

## THE WYCHWOODS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the New Year members had the chance to see the film '24 Square Miles' presented by David Eddershaw. The film, made in 1946, followed the report on rural conditions by the Institute of Agricultural Economics. Although no names are mentioned it was filmed in North Oxfordshire where most of the topographical views still remain today. However, the life style of the late 1940s, based on small mixed farms and no motor cars, has drastically changed, and members enjoyed looking for ways of country life now gone.

Lady McLintock spoke at the February meeting on 'The Village Over The Ridge - Fulbrook' from the first known written reference in the Domesday book of 1086 to the present day. At that time (1086) Fulbrook's population of 250 appears to have been larger than that of Burford. Since then the village has seen the rise and fall of population and farming, the rise and fall of the Dunsdon brothers, and the ever increasing traffic on the A361. 1949 was the last time that a farm was moved 'lock, stock and barrel' from Shipton for Burford station. The farm, from Fulbrook, was loaded on to a 28 waggon train after evening milking, for its journey to Devon. Today one presumes that the journey would be via the A 361.

Our next publication, Wychwoods History, Number Sixteen, will shortly be available and will be issued free to our paid up members who now number nearly 250.

### Future Meetings

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| 19 April | Shipton | Men Behind the Medals, by Graham Pitchfork.                          |
| 17 May   | Milton  | The Regulated Pasture -- Chipping Norton Common<br>by John Grantham. |
| 21 June  | Shipton | Wychwood Forest by Beryl Schumer.                                    |
- (To co-incide with this last talk there will be a conducted walk through the forest on 9 June, starting at Waterman's Lodge at 11 am) .

### PLANT SALE

**Sue and Gails' annual Plant Sale will be held on**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**on Shipton Village Green from 10 am - 12.30 pm.**

**in aid of SEESAW,**

**a charity which gives grief support to young people in Oxfordshire.**

**Donations of plants - shrubs, perennials, annuals, vegetables, fruit  
etc. gratefully received**

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to arrange collection)**