

WYCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The older children at school have been finding out about the local area and as part of their studies have been out and about locally doing some sketching as well as researching into the past about some of the buildings and places in the Wychwoods. Here is a selection of their work.

Geoff Padmore, Head Teacher.

THE PLEASURE GARDEN.

I like walking down the avenue of Lime trees in the Court Pleasure Garden. In 1897 villagers took their Sunday evening promenade there. This has been the site for many celebrations like those for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. At the Pleasure Gardens there is a badger set. I like to think of it coming out at night. Now people call it the Wild Garden. There are lots of ducks on the lakes. People walk their dogs there.

Henry Pratt.

CHICKEN FIELD.

One day on a Sunday afternoon I was really bored. I did not know what to do. I said to my Mum "Can I just pop outside for a minute to see the chicken field?" I was there for a long time and the lady in there said "Would you like to come and help me?" Of course I said yes. I went in. There were chickens and geese everywhere. Because the trees hang over the field it felt a bit enclosed. Right at the bottom of the field this enormous goose came up. It had a blue eye. It hissed at me and stared until it moved then it chased after me. At the same time all the others joined in. Now I just kept my distance from both of them. I came to the waterfall and fell in. Unfortunately I was drenched from knee to foot.

Rachel Sims

THE PLAYGROUND.

The playground has got a big football pitch, an adventure playground, a swimming pool beside it and a small hopscotch. One day the whole school had to go out to the playground for about an hour and a half because of a gas leak in the school. The adventure playground has got a rope net and some monkey bars, a big climbing frame and some wood chippings on the ground. The playground has got lots of coloured lines painted on the gravel. It has 4 netball nets. Sometimes people play netball. People are always playing football. I like playing there. It is surrounded by hedges and trees. Some people like to play tag and hide and seek. Each class has a time to go on the adventure playground. I think everybody enjoys it. I can hear children shouting. I feel very cold in the Winter on the playground. When it is icy and snowy everyone is skidding about all over the place.

David Prentice

THE QUART POT.

The Quart Pot is a pub. It got it's name from when it was a Court in the 19th Century. Then when The Quart Pot turned into a pub, instead of calling it The Court Pot it was called The Quart Pot. The Quart Pot used to have railings outside but in the war they were taken down to make planes. The Quart Pot has three rooms downstairs. It has a lounge, bar and off sales. The Quart Pot is in Milton next to the Post Office.

Scott Morris

THE MILL.

The Mill was built by Alfred Groves and Sons in 1911. The people who lived in Milton and Shipton thought it was silly to send grain all the way up to Liverpool or Birkenhead to be milled so they built their own. The Mill stands alongside the railway and the trains brought grain about once every day. Once we went down to The Mill collecting greenery and I went round the back of The Mill. There used to be a stream there and it is still boggy. I went round there and I got stuck in the old stream and I had to leave my boot behind. My Mum had to carry me to the car and the stream was used to power the water wheel.

Thomas Madeley

FOXHOLES.

Foxholes is a farm. My Great Aunty and Uncle used to be the farmers and my Mum used to help make the cheese and ride a horse called Daisy. Foxholes is along a narrow bumpy country track and there are still some horses left there. It has a nature reserve and lots of fields. It is near Bruern Abbey. A river called the Evenlode runs through it. The owner was Miss Horseman-Bailey and it now belongs to Asters of Bruern but the house belongs to somebody else. The nature reserve is Berks, Bucks and Oxon and chemicals and artificials are not allowed on the land. At the beginning of the 2nd world war Miss Horseman-Bailey trained women for the womans' land army, hand milking and the welfare of farm animals. The training took one month before women went on to work on farms. In the woods at Foxholes lots of wild animals live. Foxholes is a good part of Wychwood history and will be for many years.

Cindy Welford.

BRUERN.

Bruern is a quiet place with lots of fields, woods and bumpy roads. It is very cold in Winter and the roads get very slippery. There is a farm where there are mainly cows and about 11 calves, 4 chickens and no sheep. In the Summer it gets very very hot so my best season is probably Spring. I like to go walking in the woods and collect fir cones and different kinds of sticks, leaves and stones. I also like playing in the fields and in the mud but sometimes it can get very boring. I like riding my bike up the roads but it can easily get punctured with all the hedge cuttings.

Amy Hibbard.

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SHIPTON BR STATION.

On the edge of Shipton under Wychwood lies British Rail's Oxford, Worcester and Hereford Cotswold line. This line runs through some of the Cotswolds such as Charlbury, Ascott under Wychwood, Shipton under Wychwood, Kingham and Moreton in the Marsh. In this piece of writing I am writing about the station of Shipton under Wychwood, one of the smallest stations on the line. Right next to the station is Matthews Mill, a good place to work if you're fond of trains. Shipton has got very short platforms, four blue lamp posts on each side and a tiny shelter on one platform. This station has three trains every weekday, one on Saturday and none on Sunday that stop. This is a delightful little station with a nice view of the Cotswolds. It is hard to believe that both car parks at Shipton were sidings. The platforms were twice as long and practically every train stopped at the station which was then called Shipton for Burford. The now quite small station of Shipton is on a bend. This station used to carry 11,000 tons of freight a year and if you compare it to the amount now its 11,000 tons more. Shipton carried coal and flour from the mill and of course passenger trains. The passenger trains now don't stop there very often and there are two coaches where as years ago 10 coach expresses always used to stop. This lovely BR station blends in with the countryside and Shipton under Wychwood.

Ben Tew

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