

minutes of fame' came when they provided first-aid cover for the filming of 'Hanover Street' at Burford and Woodstock, starring Harrison Ford, Lesley-Anne Down and Christopher Plummer and 'A Man Called Intrepid' a TV feature filmed at Little Rissington, starring David Niven. Any photographs or autographs available?

An annual dinner was held at the Bury Barn in Burford (now the Happy Eater)

or at the Shaven Crown (when the present bar was a function room).

All these well-trained volunteers were obviously a vital part of local life and gave valuable support to the emergency services. We take our hats off to all of you. Please let us have your own memories and photographs and we will try to print some of them in a future edition.

Christine Halliday

Feedback

Your kind responses to questions we have asked.

We were delighted with the feedback from the last issue of The Wychwood. John Hartley kindly contacted us to give us his memories of Shipton cinema. He can remember going there in 1948 when he was twelve.

He went to see 'How Green was my Valley' with his mother. John played cricket with Nobby Clark's son in the County Colts cricket team. They lived in a wooden bungalow in Simons Lane. He doesn't know what happened to them when they moved away. Mr Newbold's 'step-daughter, Mary Gee, married Nick Reynolds (Springhill Farm) but died in her 50's. Her son Edward still farms there.

When the cinema closed down Mr Newbold used it as a grain store for his pig feed. He kept pigs there and in half the stable yard at Shipton Court. He lived in the other half!! Mr. Newbold used to tip his pig muck in a wooded area called Tall Trees, until the cricketers complained about the smell! He stopped tipping the pig muck in exchange for being allowed to build a house - Tall Trees. The extended house is as we know it today.

Jack Wilkinson and Philip Souch also

contacted us to let us know that the cinema seats were not chairs but in fact, old red velvet cinema seats. Mr Clark, the cinema owner, kept chickens and before taking your seat it was wise to check the hollow made by many back-sides in case an egg had been laid in it!

Mr Carpenter, rang in to tell us about the Costcutters shop being called Dee's and then Hathaways (please see page 15) . He also remembers car number spotting outside the Red Horse, and seeing two of the Mitford girls coming down the street singing! He says that the youngest one (Deborah, now Duchess of Devonshire) was, on this occasion, not able to get what she wanted from the shop, and borrowed his bike to go round to the Milton store!

Do you have any memories of the Old Cinema or Hathaways. We would love to see a picture of the Cinema ?

Please send any information to:-

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