

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD EVERGREEN CLUB

Our 40th celebrations afternoon was a very enjoyable one, when we had Mrs Daphne Edginton to give us an illustrated talk about her life as a farmer's wife, and the changing face of agriculture. An iced sponge cake had been ordered and we were given a very colourful "ruby" flower arrangement. Everyone joined in the special tea of sandwiches, scones and cake with a glass of wine and cup of tea. Following on from this occasion we were extremely lucky to have a fine afternoon for our invitation to Bruern Grange.

We had a grand afternoon in the gardens with a sing-along and musical quiz by Mr Peter Warren on his electronic organ, followed by a lovely tea. Thank you to Mr and Mrs David Astor and Mr and Mrs Malcolm Cochrane for arranging this.

Our programme for August/Sept. is as follows:-

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| August 7th | Sing-along with Mrs Jean Rose. Competition:-
Small flower arrangement. |
| 10th | Coffee Morning at 4, Coombes Close, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon -
30p coffee and biscuits. Bring and Buy, Cakes, Raffle, etc. |
| 21st | Outing to Salisbury |
| Sept. 4th | Talk by Mr. Bob Barrett.
Competition:- Short poem connected with farming. |
| 18th | Outing to Coventry. |

Shipton Youth Club

We were all saddened when Margarett Pierce resigned as Youth Club Leader in May. She had been leader for over 14 years, always there before 7 o'clock to open up with Barbara. Margarett was always concerned about the children's welfare and safety and tried to instil good manners and encourage the children to participate in all activities as good sportsmen (or should it be sportspeople!). I know the youngsters have all missed her in the last few weeks and on behalf of them all, I would like to say a big *'Thank You'* for all she has done.

Unfortunately, this leaves us with a problem, Barbara Willoughby and myself continued to the end of June, when we closed for the summer, but from September, we do need more assistance. Although Barbara and I are willing to help, we both feel that some one (or group of people) are needed to take full responsibility. I sent out a letter with each child explaining our situation and the response was very disappointing. We still have Malcolm Cochrane's 'list of volunteers' but this is insufficient with the number of children we are now getting. Once again the Youth Club is in abeyance.

If you feel concerned about our problem, or may be you would like to be a 'volunteer', please contact me on 831411.

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