

Gone, but not Forgotten

The Old Shipton Cinema

How many people connected with the Wychwoods are aware that Shipton-under-Wychwood used to have a cinema? The building was in Upper High Street near the Lamb Public House. A former resident, Roger Hopkins, recalls the old building long after it had closed down. It was, he told us, used for Pathe News films. Jo Cook remembers that Nobby Clarke's father used to run the Cinema and was employed as projectionist. Jo also recalls films other than Pathe News being shown



The site of the old Cinema in Upper High Street, Shipton

there. She says it was just like a proper cinema in most respects but the seating was made up of rows of chairs - there were no luxurious red velvet seats! After it closed down the films were shown at

the old Village Hall and the former Cinema was used for storage in the Till Yard. Doreen Barnes remembers it being a pig farm too at one time.

Do you have any memories of the Old Cinema and perhaps even a picture? Please send any information to Christine Halliday, 16, Sinnels Field, Shipton-u- Wychwood.

The next issue of The Wychwood magazine will feature the St.John Ambulance station in Shipton-u-Wychwood. Do you recall working there? Can you supply information for us about the building? Please Contact Christine Halliday on 01993 831134 or e-mail:wychmag@fsmail.net

NEW FUNDING IN WEST OXFORDSHIRE

West Oxfordshire Network (WON), a partnership of local businesses, government and community organisations, has secured European funding for rural development with an objective to improve the quality of life of people living and working in rural West Oxfordshire. Emphasis for funding is for innovative projects which are community led and meet local needs.



WON grants can cover 50% of your total project costs.
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WON at West Oxfordshire District Council will work with you on any ideas which you think would improve your community. To register an interest, find out more information or to request an application form contact:-

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