initial distribution of shares are immediately eligible to become shareholders for the same £10 purchase price. I would exhort those of you who do not own a share to buy one – just ask in the shop. We need your continued support and will welcome your input.

### **The Shop Committee**

Our Chairman, John Cull, who was a founding member of the shop, has stood down after 13 years of loyal support and never ceasing effort on our behalf, in keeping the shop running effectively. Our thanks go to him and to Debra, who also has done so much for us, for their inspiring leadership and hard work since the day the shop first opened its door to the village. The new Committee was elected at the AGM and met for the first time on 7 July, when it was agreed that Stuart would take the Chair for an interim period of three months, while the new members learned a little about how to run a successful trading business:

- Chairman – Stuart Fox
- Vice Chairman – Mark Tribe
- Secretary – Sally Jordan
- Treasurer – Nick Leadbetter

- Member – Geoff Taylor
- Manager – Bridgette Crundwell

### **Maintenance**

We are very lucky to have Geoff on the Committee – as a very experienced DIY champion, he has already saved the shop money by doing some maintenance work and especially by volunteering to paint all the windows and doors.

We hope villagers like the café style arrangement in front of the shop, with the table and chairs for coffee in the sunshine, the awning for a bit of shade, the flip up shelf to display the plants and flowers for sale and the bike rack by the dogs' water bowl and tethering point.

### **Finances**

Somehow we have managed to make further savings on our overhead costs; a total of £1,057 has been saved on the 2015 figure as at the end of June. This means we are still trading in profit despite sales being down 10% on 2015. However, we are spending more on wages to bring in paid staff to cover holidays.

We are reviewing our insurance costs and hope to get a reduced premium due to not having made a claim since we

opened. Stuart has recently been successful in making a case to the local District Council, asking for our 80% charitable rates relief to be increased to 100%, bringing us in line with other businesses with a low rateable value.

### **New ideas to keep your Shop useful to you**

We are constantly looking at ways to improve the service the shop provides; to keep it relevant and useful to you. From newspapers to dry cleaning, prescriptions to flowers and excellent fresh coffee to second-hand books, we will consider any suggestions you have to make so please let us know if there is something we could be doing but aren't. Bridgette has been the originator of many initiatives over the past year, including stocking items at the request of customers, like the excellent value Madhuban Curry Sauces, Tom's delicious pies and the Cook range of ready meals.

The Shop's Flyer included in this Issue 91 of the Grapevine illustrates some of the promotions run in the shop – please put it up in your kitchen to remind you of what your shop has to offer and come in and use it – you will always be welcome.

**Nick Leadbetter**

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<b>Sally Jordan</b>	<b>832003</b>
<b>Anne Smith</b>	<b>832933</b>
<b>Margaret Ismael</b>	<b>832829</b>

Please don't hesitate to call us if you want a lift locally – we'll run you there. We may be planning a trip anyway. Some of us go regularly past the station in Charlbury or do an evening school collection in Oxford or do a shop-up in Chipping Norton or Witney. We might just feel like the ride and the company!

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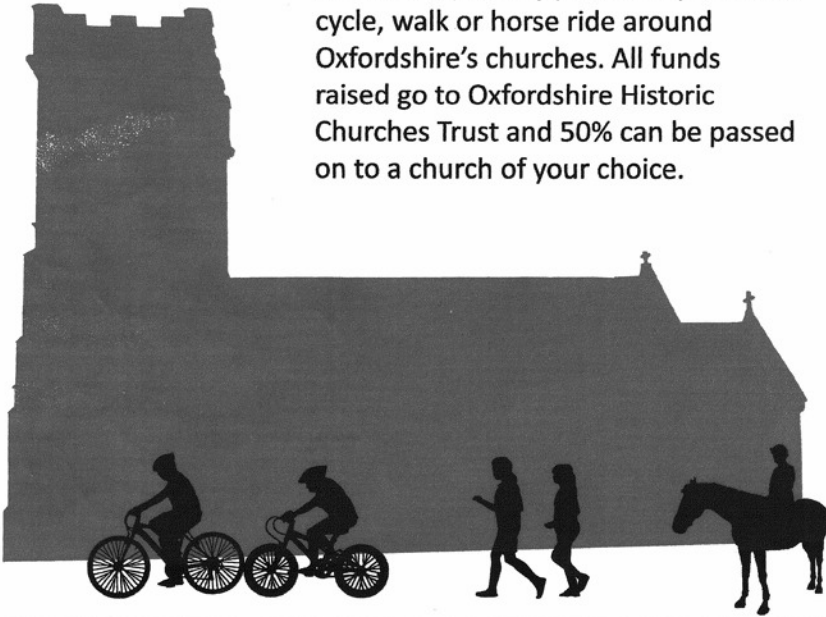
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## ***The Old Village School Class and Swimming Pool***





The group photo was taken as possibly the last class at the village school before being shut down and children were then sent to Leafield. The photo is dated 1985.

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# TIDDY HALL

Usually, during the summer holidays, **Tiddy Hall** is a quiet place. Not so this year! Right at the start of the break, a week's long **Ballet School** took place. **Summer Yoga** returned for their usual Tuesday night class during July and August, **Qigong** started a new session and **The Roseneath School of Music** continued with piano lessons in the Committee Room. We also have a new **Tea Dance** group which takes place most Monday evenings, 7.30pm – 9.30pm. If you are interested in this, you can contact May or Terry on 01608 810721. There has also been an increase in the use of the badminton court. The **Tiddy Hall Trustees** are delighted that the hall has been kept busy during what is mostly a quiet couple of months.

The **Tiddy Hall Trustees** held their **AGM** on Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup>. Chairman, Simon Gidman, thanked all the regular users for their continued support and everyone on the committee for their continued work in keeping the hall as an active resource for the village and implementing many improvements over the last couple of years. It was noted that the progress we made in adding to the hall's facilities during 2014/2015 has continued over the past 12 months. Earlier this year, new carpets were laid in the Committee Room and on the stairs and with the help of a very kind donation from David Baxter to our village hall, and also to Milton village hall, we were able to have a state of the art audio system with microphone and screen fitted, which is a huge benefit for social events, as well as film nights, and we now no longer need to 'lug' all the very heavy equipment from Shipton village hall.

And, to add to this, during the summer, we had curtains fitted at the back and the front of the stage area, so that the stage itself is better framed and the curtains tidy up the area around the stage itself. There is also a new lockable notice board to the left of the entrance door, meaning we no longer have to hang posters on the door itself, keeping the entrance nice and tidy!

Your **Tiddy Hall Trustees** are:

Honorary President	Roger Shepherd
Chairman	Simon Gidman
Treasurer	Nick Carter
Secretary	Jane Young
Booking Clerk	Ingrid Ridley
H & S Officer	Graham Bell
Pre School Rep	Pauline Plant

Back in May, we were lucky to have **TapTap Theatre** come to our village hall, squeezing in an extra performance of Ben Behren's **Captain Morgan** during the last leg of their nation-wide tour. Young and old were delighted with the acting brilliance of Joe Neuton and Luc Murphy, who between them played about 15 characters each, while David Ridley kept the music going!

David Ridley will return with his other production company, **Bucket Club**, to perform their latest play, **Launch Party**, on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. A story about a pair of twins, one has stayed in her home town while the other has been travelling around the globe preparing to become an astronaut. On the night before Vi launches into space, Martha has organised a party to send her off in style. She's invited the whole village and is making Vi

a present to remind her of home, even in the darkness of space. **Launch Party** is about ambition, and what makes a person successful. It's about home, and how, whether we leave or stay, we carry a piece of it with us. It is told with a mixture of storytelling, scene work and live music. Tickets £8 and £5 for under 18's. To book in advance, please contact Ingrid at [ingrid@meadowbank.ascott.co.uk](mailto:ingrid@meadowbank.ascott.co.uk) or on 01993 830612.

**The Wychwood Folk Club** hosted the award-winning duo, **Ninebarrow**, on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> and BBC Folk Award nominee, **Jez Lowe**, on Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>, both very successful evenings. See below for upcoming folk events in Tiddy Hall

A very memorable evening took place on August 6<sup>th</sup>, when we held a tribute evening to Reginald Tiddy, who sadly lost his life 100 years ago in Laventie during WW1. We were very privileged to have two very fine sets of Morris sides entertain us. **Fool's Gambit**, a young, energetic Cotswold Morris team, performed '**The Banks of Green Willow**', a commemoration of the men of the English Folk Dance Society who were killed in WW1. The performance consisted of music, song and dance, both traditional and modern, and they impressed us all with their skill and energy. The **Oxford University Morris**, of which Reginald Tiddy was a founding member all those years ago, also joined in the evening's proceedings, performing some traditional 'Cotswold' dances – an excellent night all round!

From Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, **Cotswold Free Fitclub** is coming to Tiddy

Hall! Come and join in a fun workout for free, to improve your fitness level and meet new friends. All ages over 16 are welcome – 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Please contact Lynne Westnage at [LynneWestnage@aol.com](mailto:LynneWestnage@aol.com) or on 07917 861950 for more information.

The **Ascott Fishing Club** will be hosting its' **Annual Race Night** on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> – tickets as usual from Pete & Judy Moss.

On the night of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December there will be an **Advent Market** at the hall. A chance to buy some Christmas presents and enjoy a glass of mulled wine whilst mingling with villagers to start the run-down to Christmas! More details nearer the time, but if you are interested in having a stall, please contact Debra Cull on 01993 831621.

Ursula Beele has approached the **Tiddy Hall Trustees** to enquire if there is interest in a **Pilates Class** in Ascott. The proposal is that classes will be relatively small, to ensure individual attention, and would last no longer than 1 hour. Ursula is a qualified exponent of the art. Please contact her at [info@pilateswithursula.co.uk](mailto:info@pilateswithursula.co.uk) or on 01993 830267 for more information or to register your interest.

**And don't forget - Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>!** A fundraiser for a very worthy cause, **Jennie's Children's Trust**, a Ceilidh with two course meal. Get those dancing shoes on! Tickets are £15. Please ring Juliet on 01993 831578 for tickets and further information.

It's been a busy summer and it's going to be a busy autumn at **your** village hall! We hope to see you at one of the many events!!

## Special Events:

Saturday September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Folk Night with Johnny Coppin & Mike Silver
Saturday September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Barn Dance Contact Jenny Jones for tickets 01869 347962
Saturday October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Folk night with Sunjay
Sunday November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bucket Club presents 'Launch Party' Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start Contact Ingrid Ridley for tickets 01993 830612
Saturday November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Race night
Saturday November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Folk night with Vin Garbutt
Saturday December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Folk night with Hatful of Rain
Friday December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Market

## Regular Activities:

Monday – Friday Mornings Contact: Mrs Pauline Plant 07968006451	Pre-school
Monday Afternoons 3.30pm – 6pm Contact: Pauline Carter 01993 774568	Piano Lessons
Monday Night 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm Contact: May 01608 810721	Dancing
Wednesday Night 6pm – 6.45pm Contact: Simon Gidman 01993 831479	Circuits
Wednesday Night 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm Contact: Lynne Westnage 07917861950	Cotswold Free Fitclub
Thursday Night 7.30pm – 8.30pm Contact: Pam Quirke 07780 572283	Qigong
Friday Afternoons 3.30pm – 6pm Contact: Pauline Carter 01993 774568	Piano Lessons
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month – 2.30pm – 5pm Contact: Jess 07827 235457	Sunday Tea Dance

**Post Office every Friday afternoon 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm**

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## ***A Trip to the Somme***

On the 10<sup>th</sup> August 1916, Reginald Tiddy died at the Battle of the Somme, in Belgium. Many of you will be aware of the significant part that Reginald Tiddy played in the revival of English folk music and dancing and Ascott's history in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. A group of 44, of which were 40 villagers and 4 friends of a villager, felt that a visit to Reginald's grave at Laventie, in the Somme region, on the centenary of his death, was appropriate. A four day journey was organized by Brian and Ingrid Ridley comprising a visit to Amiens, France, on the first day to begin a journey through the arena of the First World War including a visit the cemetery at Etaples to see the grave of the Grandfather of Liz Bell to lay a wreath of remembrance. It was at this cemetery that the enormity of the numbers of men from Great Britain, Ireland and the Commonwealth who died really began to sink in.

The next day we visited Newfoundland Park where the remnants of a series of trenches, which had been preserved by the Canadian government who had bought the land where the men of Newfoundland were based, providing an insight of how the trenches were sighted in relation to the German lines. We visited the site of one of the huge craters left after 60,000 lbs of ammonal explosives were tunnelled under the German held land. The next stop was at Thiepval at the major site and memorial to the fallen soldiers. Many of you may have seen the monument on the television when Prince William and Princess Kate, heads of government and other dignitaries made speeches and laid wreaths in memory of the death of so many.

We moved on to Laventie to visit Reginald Tiddy's grave and on the way we saw many, many cemeteries in memory of the fallen of various troops of the various battalions fighting the German army. In the evening we witnessed the Last Post at Menin Gate in Ypres, which is a ceremony conducted every evening at 20:00 hrs.

We stayed over night in Ypres, the town was completely rebuilt after the German army flattened the town as part of their siege tactic and there was plenty of memorabilia in the museum and in and around the town.

We moved on at midday, having completed the main objective of our visit, to Ghent where a local tour guide showed us around the town giving detailed knowledge of the town's history, which was interesting but still showing the effects of the war.

The next day we travelled to Bruges to be met by the same local tour guide who showed us the beauty and mixed history of the city, mixed because various 'countries' had occupied it over the centuries, Spain and France amongst the many. There was sufficient time left to buy our own memorabilia of the journey. At 12:30 midday we made a dash for the ferry at Calais to catch the 18:30 ferry home and then arrived back at Ascott at 22:00.

A great and memorable trip.

**Keith Ravenhill**

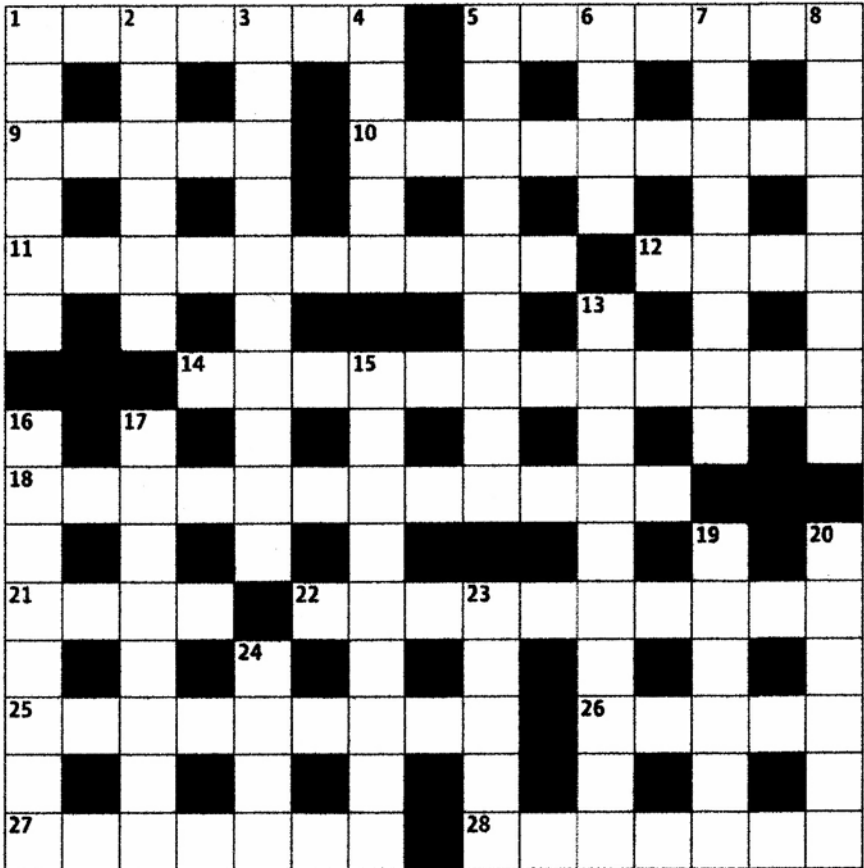




# ***Fools Gambit Morris at Tiddy Hall on August 6<sup>th</sup>***



# Crossword





**Across**

- 1 Food for Schwarznegger on board (7)
- 5 1 in 8 may be absent round the end of term (4,3)
- 9,19 After 3, it's immoral or it misrepresents Faust (okay with me) (5,3,3)
- 10 Inverse function error is mine (5,4)
- 11 Fussy in rejecting, say by the end of October, the essentials of transport (5,5)
- 12,24 Her father and brother were as one in opposing Left (8)
- 14 Go berserk and get sectioned (12)
- 18 Thud may be heard, but not on a rug down there? (12)
- 21 Boat perch (4)
- 22 Start to depict bondage on mobile phone (3,3,4)
- 25 Typically show detailed epic tome in sex (9)
- 26 Part 2 of 3 starting off ghastly (5)
- 27 Hitman line (7)
- 28 Neither L nor tablet D (7)

**Down**

- 1 Ouch! At first, sado-masochism hurt a lot (2,4)
- 2 Ragtag vacated to be replaced by similar gathering (6)
- 3 I lean over the French girl, and get arrested for it (3,7)
- 4 Israeli wanting Arabs out (5)
- 5,23 Awful brouhaha to get England finally at crisis point (7,2,1,4)
- 6 Reportedly stays late crossing it (4)
- 7 Steep climbing rocket an IRA man secured (8)
- 8 Wedding list a problem after joke backfires (8)
- 13 Those serving alcohol should be in prison (6,4)
- 15 One might justify a sport with substance (9)
- 16 Chilblains cause apprehension (4,4)
- 17 Force has not met econometric model (8)
- 19 See 9
- 20 Friend hitched up a fold (6)
- 23 See 5
- 24 See 12

**Solution to Crossword in Edition 90**

**Across**

- 1 Cost-Effective
- 10 Argentine
- 11 Largo
- 12 Usage
- 13 Brass Neck
- 14 Fatigue
- 16 Holster
- 18 Rickets
- 20 Bus Stop
- 21 Onion Ring
- 23 Pylon
- 24 Elide
- 25 Procreate
- 26 Channel Tunnel

**Down**

- 2 Orgiastic
- 3 Tinge
- 4 Friable
- 5 Eyewash
- 6 Telesales
- 7 Verge
- 8 Value for Money
- 9 Cocker Spaniel
- 15 Green Bean
- 17 Titillate
- 19 Stipple
- 20 Bigfoot
- 22 Irish
- 23 Peron

# ***Local Business Directory***

**ANNIE'S CURTAINS AND BLINDS** 01993830687 07989497253

[www.anniescurtainsandblinds.co.uk](http://www.anniescurtainsandblinds.co.uk)

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**BESPOKE VINTAGE TEA PARTIES** 07967833979

[www.chippingnortonteaseat.co.uk](http://www.chippingnortonteaseat.co.uk), [tweet@chipnor teas](mailto:tweet@chipnor teas)

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**COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK** 01993823006 [www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk)

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**DAVID SOWARD PIANO TUITION** 01993830848/07811199558

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**DRY STONE WALLING** 01242263428/07980564508

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**FARMHOUSE B&B** 01993831900 [sally@college-farm.com](mailto:sally@college-farm.com)

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**FOLK CLUB** 01993831427 07870563299

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**ROBERT GRIPPER** 01993831960 [robgripper@btinternet.com](mailto:robgripper@btinternet.com)

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**ROSENEATH** 01993774568 [www.roseneathmusicschool.com](http://www.roseneathmusicschool.com)

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# ***Events Calendar - 2016***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm	Johnny Coppin & Mike Silver	Tiddy Hall
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Cotswold Free Fitclub	Tiddy Hall
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Ride and Stride	Various
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Martyrs' meeting	The Swan
September 17 <sup>th</sup>		Children's Charity Ceilidh	Tiddy Hall
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Mark Harrison	The Swan
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm	Sunjay	Tiddy Hall
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Mitchell & Vincent	The Swan
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	A. J. Clarke	The Swan
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Launch Party	Tiddy Hall
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Clive Gregson	The Swan
November 12 <sup>th</sup>		Annual Race Night	Tiddy Hall
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Vin Garbutt	Tiddy Hall
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm	Hatful of Rain	Tiddy Hall
December 9 <sup>th</sup>		Advent Market	Tiddy Hall
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Ewan McClennan	The Swan

## **2017**

January 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Steve Knightly	Tiddy Hall
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