

The Wychwoods Local History Society

The new series of monthly meetings began with Tim Porter speaking on 'Cotswold Churches in the Landscape'. He explained how many of those built between the 10th and 12th centuries had been built on spring lines. It was here, on the spring lines, between the grazing land above and the arable land below that the secular buildings were situated which provided some of the income for the building and upkeep of the churches. Some of the churches occupied more prominent positions, as did some of those built in Victorian times like those at Leafield and Milton.

The second meeting began with the AGM. Both Chairman and Treasurer gave favourable reports. However, due to increased annual expenditure it was agreed that the annual subscription would be increased as from September 2001 to £5 for a single person, £8 for a couple, and £8 for overseas members. The Society's officers were re-elected with a vote of thanks. The committee was also re-elected with the addition of Pauline Holdsworth, Graham Nelson and Glyn Turner.

To give a little publicity to the Society's book 'That's How It Was', the AGM was followed by a talk on 'Wychwoods in Wartime'. Those who had been interviewed for the book joined a packed house in The Beaconsfield Hall to hear John Rawlins talk and show slides about The Second World War in the Wychwoods. He also introduced Ann Gilbert who lived with her aunt and uncle, Muriel and Sam Groves, as a teenager during the early part of the war and Terry Hartley who farmed and was a member of the Home Guard.

Copies of the book are still available – £5.50 collected or £6.50 by post. Please contact John Rawlins on 830668.

There will be no meeting in December but talks continue in the New Year of 2001 with:

- 18 January Milton – Twenty four Square Miles (a 1947 film of North Oxfordshire). Speaker David Eddershaw.
15 February Shipton – The Village Over the Ridge, Fulbrook.
Speaker Sylvia McLintock.

John Rawlins.

BUS SERVICES FROM THE WYCHWOODS

From Monday, 13th November, the Stagecoach service X3 to Oxford via Witney, Eynsham and Woodstock Road, has been extended to include Shipton-u-Wychwood and Milton-u-Wychwood, every hour, Mondays to Saturdays. The first bus leaves Milton Post Office at 6.50, followed by 8.11, 9.18, 10.25, then hourly until 16.25. The last bus for return journey leaving Oxford at 17.35. Journey time 1 hour.

Requests for this service have been made for some time and it is hoped full use will now be made of the facility. Further details from Stagecoach, 01993 702197.