

CHANGES

Over forty five years have passed and gone,
 Since I first made the Parish of Shipton my home.
 The village has grown as things have progressed,
 New estates have shot up, is it all for the best?
 The changes we've made, are they up to the test?
 What have we lost as the years have rolled by?
 Fish and Chips from Ivy's we older ones cry.
 Jack Kethro's new bread and lardy cakes too,
 Dick Avery's best beef or lamb for a stew,
 Saturday night out at Clarke's picture show.
 For broken down bikes to Frank Coombes we would go,
 He also made saddles and repaired leather wares,
 Mr Wiggins was an expert at all watch repairs.
 Shoe snobbing in his shed was Owen Turner's forte,
 And a bit of hair trimming helped fill up his day.
 On Fridays Arthur Rainbow and Tommy were found,
 With a cartful of boxes of fish on their round,
 On Tuesday they had fruit and fresh vegetables too.
 Many things have changed to name but a few,
 The station has gone, the library too, the bank relocated,
 Three till works closed down, the gasworks dismantled,
 Senior citizens flats now stand on that spot.
 Baldwin's Antiques, the Misses Tubb's little shop,
 That's enough of the past I think I must stop.
 There's just one more change that affects one and all,
 And that's when we've built our new Village Hall.
 But the things that change most I think you'll agree.
 Are the folks that live here, just like YOU and ME.

ANON

W.O.D.C. SKIPS FOR APRIL AND MAY

Ascott	23rd April	High Street
Milton	24th April 22nd May	Church Rd. layby, Jubilee Lane Church Rd. layby, Reade Close
Shipton	15th May	Ballards Close, Swinbrook Road