

WYCHWOODS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Entertaining and erudite speakers were the features of the last of the 1989/90 season of well attended meetings.

In March, Joy Timms gave a very detailed account of the life and times of Bruern Abbey, from its foundation in 1187 to its dissolution by Henry VIII. Tom Hassall spoke at the April meeting of the 20th century reconstruction and trials of a 4th century BC Athenian trireme. (An ancient Greek or Roman galley or warship, having three tiers of oars on each side - Ed.)

The final meeting began with a short AGM with the Chairman and Treasurer giving favourable reports. Grateful thanks were expressed to Joan Howard-Drake, the retiring Archivist and committee member. Frieda Ashton now joins the committee. Following the AGM, Alan Crossley spoke about the Victoria County Histories and the progress made so far with the Oxfordshire volumes.

In June, members visited the Moreton-in-Marsh Society, and were given conducted tours and tea.

Regretfully there will be no field walking this year, but it is hoped that next year will see a resumption of this activity.

The 1990/91 season of meetings begins on the 11th September at Milton Village Hall when Stephen Clews will speak on 'The Roman Cotswolds', then, on 9th October, Pamela Horn talks on 'Women's Cottage Industries in Victorian Oxfordshire' in Shipton Village Hall. Thereafter meetings alternate between Milton and Shipton on the second Tuesday of each month.

Please see notices elsewhere concerning the publication of The Second Wychwoods Album (or similar wording, according to its placement).

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SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD EVERGREEN CLUB

The Club enjoyed the music of the Witney and District Citizens Orchestra in June, and were pleased that P.C. Salmon came not only to talk to us and solve some problems, but stayed for the whole meeting.

The "Natter and Platter" meeting in July went very well, and Dr. Scott showed us slides, with a light-hearted and witty commentary on the expedition he joined to clear up rubbish in the mountains of Nepal. We are now looking forward to a fine day for the fund-raising Coffee Morning at No. 6, St. Michaels Close, (St. Johns Hall if wet) on Saturday, July 28th.

Programme for the next two months:-

August	8th	Garden Party at No. 6, Coombes Close, with competitions, a good cup of tea and the usual auction and raffle.
	22nd	Outing to Bewdley.
September	5th	Demonstration of Christmas Decorations by Mrs. W. Slatter.
	19th	Outing to Northampton.