

Thanks for the Memory The Red Triangle Hut

A Hand of Whist?

The article in the last edition about the Red Triangle Hut brought back memories of whist drives, which were very popular in the villages when my husband and I moved to Shipton in 1953.

Other venues in Shipton were: The Old Beaconsfield Hall, The Old St. John Ambulance HQ – a hut long ago demolished, (this was where Willis Court now stands) and in private houses.

Sociable Occasions

They were very sociable occasions; the game was divided into two halves. 12 hands being played in each half with an interval when quite substantial refreshments were served; sandwiches, cakes, tea, coffee etc. and we had the chance for some chitchat.

I have two particular memories of times at whist drives in the Red Triangle Hut that I would like to share with you.

Royal Audience

My husband and I were playing two ladies of mature age, both very keen players and we lost the game to them, 12 tricks to one. The one lady put her elbow on the table, cupped her chin in her hand and indicating our lone trick very thoughtfully and said: *“’Ow come we didn’t get that ’un then?”*

The same lady, during a refreshment interval one night, asked if we would be going to the fete at

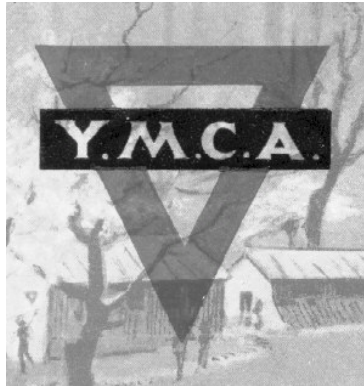
Milton the following Saturday, saying it was to be opened by Nell Gwynn! I rather facetiously said:

“Will King Charles be there as well?” to which the quick response was:

“No, he ’ent available.”

We not only whiled away a couple of hours playing cards but we raised money for all sorts of good causes, nationally and locally. Happy times when people from villages came together for a pleasurable time.

Win White



See it first in Shipton!

This year the **Oxford Touring Theatre Company** celebrates its 25th Anniversary and one of the events will be the production of a new play ‘**Noah’s Ark**’. OTTC have chosen the New Beaconsfield Hall as the venue for the premiere, which will take place on **Tuesday 23rd November 2004**. We can’t promise you a red carpet and Versace frocks but it will be, as always with OTTC, a really entertaining evening. Tickets will be available from Alice at the New Beaconsfield Hall (01993 832216) from October 20th – keep your eyes open for posters and information. **Alice Burns**