

The gushing water gave rise to the local name of 'The Fountain'.

In the 1930s the names, which were incised into the stone work had become almost indecipherable. Through the generosity of the then Parish and County Councillor, Mr. J.H. Turner, four new engraved brass plates were fixed to the memorial, and that is how it stands to-day, although the water has ceased to flow.

For a more detailed account of the story of the Cospatrick please see the article by Margaret Ware in Volume 14 of Wychwoods History, the Journal of The Wychwoods Local History Society.

John Rawlins.

The following letter was received by the Clerk to Shipton Parish Council following the donation from the Christmas Tree carols collection.

From The Villager Community Bus Services Limited.

Dear Mrs. White,

On behalf of the Committee of the Villager, I would like to thank you very much for the magnificent donation to our funds. We are most grateful to the people of Shipton-under-Wychwood and the Parish Council for their generosity. It was most unexpected and much appreciated, a total of £282.

Of all the villages through which our buses run, I think I can say that Shipton provides our best support in terms of the number of passengers we carry. Not only do we get good numbers of passengers, but they are always most appreciative and cheerful. Our drivers always feel that they get pleasure from helping them.

We are just in the process of replacing our oldest bus. Apart from the fact that it has generally come to the end of its useful life, it was not practicable to install such safety features as seatbelts, which, although still not a legal requirement, we believe should be available for passengers to use if they feel so inclined. Access to the vehicle has left something to be desired by the more elderly of our passengers, while space for those heavy shopping bags has been limited.

We have therefore kept all these things in mind when ordering the new bus, and although we have not specified excess luxuries, we have not missed out on safety and convenience.

The people of Shipton can therefore be assured that their generous donation will be of benefit to them in the near future.

Again our grateful thanks.

Yours appreciatively,

Ken Ingamells, Hon. Treasurer.