

The Wychwoods Local History Society

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Milton Parish Registers are held in Oxfordshire Archives and were transcribed and indexed some years ago. The set of copies given to Milton Parochial Parish Council are missing. They are probably in a brown envelope somewhere! They are of great use to local and family historians. The P.C.C. and WLHS would be very grateful to hear from any one who knows, or has an idea, where they may be. Please contact Miles Peregrine (831984) or Joan Howard-Drake (830792)

At the first of this season's meetings Gordon Ottewell spoke on 'The History of the Hedgerow' with slides showing how hedges help make up the local scenery. Many were planted as boundaries to fields, estates and parishes with the object of staking claims and being stock-proof. But, with changes in agriculture, many hedges are left untended or mechanically cut. In some areas they are grubbed out. For those interested in the subject the first Journal of Wychwood History gives an account of the survey of the hedgerows of Shipton and Milton completed in 1983. The October meeting was our first Thursday meeting and our first to be held in the New Beaconsfield Hall when Peter Coveney brought 'Shipton's Magic Lantern'. Now empowered by electricity it originally belonged to his late father, W.O.Coveney (decorator and chimney sweep) who gave lantern shows in the area from the 1920s to the 1940s. Then the lantern needed 2 lbs of carbide and three gallons of water to produce enough acetylene gas to illuminate slides of local scenes, stories told in a series of slides, and those which showed movement – the 'magic' before moving pictures. The AGM held before this talk held no surprises. There were satisfactory reports from Chairman and Treasurer. All officers were re-elected as was the committee with David Wilson also elected as a new committee member.

Jan. 21	Milton	St.Michael's, Shipton under Wychwood	John Rawlins
Feb.18	Shipton	Shipton in the Pattern of the English Parish	Anthea Jones
March 18	Milton	Deserted Medieval Villages in the Wychwood Area	Tim Copeland

An Appeal.

Did any reader buy the collection of four porcelain plates of Milton under Wychwood which were advertised in July 1997? If you did, John Rawlins would like to see one, (830668).

John Rawlins