

Milton Under Wychwood Garden & Allotment Association

1997 Show Results

Total exhibitors 55

Total Exhibits 365

Total classes entered 70 (out of 77)

Results

Presidents Cup	Mervin & Doreen Dore
Vegetable Selection Cup	Michael Hawtin
Association Cup	John Rawlins
Wychwood Trophy	Doreen Dore
Miles Brown Trophy	Margaret & David Baxter
Vicarage Field Cup	Pat Burgis
Committee Cup	Pat Burgis
Frogmore Trophy	Doreen Dore / Joanna Van De Poll
Under 15 Cup	Kirsty Wilks
Under 8 Lansdowne Cup	Rose Alice Prentice
Cambray Cup	Laura Coombes
Dr. Scott Memorial Trophy	Irene Glaister
Potato Competition Cup	Michael Hawtin

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD EVERGREEN CLUB

August and September programmes went well, and we all enjoyed the trip to Stratford on a lovely sunny afternoon. The Coffee Morning at 4 Coombes Close was well supported, on another fine sunny day, and £123.43 raised for Club funds towards our meal at the Merrymouth and the ride around afterwards. (Members voted for this, for a change this year, instead of a party in January, when weather and illness can spoil things). The afternoon of Bingo was also a success when Mr Bob Woodward came from Swinbrook to 'call' for us.

Our programme for September has been extended for some members who wish to go to the Old Fire Station Theatre, in Oxford, for an afternoon of "Laughter and song", in the Good Olde Days, on September 29th.

To conclude our 1997 programme we have for October.

- 1st Outing (Milton arranged) to Salisbury, leaving at 12 noon.
- 15th Talk by Mr Malcolm Cochrane about his year as High Sheriff.
- 29th Annual Church Service. 2.30pm in the Church, followed by tea in the Parish Hall for members and invited guests.

November

26th, Wednesday, will be a combined Christmas shopping trip with Milton Evergreen Club, to Swindon. Leaving time to be confirmed later.

SHIPTON EVERGREEN CLUB (continued)

As the present committee has given notice of intention to retire at the end of this season we are in urgent need of help to form a new committee for the club to continue. About 20 members are now aged 80 years or more and are not able to arrange and carry out a programme for next year. Meetings or outings in the past have been arranged for one day each fortnight between April and October so that it is not a very onerous task.

If you have a few hours to spare occasionally, will you please contact either Mrs Audrey Fincham, 830364 or Mrs Dulcie Arundle 830555. We should also appreciate offers to give slide shows, demonstrations, talks etc. Newer village residents will be most welcome. The club has been in existence for over 40 years with older people enjoying their get-togethers. Will you help us to keep it going?

Shipton Bells

There is a ring of eight bells in the tower of St. Mary's Church at Shipton. The heaviest, the tenor, weighing about 750kgs was cast in 1634 and is listed for preservation by the Council for the Care of Churches. The oldest bell is the fifth which was cast in 1628. In those days they had no means of moving heavy bells about, so itinerant bell founders would cast the bells in the church yard and if found to be sound would haul them up into the tower. The tenor was cast by Henry Bagley from Chacombe near Banbury and the fifth by James Keene from Woodstock. The seventh was cast by Abraham Rudhall from Gloucester in 1726. The other five bells were all taken down and taken away to the Whitechapel bell foundry to be re-cast in 1893.

The ringing of church bells evokes strong feelings on both sides, but I think the majority of people like to hear the bells and certainly most people include them in their wedding plans. Change ringing is very much an English tradition because of the way our bells are hung. There are 5,200 towers in England where you can ring bells compared with about 200 in Scotland, Wales and Ireland and about 50 in the rest of the world. On the continent they can only chime their bells, so here is a tradition we must keep going.

Ringing does not require great strength, just a sense of rhythm and good co-ordination. It's a hobby that can be enjoyed by both sexes, young and old. We can now count on six people to ring at Shipton but we would dearly like to have a few more. How about joining us now, so that you can learn to ring before the Millennium celebrations? What a unique opportunity to be part of the team that rings in the 21st century in Shipton! You'll never get another chance.

If you are interested do come and meet us. We ring on Sunday mornings from 10.15 to 11.00 am and we practice on Wednesday evenings between 7.30 and 9.00 pm. or get in touch with me.

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