

## **Ascott under Wychwood**

### **Directory of councils and Clubs with Local Information.**

The Parish of Ascott under Wychwood is the easternmost of the Wychwood villages, hence the Doomsday name of Estcote as opposed to Westcote, possibly the extremes of the Royal Manor which belonged to King Harold prior to the Battle of Hastings. The division of Ascott into two manors also stems from this time when Robert D'Oyley held the larger manor, hence Ascott D'Oyley and Odo of Bayeux, the half brother of William the Conqueror, held the smaller manor. This ultimately became Ascott Earl said to be named for the Le Despencers, Earls of Winchester who later held the land.

The names still survive on Ordnance Survey Maps of today although the inhabitants of 1591 said they could not distinguish one manor from the other by words, since the lands of both were so intermingled in the large open fields of the time.

At the time of Enclosure in 1838, the two manors were still evidenced with the few freeholders allocated land in the north west area of the parish whilst Lord Churchill, son of the Duke of Marlborough, was allocated the remainder.

Perhaps Ascott's greatest claim to national fame occurred with the Ascott Martyrs in 1873, the women who stood up for their menfolk's rights to strike for higher wages. They came up before local magistrates in Chipping Norton and ultimately spent up to ten days in Oxford Gaol. But questions were raised in the Houses of Parliament, Queen Victoria was acquainted with their situation and they were pardoned. Their efforts however were instrumental in implementing the rights of workers to peaceful picketing.

The population of Ascott in 1811 was 392 living in 76 houses averaging 5 people per building. In 1911, the population was 365 living in 88 houses averaging 4.1 per building. In 1991 the population was 524 living in 194 buildings averaging 2.6 per building. In 1981 the number of cars in the village was 191, in 1991 the number was 281.

Holy Trinity Church dates from approximately 1200, the transitional period between Norman and Early English architecture. Renovated by G.E. Street in the middle of last century, due to its sad condition. It has recently been completely restored once again and should now march proudly forward into the new millennium.

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The fund raising required to build the new Tiddy Hall and the Pavilion in this last decade together with the renovation of the church is an indication of the community spirit of the village. Backed by the Parish Councillors who by their constant efforts endeavour to return the trust of their electors.

## DIRECTORY

### Ascott under Wychwood, 2000

#### Parish Council

Mr. M Pearce	Chairman	830058
Mr. N Braithwaite	Vice Chairman	831282
Mr. S Barnes		832008
Mr. D Benfield		830563
Mr. N Leadbetter		832888
Mrs. Wendy Pearce	Clerk to the Council	831023
Oxfordshire County Councillor	Mr. R Rose	830584
West Oxfordshire District Councillor	Mr. R Barrett	830225
Tiddy Hall Management Committee		
Mr. R Shepherd	Chairman	830227
Mrs. L Collins	Secretary	830114
Mrs. K Pearce	Treasurer	830058
Mrs. R Dawbarn	Booking Clerk	831632
Holy Trinity Church		
Rev T. Thornton	Vicar	01608 676572
Roman Catholic Churches		
Burford, Chipping Norton and Stow on the Wold		
Society of Friends (Quakers)		
Meeting at Burford.	Contact : Mrs. I Glaister	830035
Wychwood Surgery		
High Street, Milton under Wychwood		830260
Hospital Transport Scheme		
Contact:	Miss O Tucker	831932

Meals on Wheels		
Contact:	Mrs. R Grant	830605
Wychwood Day Centre		
Mrs. C Beaumont	Chairman	831891
Mrs. Y McDougall	Co-ordinator	01608 651119
Citizens Advice Bureau	Witney	705691
	Chipping Norton	01608 641367
Library		
Milton under Wychwood		830281
Mobile Library: stopping places and times on Notice Boards		
Village Notice Boards		
London Lane, Shipton Road, Dawls Close		
Police:Community Policeman P.C. Ray Hamilton		01865 266000
Refuse Collection: Wednesdays		
Leaffield C of E Primary School		
Headmistress	Mrs. E Davies	878273
Governors	Mr. O Green	831287
	Mrs. A Braithwaite	831282
Burford School		
School		823303
Computer Centre		822700
Community College		822314
Pre- School (Mon. - Thurs. Morning)		
Supervisor		830349
Mother and Toddler Group		
Every Friday:	Contact Bernadette Pratley	832124

### **Clubs and Societies.**

Women's Institute meet 3rd Monday in the month		
President:	Mrs. J Schwarz	831656
Local History Society: meet alternate third Thursday in the month		
Chairman:	Mrs. S Jourdon	830179
1st Wychwood Scouts Meet Thursday evenings		
Contact:	Mr. R Hollingdale	830743

Sports Club		
Chairman :	Mr. R Shepherd	830227
Cricket Club		
Secretary/Treasurer	Mr. M Hunt	01608 810941
Captain :	Mr. G Doggett	843603
Football Club		
Manager :	Mr. A Moore	772729
Coldstone Angling Club		
Chairman	Mr. G Barnes	830022
Secretary/Treasurer	Mr. P Moss	830758

**Mobile Bulky Household Waste Collection – Collection Days**  
**Phone 01993 770222 for an appointment**

**Mondays** – Ascott, Bruern, Fifield, Finstock, Fulbrook, Idbury, Milton, Shipton.

**Thursdays** – Churchill, Kingham, Lyneham

(The above is only a small extract from the total, which covers West Oxfordshire)

**Definition Of Bulky Household Items**

This list is not considered to be all inclusive

**Non-Chargeable Items**

Bookcase, Cabinets (free-standing)  
 Computers (domestic use only)  
 Desks, Ironing Boards, Mattresses  
 Television, Tumble Dryers, Bikes  
 Video, Wardrobes, Dishwashers  
 Fridge, Freezer, Table, Carpets  
 Microwaves, Cookers/Ovens, Sofa  
 Chairs, Washing Machines, Beds

**Chargeable Items**

Bathroom Suites, Fencing Panels  
 Pictures And Fittings  
 House Clearances, Radiators  
 Trees (suitably broken down)  
 Garden Waste, Storage Heater  
 (Garden waste will only be collected in  
 W.O.D.C. prepaid green sacks)