

## WEST OXFORDSHIRE FIELD CLUB

Over the fifteen years that we have lived in Milton, I have been surprised at how few neighbours have heard of the West Oxfordshire Field Club, let alone belong to it. This seems a pity as we have found it to be a most interesting and friendly club, so I thought I would write a little piece about it.

First I should tell you that it has nothing to do with field sports or rambling, but its interest is in natural history. Second, its activities are not all conducted in fields! The Club organises a programme of indoor meetings running from October to April or May. These are held in the Lecture Theatre of the West Oxfordshire College in Witney. They consist of talks by various experts on natural history subjects - plants, animals and occasionally geology, and a "members" night when we are invited to show our own slides, plus a quiz and refreshments.

For the whole of the year there are outdoor meetings, two or three in the winter for bird watchers and fungus fanciers, and in the summer numerous meetings - 21 last year - stretching from April to September, with something for every taste. There are also in this part of the year two or three weekend meetings, usually from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon and further afield, e.g. New Forest, Gower Peninsula, Gibraltar Point etc.

No expertise is required, but it's a good opportunity to acquire a bit, if you feel inclined. I think this gives you a more general picture of our activities. If you want more information come as a visitor to one of our meetings. In the near future we have one on April 7th on the National Trust and Nature Conservation in the North Cotswolds, and on May 5th on Scottish Highlands (all in Witney at the College at 7.30pm.)

Our summer programme starts shortly. We are a very sociable club and apart from our meetings described above, we have two purely social gatherings, one in mid-summer and a Christmas Dinner at a local hostelry.

Further information from Jack Chapman. Tel. 01993 830498

### **FIFIELD and IDBURY FETE.**

Will be held on **Saturday, 10th June, 1995 at 2.30 p.m.**

at

Mr Peter Matthey, Snowhill, Fifield

All are welcome

Raffle, Bottle, Cake, Plant and all the usual stalls

Children's Fancy Dress Competition

Admission 20p, children free