

THE WYCHWOODS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The current season of monthly meetings began in September and continues through to June, but with no meeting in December. The meetings alternate between Shipton and Milton village halls on the the third Thursday of each month. Visitors are welcome to all meetings @ £2 each.

Full membership costs £5 per annum for a single member and £8 for a couple. This covers entry to all meetings and a copy of the society's journal 'Wychwood History' as and when published. Subscriptions are now due and payment can be made at any meeting or direct to the treasurer, David Perceval (831535).

NB PROGRAMME CARDS ARE NOT RECEIPTS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

The future meetings for this year are;

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| 17 Oct. | Shipton | AGM followed by the speaker Peter Coveney on Magic Lantern Show II. (Peter's father used to give magic lantern shows in this area before the war) |
| 21 Nov. | Milton | Archaeology and Outreach at Oxford Museum Store
Speaker Lauren Gilmore
(The Oxford Museum Store, Standlake, houses and researches artefacts from local sources which can be loaned out to museums, schools, societies etc.) |

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However, the society does not confine itself merely to a sit-down at monthly meetings. In April the society celebrated its 21st birthday with a light hearted look back, together with facts, figures, displays and light entertainment. Earlier this year it organised visits to Hook Norton Brewery (150th anniversary) and to Coleshill Estate. Both visits followed earlier talks by Davis Eddershaw on the brewery and 'Dad's Other Army' by Bill King.

Field walking has also formed part of the society's agenda and this season's autumn walk should have been completed when this edition is published. For this autumn it is proposed that interested members will transcribe the local 1901 census returns, and survey and record memorials in the new part of Shipton churchyard.

Next year, 2003, will be the 150th anniversary of the opening of the local railway line and the 400th anniversary of Shipton, both of which will be supported by the society.

Finally a request for the recollections of those readers who attended one of the local schools (Ascott, Shipton, Milton, Lyneham and Idbury) between 1914 and 1945. The society has access to the Schools' log books of the time but needs the more personal account of school life, especially those incidents which stick in the memory.

If you can help please contact John Rawlins (830668).