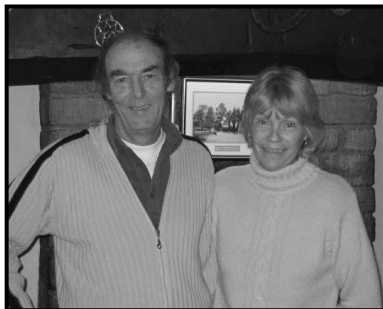


## Celebrating our Local Shipton Inns

*Continuing our series on favourite Wychwood hostelrys*

### The Red Horse

You cannot miss the Red Horse, standing proud on the bend of the A361 in Shipton. During the Christmas period the pub was really 'lit-up' with its snowman and Santa's sleigh on the roof of the conservatory. The garden too looked very festive with its illuminated trees. Since taking over almost two years ago Linda and Keith have worked hard on upgrading the bedrooms and the garden. The recent addition of a climbing frame, topped with a colourful awning makes it a popular venue for families.



Keith and Linda

trade, particularly in the summer months, Keith and Linda keep a warm welcome for the locals. Indeed the pub runs two darts teams, a crib team and has a well-used pool table. They can also provide bar facilities for 'outside' events, such as private parties at the local village halls. Their beer tent at Shipton village fete is a popular addition to the afternoon's entertainment.

### Large parties

The pub is often the venue for large parties – they have recently hosted a wedding, two christenings and three wakes!

There is real ale on tap as well as a wide selection of lagers and bitters and plenty of non-alcoholic drinks for those who prefer.

With three bedrooms available for bed and breakfast, good, home cooked meals and a warm and welcoming atmosphere, it is easy to see why this pub is so popular with its customers from far and wide.

### Home cooking

Linda's son Mark joined the team as chef, having trained at Wyck Hill Hotel. The emphasis is on local, fresh produce; the vegetables all come straight from the pub garden; meat is supplied by local butcher Kevin Flatman and Keith's mum Mary helps out with the puddings. Whilst they are very busy with passing

### The Shaven Crown

“Since arriving in the Wychwoods seven years ago to take over the Shaven Crown Hotel, we have received a warm and friendly welcome from everyone in this small but thriving community. We have endeavoured to mirror that welcome in

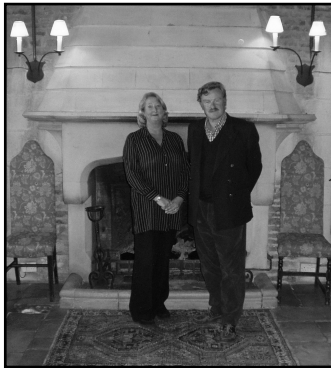
our running of the Shaven Crown.

### Warmth and Hospitality

The hotel has quite literally been the centre of Shipton for 700 years. It was originally a guest house for the monks of

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Bruern Abbey. The flag-stoned Great Hall, with its mediaeval double collar braced ceiling and roaring fire still has an air of peace and tranquillity. It must have offered a welcomed haven for the monks, although judging from the Shaven Crown sign; they were also a jolly lot who hosted a lively dinner or two! We feel we should continue to offer the hospitality and warmth which are traditional in a village inn.



accompanied by a Pig Roast and Carol Singing with the Stonesfield Silver Band.

### **Something for Everyone**

If you want lively company, then the Public bar is for you, a quiet meal sees you in our friendly restaurant, a warm summer day will draw you into our enclosed garden courtyard. Then if you have friends to stay, we have nine charming bedrooms for them to choose from! Everyone

### **Traditional Events**

Over our years at the Shaven Crown we have put on many traditional events ranging from Pet Shows to Golden Jubilee Barbecues and Boules Competitions. In December we had our annual Sloe Gin Competition,

is welcome!"

### **Robert and Jane Burpitt**

*Since this article was written, Robert and Jane have moved on. We wish them every success for the future.*  
*Editor*

## **Wychwood Born**

Wychwood valley, Windrush green,  
Flows through the fields where the crops grow and the winds blow.  
People come and people go.  
But those that know who were born to be Wychwood kin  
Stay and toil and work the soil.

Houses mellowed by the wind, rain and sun,  
Watched over by mums and dads, children on the run,  
Learning from them remembered fun,  
Bike rides, apple scrumping and bonfires on the green.

Villages three, church, chapel and school.  
Together we be under the Wychwood tree.

**Pam Edwards**