

Thanks for the Memory Eileen Wynne Jones

A Visit to Cornbury Park

Come July it will be a decade since our visit to the CLA Game Fair at Cornbury Park. We took advantage of an offer of bed and breakfast accommodation with Shipton folk who were fund-raising for a new village hall.

Fund - raising Accommodation

Through correspondence with Mrs. Margaret Hartley of Coldstone Farm, my husband and I stayed in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Halliday. The hollyhocks growing in the shelter of the house were a sight to behold! Our friends, Alun and Eleanor Jones of Rhos Goch Farm, Llaniestyn, on the Llyn Peninsular, were accommodated most comfortably with a delightful lady (Barbara Pearce), who lived a short distance away in a lovely old house. They breakfasted so well that they had no need for lunches!

We enjoyed the hospitality of the residents of Shipton for three HOT days. The very name of the village is a reminder of a thriving wool trade in that corner of England and a picture emerges of a broad-leaved forest with sweeping branches, which was a favourite hunting ground for Plantagenet kings.

Looking for Dolly

I was introduced to the adventures of Dolly Quilter in E.V.Thompson's novel 'Wychwood'. Interest revived, I am now

on the lookout for the other 15 novels by the same author.

We enjoyed memorable meals at the atmospheric 'Shaven Crown', the 'Lamb' and an enchanting hostelry in Burford.

We visited the picture postcard Cotswold villages and beautiful Blenheim. Our day

at Cornbury Park was most enjoyable and while visiting Banbury we experienced a spectacular thunderstorm.

Keeping in Touch

Christine has kept us

informed about the progress of the village hall. This year, much to our delight, we received a bonus; – a copy of "The Wychwood". I noticed an advert for 'J.PUSCHNIK, Painter and Decorator'. In a village like Myntho, where many of us bear Welsh-sounding surnames like Jones, Owen, Roberts etc, there is a Pushnik family living not far from our home!

Where have ten years gone we ask ourselves? During that time the people of The Wychwoods have realised a dream – the achievement of a village hall to be proud of.

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How well I remember that weekend and the traffic queued through the village to reach the Game Fair – do our readers have special memories of the fund-raising that they would like to share? Does anyone know where Eileen can find the Dolly Quilter novels? **Editor**

