

'Best Kept Village' awarded to Shipton

On Sunday 27th October, on what was undoubtedly the windiest day of the year, a group of villagers met on Shipton Green to see Lord Hurd of Westwell present the 'Best Kept Village' Award to John Hartley, Chairman of the Parish Council.

This year the village had won the Winners Class of the competition, a fitting

tribute to the way the area is cared for by so many. Everyone was very glad to adjourn to The New Beaconsfield Hall for a welcome cup of tea.

John Hartley took the opportunity to say farewell to Rosemary Salter and to thank her for her contributions to village life as Parish Councillor, Editor of *The Wychwood*, supporter of the Evergreens and Tall Trees.

Pastures new for Mike and Tessa

Michael Devey and Tessa Macey ran Shipton Post Office with great success for six years until their recent decision to sell up and move on to pastures new. At the time of going to press they had put their belongings in store and moved in with their son temporarily. During a well-earned holiday they were going to take time to consider their future and decide what to do next. Whatever their decision we are sure that they will make a success of their next venture and wish them well.



Mike Devey and Tessa Macey

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Harvest Supper a great success

Our Harvest Supper in October was another great success, with Bob Forster helping us to round off a pleasant evening with another hilarious quiz. Very many thanks to everyone who made the delicious cottage pies and apple crumbles, or helped to set up the hall and clear up afterwards.

Support from the village has enabled us to buy a new cooker which proved its worth at the supper. In the hall, which we are hoping to have redecorated in 2003, there is now a collection of photographs of fairs and coffee mornings held in the last few years: an interesting talking

point. We are hoping to preserve the pictures on CD and video.

18th December is the date for our Carol Evening, with carols at various points in the village followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall. There will be a collection for the Day Care Centre at Shipton. This will be the last function of the year and, on behalf of everyone who has organised events in Fifield this year, I should like to thank all those who have supported us so generously and given their time and talents and wish everyone a Happy Christmas and glad NewYear.

Pat Yaxley