

Wychwoods Women's Institute 50 years on!

**It wasn't only the Queen who had her Jubilee this year!
Shipton W.I. celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in fine style in 2002**

Shipton WI President, Pat Bannister, welcomed 76 members and friends to an excellent Golden Jubilee Dinner in the New Beaconsfield Hall. Tables were decorated with golden flowers and candles and the centrepiece was a beautiful Jubilee cake, made and decorated by Joyce Stewart.

Anecdotes

During the meal several members entertained with anecdotes from the past 50 years. Margaret Hartley took us back to 1952 and the first meeting of the new Shipton W.I. – when the annual subscription was the princely sum of 3 shillings (15p in today's money)! Finally, Daphne Waugh and Pat Foster had the audience helpless with laughter at their



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presentation of a W.I. sketch from the 70s which included such delights as 'How to Make the Perfect (?) Sponge' and 'How to Speak in Public'.

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exhibition of members' craftwork, including patchwork, porcelain dolls, pottery, painting etc. All agreed it had been an event to remember. Next big date – 2012 –Diamond Jubilee? Why not?

Shipton W.I. meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the New Beaconsfield Hall.

Coming soon at a village hall near you!

In the early 1960's a group of actors under the direction of Joan Littlewood at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, London devised an 'entertainment' - a chronicle of the First World War - told through the songs, the letters the images and documents of the period. The Wychwood Players have taken a collective deep breath and decided to try something a bit different and our production of 'Oh What A Lovely War' will take place in the New Beaconsfield Hall on Thursday 30th, Friday 31st January and Saturday 1st February, 2003. This is a challenge - our first musical play - but we are fortunate in having some very talented actors and musicians as well as some clever and creative technical people who will work hard to bring you an evening to remember. We need you to come along and help us fill the hall on 3 nights. Tickets will be available from 9th December.

Please call Gill Drew on 01993 830 398 for further details.