

Happy Birthday Shipton Court!

The 400th birthday of Shipton Court could have slipped by unnoticed without the combined efforts of the Wychwood Local History Society and the residents of this familiar landmark

Sunny Celebrations

On Sunday 28th June members of the Society and invited guests, gathered for a tour of the gardens, and a tea party on the lawn. The sun shone, tables and chairs beckoned from shady bowers, and cakes were plentiful.



Back to 1603

In the midst of such sunny delights, it was difficult for the two hundred or so guests to cast their minds back to 1603, when Shipton Court was first built for John Lacy. Imagine the events which the house has

witnessed; the death of Queen Elizabeth I, the recurrence of the plague, the arrest and trial of Sir Walter Raleigh and the coronation of James 1st.

A marvellous exhibition was mounted in the home of Mary McNeill, a member of the Historical Society, who very sadly died recently. Over the years Mary had built up an extensive collection of Shipton Court material which formed the nucleus of the show. This was much appreciated by all who attended the exhibition.



This special birthday was duly marked and the venerable edifice and its many colourful inhabitants were saluted.

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The Wychwood Players

Sleeping Beauty and the Beast

The Christmas season starts earlier every year, so now is the time to remind our loyal supporters that the Wychwood Players next production is the Pantomime, 'Sleeping Beauty and the Beast'. Performances will take place at the New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton, from Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th December, starting at 7:30pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are priced at £6 and £4 for evening performances and just £3 for the matinee. After a break last year to perform the highly successful 'Oh What a Lovely War' tickets will be in great demand so book early to ensure the best seats.

Numbered tickets will be available **from Monday October 20th.**

Ring Gill Drew, 01993 830398 to be sure to book your seat in good time.