

## The Wychwoods Local History Society

At the January meeting John Rawlins spoke about the history of local post cards from the plain and painted business cards of the last century which was followed by the 'Golden Era' of post cards from 1902 to the end of the First World War. Luckily, this area was well served by photographers and producers of post cards like Packer and Simms of Chipping Norton and Butt of Bourton on the Water. They gave a good coverage of most local villages, both of views and of village events. Post card production declined gradually until the Second World War, and since then there have been only a few topographical cards and none of the events like fetes, carnivals, coronations and jubilees etc. so well covered in the 'Golden Era'.

'The Last Jam Ole Run' was the title of the next talk given by David Moreton, a keen supporter of Britain's inland waterways. The talk concerned a journey made by enthusiasts in 1995 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the last canal boats to carry coal from Atherstone in Warwickshire to Southall where the coal was used to power the jam factory. The 1995 journey was made by enthusiasts for pleasure, but for those who travelled in 1970 the canal boat was both their working life and home and when this contract ended so ended their way of life.

Following Tim Porter's talk about Gloucester saints and shrines, he will be leading a visit to Winchcombe and Hailes Abbey on Monday 27 April, price £3.50. For more information please contact Sue Jourdan (830179) or Wendy Pearse (831023)

### Future Meetings

14 April	Shipton	Cotswold Sheep and Shepherding	Martin Way
12 May	Milton	Bells, Briefs and Botheration	Jack Howard-Drake
8 Sept	Milton	The History of Hedgerows	Gordon Ottewell

The next edition of Wychwoods History will be distributed at the April meeting. The new season starts on 8 September at 7.30 pm at Milton village hall. New members and visitors are always welcome at meetings. The subscription is single £4 and joint £6 which includes a copy of Wychwoods History when published.

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ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD  
CONCERT  
SATURDAY 25 APRIL 1998 AT 7 P.M.  
MUSIC FOR TRUMPET AND ORGAN,  
OPERA CHORUSES, MADRIGALS  
REFRESHMENTS  
TICKETS £6 AT THE DOOR  
IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS**